

The Senior newspaper and Travelrite International
invite you to join us on board **P&O Aurora**

In Search of the Northern Lights

FULLY ESCORTED CRUISE

February 26 to March 12, 2020

London, UK; Alta, Tromso,
Alesund, Stavanger, Norway

Includes
over **\$2500**
per person value
in sightseeing
tours, entrances,
transfers and
gratuities.

Northern Norway is one of the best places in the world to see the Northern Lights, or Aurora Borealis. The Northern Lights appear only at high latitudes on dark nights from September to March. There are few phenomena that capture the imagination like the Aurora Borealis and lucky star-gazers can witness anything from an ethereal green glow on the horizon to pulsating scarlet streaks across the sky. The lights come at night when the sky is dark. It's like a celestial ballet of light dancing across the night sky - one of the most spectacular sights in the world.

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Itinerary

Day 1 Wednesday February 26, 2020 **Depart Australia**

Today we board our overnight flight to London.

Day 2 Thursday February 27, 2020 **London, England**

This morning we arrive at London's Heathrow Airport. After clearing customs, we will be met by our private coach and transferred into the city. We will have an overview sightseeing tour of the city before we transfer to our hotel. We will see Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, Trafalgar Square, St Paul's Cathedral and more. After checking in to our city hotel the rest of the day will be free for independent sightseeing.

Day 3 Friday February 28, 2020 **Embarkation**

This morning we will depart London and travel to Southampton to board P&O Aurora for our cruise to northern Norway, inside the Arctic Circle to see the Northern Lights.

Day 4 Saturday February 29, 2020 **At sea**

A day to explore the facilities of the ship. This evening join the group for a welcome drinks party to celebrate the start of our cruise.

Day 5 Sunday March 1, 2020 **At sea**

A day to explore the facilities of the ship. This afternoon test your knowledge with fellow group members as we play a fun game of Trivia.

Day 6 Monday March 2, 2020 **At Sea**

A day to explore the facilities of the ship. This afternoon test your knowledge with fellow group members as we play a fun game of Scattergories.

Day 7 Tuesday March 3, 2020 **Alta, Norway**

This afternoon we arrive in Alta. Alta is located at latitude 70°N, a town on Norway's northern coast, at the head of Alta Fjord and known for views of the



P&O Aurora

Mid-sized ship Aurora cuts a fine figure at sea with her elegant tiered stern, long bow and sleek funnel. She is best known for her world cruises and has everything you could want, including world class dining, spa, salon, cinema and theatre. At Aurora's heart you'll find a four-deck atrium with a stunning 35ft Lalique sculpture of two figures veiled in water. Relaxation is easy in the comfortable surroundings of Anderson's, a mahogany-paneled lounge that has a fireplace. From the vantage point of the Crow's Nest, enjoy spectacular sunsets. Head to upper decks for a tennis court, golf simulator, and third pool with sky dome. Other facilities include a virtual reality arcade, broad teak promenade deck, 12 lounges/bars, and a comfortable cinema that doubles as a concert and lecture hall.

Northern Lights. It is also where the world's first Northern Lights observatory was built in 1899 which earned Alto the title of 'the town of the Northern Lights'. There is no better place to see this spectacular natural phenomenon if luck is on our side. This afternoon we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city and learn about the history of the region. This evening we will venture into the Norwegian countryside in search of the Northern Lights.

Day 8 Wednesday March 4, 2020 **Alta**

On our sightseeing tour today we will visit the UNESCO listed Alta Museum with its ancient petroglyphs, the Northern Lights Cathedral and travel to the lush green Sautso-Alta canyon. Later we have a wonderful experience as we learn about the history of the indigenous people, the Sami, as they take us on a reindeer sledding tour. Later we will again venture into the Norwegian countryside in search of the Northern Lights.

Day 9 Thursday March 5, 2020 **Tromso, Norway**

We depart Alta and cruise to nearby Tromso. We are still inside the Arctic Circle when we arrive in Tromso early afternoon; another famed viewing point for the colourful Northern Lights that sometimes light up the night-time sky. The city's historic centre, on the island of Tromsø, is distinguished by its centuries-old wooden houses. This evening we will venture into northern Norway's countryside to seek out the dark skies most conducive to sightings. We visit different lookout locations; scan the skies, and make use of supplied tripods and the know-how of an expert guide to photograph the lights at their best. Later we return to the ship and overnight in Tromso.

Day 10 Friday March 6, 2020 **Tromso**

A free morning to explore the town of Tromso before an afternoon departure south along the Norwegian coast.

Day 11 Saturday March 7, 2020 **At sea**

Today the Aurora travels south on our route to Alesund. This afternoon join us for a fun game of Bingo with prizes for the winners.

Clothing on board

During the day casual clothing is typical, although shorts and swimwear are not permitted in the main restaurants. The more formal Gala nights attire is for men a jacket and tie and dresses, skirts or slacks for women. There will be two Gala nights on the cruise. Other nights are classified as smart casual, which suggests a collared shirt and slacks for men and casual dresses or trousers and a blouse for women. Warm clothing is recommended for shore excursions.

Don't worry about coming alone

About a third of people on the cruise travel alone. We will match people in twin-share cabins when available, saving you the single supplement. You won't be left alone; the Travelrite tour manager will be there to guide you. There will be group activities almost every day.

Day 12 Sunday March 8, 2020 **Alesund, Norway**

This morning we arrive at Alesund, probably the most beautiful city in Norway, situated on islands and a peninsula, and with a unique architecture. Alesund is a beautiful traditional fishing town with an Art Nouveau influence. Built on a string of islands towards the Atlantic from the Norwegian mainland, Alesund underwent a dramatic transformation following a fire in the early twentieth century. We have a tour of this unique town to see its architecture. There will also be some free time for exploration and shopping.

Day 13 Monday March 9, 2020 **Stavanger, Norway**

The gateway to Norway's spectacularly scenic fjordland, Stavanger is a town with its own rich heritage and is regarded as the 'Cradle of the Vikings'. On our sightseeing tour today we will visit 'Old Stavanger' which consists of 173 listed and restored wooden houses, built in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. It is one of Northern Europe's best preserved collections of wooden houses and the city has received several awards for its preservation efforts. We will walk through the picturesque Old Town with its cobblestone streets and small, charming wooden houses and learn of the early history of the city. Situated in the heart of the city is Stavanger's 12th-century cathedral, the only church to have retained all its original features since its construction in the Middle Ages. A short drive further along the sea, will take us to the highest point in Stavanger, with a great 360 degree view. The scenery opens up with fjords and mountains surrounding us.

Day 14 Tuesday March 10, 2020 **At sea**

A day to explore the ship.

Day 15 Wednesday March 11, 2020 **Southampton, England**

This morning we arrive back in Southampton. After disembarking, we will have a few hours to stroll around the city before being transferred to the airport for our flights back to Australia.

Day 16 Thursday March 12, 2020 **Arrival Australia**

Today the group arrives back in Australia and the tour concludes.



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Price per person in Australian Dollars

Cabin	Description	Deck	Twin-share	Single
PE	Interior	A,B,C	\$ 6990	\$ 8390
PC	Interior	A,D,E,F	\$ 7190	\$ 8690
PB	Interior	A,B,C,F	\$ 7390	\$ 8890
LC	Outside	D,E,F	\$ 8490	\$ 10290
LB	Outside	D,E,F	\$ 8690	\$ 10490
GE	Balcony	A,C	\$ 9490	\$ 11790
GC	Balcony	Lido, A	\$ 9690	\$ 11990
GB	Balcony	A,C	\$ 9890	\$ 12290
ED	Deluxe Balcony	B	\$ 10490	\$ 13090
Included port & handling charges & taxes			\$ 420	\$ 420
Included air taxes as at 1/12/2018			\$ 400	\$ 400
Included cruise gratuities			\$ 195	\$ 195

Included in the Search of the Northern Lights Cruise :

- Economy-class return air travel from Melbourne/Sydney/Brisbane/Perth to London
- Travel on the P&O Aurora in the selected cabin category
- All meals, entertainment and service charges on the Aurora
- 13 days/12 nights on the luxurious P&O Aurora
- Tour leadership by a Travelrite Tour Manager
- One nights 4-star centrally located accommodation in London including breakfast
- Sightseeing tours in London; Alta, Tromso, Alesund and Stavanger
- Welcome Drinks
- Port and handling charges & cruise taxes
- Onboard gratuities

Not included in the cruise price:

- Travel insurance
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary; these will be quoted for separately
- Passport and visa fees
- Drinks on board
- Lunches when not on the ship

Availability: All cabins are subject to availability. Please call 1800 630 343 for fares and information on other cabin categories.

Extending: You can stay longer in Europe for minimal additional cost. Please contact 1800 630 343 for more information.

General information and booking conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser. The Aurora is operated by P&O Cruises and the Aurora fly/cruise arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions and general information detailed in the P&O website. All passengers must complete the P&O online cruise personaliser and sign a Travelrite International booking form.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A deposit of \$1,000 per passenger should be sent with a completed Travelrite International booking form that lists your requested cabin category. As soon as the booking is confirmed, (usually within 24 hours), a cruise confirmation advice will be posted to the client. Final payments are due to be paid to Travelrite International 90 days prior to the commencement of the cruise package. A 1.5% administration fee will be added to payments by credit card.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: Number of days before sailing.

Days prior to Departure	Cancellation Fee
Over 90 days	loss of deposit
90 - 61 days	50% of full fare
60 days or less	100% of full fare
Non-appearance/no written notice:	100% of full fare

REFUNDS: The cruise is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid passport. No visas are required for Australian, NZ or UK passport holders. If not an Australian NZ or UK passport holder check with Travelrite International for visa requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Adequate travel insurance is highly recommended to cover cruise members for the consequences of unforeseen events during the cruise and for cancellation fees

which could result from events such as illness, accident, death etc.

BAGGAGE: Passengers qualify for a 30kg free baggage allowance on flights to join or return from the cruise.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The fly/cruise arrangements have been made on the basis of a minimum number of passengers travelling. In the event that less than the required number of passengers have confirmed their booking 90 days from the date of departure, Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of monies paid, or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified fare.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ATAS 10538) is the tour organiser Travelrite International Pty Ltd, it's agents, officers, affiliates, and/or suppliers of services pursuant to or in connection with these fly/cruise/stay holidays shall act only as agents in making arrangements for hotels, transportation including transportation by ship, restaurants, or any other service and do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence or a default of any hotel, carrier restaurant company or person rendering any services included in fly/cruises, or by act of God. Further no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labour disputes, machinery break-down, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omission, delays, re-routing or acts of any government authority. Baggage is at owners risk throughout the fly/cruise/stay holiday. The passage contract between the carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of these fly/cruise/stay holidays and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any fly/cruise/stay holiday and/ or make such changes in the fly/cruise/stay holidays as may be found desirable or necessary for the

convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the fly/cruises. This contract shall be construed in accordance of the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be taken in the State of Victoria. Attention is also directed to the terms and conditions of the P&O cruise passage contract with P&O, detailed on their website. www.pocruises.com If you do not have access to this site please contact Travelrite International and we will send details to you.

HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a deposit of \$1,000 per person to:

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