14 DAY SEARCH FOR THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

ON PRINCESS CRUISE LINE'S "EMERALD PRINCESS"

16 DAYS – 15 NIGHTS SEPTEMBER 26 – OCTOBER 11, <u>2025</u>

**Prices from \$3010 PP Double Inside Cabin \$4060 PP Double Balcony Cabin



PRICES INCLUDE ALL PORT CHARGES, TAXES, & TRANSPORTATION

(Princess reserves the right to add additional fuel surcharges if oil price exceeds \$65 per barrel)

PRICES <u>DO NOT</u> INCLUDE AIRFARE - ROUNDTRIP AIRFARE WITH OUR GROUP WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL **\$TBD*** per person

*Airfare cannot be secured until 11 months prior to Cruise

Witnessing the Northern Lights should be on everyone's bucket list. This well-documented phenomenon, caused by electrically charged particles from the sun entering the Earth's atmosphere, is a truly incredible sight, with brightly coloured trails and swirling patterns engulfing the night sky. Norway is one of the best places to see the Northern Lights, don't miss the opportunity to try to catch a glimpse. There are lots of areas with superb viewing potential, but the port of call are worth a standalone visit too, so you're guaranteed an unforgettable trip regardless of whether the lights come out to shine or not.



Forget your troubles and prepare yourself for a "bucket list" trip as we fly from Atlanta to London, England and spend one night in London, prior to our cruise on the **Emerald Princess**. Sail the same seas the Vikings traveled 1,200 years ago, and visit cities that date back to the Iron Age. Share an adventure with loved ones as you venture through storybook towns and explore picturesque fjords featuring dramatic mountains and majestic waterfalls. Our ports of call will include: **Trondheim**, **Norway**; **Tromso**, **Norway**; **Alta**, **Norway**; **Lofoten Islands (Gravdal)**, **Norway**; and **Alesund**, **Norway**

- <u>Day 1 Friday, September 26 London, England-</u> Our afternoon/evening flight takes us to **London, England**
- <u>Day 2 Saturday, September 27 SET SAIL! –</u> Our transfer to the ship is **included** today. By late morning we board the **"Emerald Princess"**. We sail at 4:00 pm, bound for **Trondheim**, **Norway**.
- <u>Day 3 Sunday, September 28 At Sea-</u> Today we'll enjoy many options onboard. We can browse in the duty free shops, partake of a wine tasting, relax in an overstuffed chair with a book, enjoy a lavish Broadway-style show in the plush Theater and try our luck in the Princess Casino.
- **Day 4 Monday, September 29 At Sea-** You'll have a full day to take advantage of all the shipboard activities!
- **Day 5 Tuesday, September 30 Trondheim, Norway**Trondheim is the third largest and second oldest city in Norway. The town was originally called Kaupangen upon its founding in 997 A.D. by Viking king Olav Tryggvason. The city commands the trade routes linking Southern Norway with the fjord lands to the north. Trondheim quickly became a major commercial and cultural center the city served as Norway's royal capital. Trondheim's old city features broad avenues and attractive 17th-century wood buildings a legacy of the rebuilding that followed a disastrous fire that leveled the city in 1681. Our ship will dock at 12:00 pm and depart at 8:00 pm.
- **Day 6 Wednesday, October 1 At Sea-** You'll have a full day to take advantage of all the shipboard activities!
- **Day 7 Thursday, October 2 Tromso, Norway -** Lying north of the Arctic Circle, Tromso has been a departure point for Arctic explorers and hunters since the 18th century. Today, this town of some 50,000 individuals is home to the northernmost university in the world, which gives Tromsø a lively cultural and street scene. Owing to its position in the middle of an area known as the auroral oval (where your chances of seeing the lights are much higher), Tromso is widely regarded as one of Norway's best Northern Lights locations. Our ship will dock at 9:00 am and depart at 8:00 pm.

Day 8 & 9 - Friday & Saturday, October 3-4 - Alta, Norway - Alta is known as the "City of the Northern Lights" and people from around the world come here to watch the spectacular phenomenon known as the Aurora Borealis. In 1899, the world's first Northern Lights observatory was built on Halddetoppen just outside of Alta. But Finnmark's largest city has more to offer than bright dancing lights. Alta's the gateway to unspoiled beauties such as the Finnmarksvidda plateau and the Sautso, often called Northern Europe's Grand Canyon. From the UNESCO-protected rock carvings at the Alta Museum to the fascinating Sami culture, Alta is a tantalizing treasure just waiting to be discovered. Our ship will dock at 11:00 am Friday, and depart at 1100 pm Saturday.

Day 10 - Sunday, October 5 - At Sea- You'll have a full day to take advantage of all the shipboard activities!

Day 11 - Monday, October 6 - Lofoten Islands (Gravdal), Norway- Gravdal is one of the largest villages in Vestvågøy and part of the Lofoten Archipelago in northern Norway. Gravdal serves as your gateway to the Lofoten Islands, the western remnants of great mountains that were worn away by glaciers. Lying entirely above the Arctic Circle, the islands' dramatic natural architecture of rocky peaks along with picturesque villages places this archipelago in a league of its own. Our ship will dock at 8:00 am and depart at 11:00 pm.

Day 12 - Tuesday, October 7 - At Sea- You'll have a full day to take advantage of all the shipboard activities!

Day 13 - Wednesday, October 8 - Alesund, Norway- In 1904, a massive fire destroyed 800 buildings in this fishing port. Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II responded with immediate aid, and Ålesund was reborn. Not surprisingly, the town was rebuilt in the then-popular Art Nouveau style known as Jugendstil. The result is one of the prettiest ports in Norway. Buildings with elegant turrets and spires can be seen lining the streets of the city center. Today, the city is one of Norway's most important fishing harbors and the world's largest supplier of stockfish (Klippfisk) - dried cod. Alesund's major attractions are the surrounding fjords and the stunning Sunnmøre Alps. Our ship will dock at 8:00 am and depart at 5:00 pm.

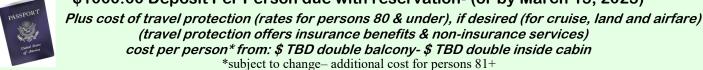
Day 14 - Thursday, October 9 - At Sea- You'll have a full day to take advantage of all the shipboard activities!

Day 15 - Friday, October 10 - At Sea- You'll have a full day to take advantage of all the shipboard activities!

<u>Day 16 - Saturday, October 11 - London, England - Flight to Atlanta</u> - As we disembark the fantastic "Emerald Princess" early this morning, we'll reminisce about all the beauty we've seen, as we prepare to depart for the London Airport, for our flight to Atlanta. When we land in Atlanta our Ionosphere motorcoach awaits to take us home!

Deposit/Payment Requirements:

\$1000.00 Deposit Per Person due with reservation- (or by March 15, 2025)**



Passport required

CANCELLATION POLICY WITHOUT INSURANCE:

Due to the strict cancellation policies of Princess Cruise Lines, any cancellation after final payment date, will result in charges for any unrecoverable expenses that would not be refunded to Ionosphere Tours.

*** Your deposit reserves your spot on the tour. We must provide Princess Cruise Line with the names of everyone going on this cruise by the deposit date listed above. After this date we <u>may or may not be able to secure additional cabins</u>.

So please deposit early to secure your cabin.



Final Payment Due by June 10, 2025



