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NEWS from Cruise Norway

Cruise Norway's latest news is the appointment of Monica Berstad as the company's new CEO, effective from February 1st of this year. Monica brings extensive experience from the cruise industry and is enthusiastic about contributing to the company's ongoing mission of strengthening Norway's position as a leading cruise destination. She is dedicated to promoting sustainability, fostering local value creation, and facilitating favourable conditions and framework for sustainable growth throughout the value chain. Cruise Norway will continue to organize meaningful gatherings through initiatives such as Norway Day, arranging FAM trips, and actively participating in relevant conferences and trade shows.

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News from Oslo

The Port of Oslo is building shore power infrastructure available for cruise ships:

- Revier Quay is ready for use from April 1, 2024
- Filipstad Quay within Q1 2026

That is, almost five years before the EU regulations — the FuelEU Maritime and AFIR requirement - come into force in 2030. When the Port of Oslo builds onshore power supply, we fully expect it to be used. This means that today we can give a clear signal to all cruise lines that in the near future, it will be mandatory for cruise ships calling at Oslo to use shore power.

In this way, the Port of Oslo, in partnership with the cruise lines, will be one step closer to a zero-emission future.

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NEWS from Kristiansand

PORT: "Our ongoing project to enhance the cruise berth at our port includes installing three new bollards, each capable of handling 250 tons, ensuring safe mooring for cruise ships year-round. This allows them to stay connected to shore power while securely moored alongside in all seasons. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of April 2024. Additionally, we're implementing enhancements in waste handling and segregation procedures in collaboration with our environmental services provider. This emphasizes our dedication to responsible practices and environmental stewardship."

ShoreEx: Behind the scenes of Europe's only underwater restaurant

Experience their periscope approach, peering into nature's own pantry half-sunken into the icy waters of Lindesnes, Under invites you to dine five meters below the surface. The world's largest underwater restaurant, and Europe's very first. But Under is more than just a restaurant. And a visit here is more than just a meal.

The panoramic view of the seabed offers a visual gateway to the sea and connects the guests to the wildlife outside. This provides you with an opportunity to take in the otherwise rarely seen marine ecosystem of the North Atlantic Ocean.

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NEWS from Stavanger

Number 1 destination for crew

Cruise crew are great ambassadors for the port and the destination. Stavanger aims to become Norway's number one port for cruise crew and will, from this year on, work strategically in achieving this goal.

Erling Braut Haaland Tour

For the first time ever, football enthusiasts have the chance to explore the roots of one of the world's most renowned players, Erling Braut Haaland. Discover the player's charming hometown, Bryne, and pay a visit to his home stadium, Bryne FK stadium.

Whisky Tasting Centre

New center opening in spring in Egersund. Berntsen's brewery was established in 1895. Now opening a Whisky tasting center in addition to offering products like their own-produced beer and soft drink.

Expansion of the aviation museum

The aviation museum (Flyhistorisk Museum Sola) will in June 2024 open their brand-new exhibition hall, with an impressive collection of airplanes related to the Cold War. The exhibition tells the story of the Norwegian fighters during the Cold War.

New boat available

New sightseeing boat available for Lysefjord cruise. 48-seater. Good availability for booking throughout the whole season between 10 AM and 1.30 PM.

Chocolate experience- make your own chocolate troll

In the streets of Stavanger, you will now have the chance to make your own chocolate together with the chocolate team at Chili Chocolate.

Cruise regulations from 2026

A set of cruise regulations for the Port of Stavanger was passed in the summer of 2023 and is valid from 2026. The regulations say maximum 2 ships at a time in the port (plus the possibility for an extra small one) and 8000 pax maximum per day.

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NEWS from Eidfjord

Visit Eidfjord KF and Cruise Destination Hardangerfjord welcome Inge Tangeraas as the new CEO. Tangeraas is the former CEO of Cruise Norway and comes with a wealth of experience in the cruise industry.

In his new role, Tangeraas will spearhead initiatives to further enhance Eidfjord and Hardangerfjord as premier travel destinations, leveraging his expertise to elevate visitor experiences and drive sustainable growth in the region.

In addition to the leadership transition, Visit Eidfjord KF is pleased to announce significant infrastructure developments. Eidfjord Port is set to implement shore power capabilities by 2026, aligning with the organization's commitment to environmental stewardship and reducing carbon emissions from cruise ships visiting the port.

Furthermore, travelers can anticipate the completion of the ongoing construction work around the iconic Vøringsfossen waterfall and Fossatromma area by September 2024. This will enhance accessibility and visitor experiences while preserving the natural integrity of this well-known Norwegian landmark.

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NEWS from Nordfjordeid

Cruise passengers can now row Viking ships at Nordfjordeid.

Nordfjordeid - the Viking Destination, proudly unveils two Viking ships—Ask and Birk. These vessels pay homage to centuries-old traditions, rooted in Nordic clinker boatbuilding. The same skilled boat builders from Bjørkedalen, steeped in history, have breathed life into these ships, preserving a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Clinker boats, with thin planks fastened to a backbone using metal rivets or treenails, evoke tales of epic voyages and Norse sagas. These vessels are more than replicas; they embody the spirit of a bygone era. As guests' row from the cruise ship dock to the Sagastad Viking Center, they step into living history. The Myklebust Ship, the largest Viking ship discovered in Norway, shares its legacy with Ask and Birk, connecting past and present. Nordfjordeid invites cruisers to experience these vessels, celebrating common Nordic coastal heritage.

Nordfjordeid is planning a fully-fixed concrete berth:

<https://portofnordfjordeid.no/nordfjordeid-upgrades-and-electrifies/>

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NEWS from Ålesund

Food Walk Ålesund:

Embark on a culinary journey through Ålesund's charming streets with the new Food Walk Ålesund experience. Led by knowledgeable local guides, sample delicious Norwegian cuisine from top restaurants. Enjoy five dishes in three hours amidst the picturesque Art Nouveau town. From traditional to modern fare, Food Walk Ålesund promises an immersive exploration of Ålesund's vibrant food scene.

The most memorable views of the city – Ålesund Via Ferrata.

For those seeking adventures and breathtaking views of Ålesund, the newly introduced Ålesund Via Ferrata is a must-try experience. Starting from the town park and the steps to mount Aksla, adventurers can now traverse the city's iconic landscape in a thrilling and exhilarating manner. Suitable for individuals with a normal physique, this simple yet exhilarating adventure promises an unforgettable perspective of Ålesund's beauty.

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NEWS from Kristiansund

New Tourist Information Office:

A new tourist information office is currently under establishment in Kristiansund. The office is located just a few hundred meters from the cruise pier and has a universal design.

New Excursion Highlighting Clipfish, Opera, and Cider:

Experience the best our region can offer in terms of history, architecture, culture, and local produce. At the beautiful “Festiviteten,” the town’s opera house for almost a century, hear the fascinating history of clipfish, enjoy traditional folk tunes collected by the Kristiansund-born composer Edvard Bræin, and taste locally produced cider.

Sundbåten Harbor Boat with Extended Offer:

The free passenger ferry Sundbåten has extended its route to include new parts of the town and also operates longer days. This is a great way to experience the town. Group charter on request.

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NEWS from Trondheim

Trondheim Port Authority has been allocated 20 million NOK to establish shore power for cruise ships at the main cruise quay. The facility is to supply 50/60Hz, 6.6/11kV and up to 12 MW with IEC/IEEE 80005-1 plugs. The funding is a necessity to realize the project, which is estimated to cost 87 million NOK in total.

A ripple-effect analysis is ordered to convey the values being generated by cruise tourism in Trondheim. Facts about economic value and ripple effects will be used to communicate proactively about the importance of the impact cruise tourism has locally.

Trondheim is hosting the FIS Nordic World Ski Championship from 26.02.-09.03.2025. The event schedule has been released and will attract thousands of spectators. Cruise guests may discover the city on foot or by boat, but also enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime event!

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NEWS from Bodø

Bodø – New Arctic Cruise Turnaround Port.

The Port of Bodø and Bodø Airport launch a new opportunity to organize and carry out turn-around operations for cruises in the Arctic region.

Being the southernmost of the Arctic cruise destinations in Norway, situated just north of the Arctic Circle, and with a large airport just a 4-minute drive from the city center and the port, Bodø might just be ideally located for turning smaller cruise ships that sail in the Arctic region.

The airport has good flight connections, the city has a large hotel capacity, and the region offers a variety of great attractions all year round. Bodø being appointed European Capital of Culture in 2024 should certainly be proof of this.

The partnership between the Port and the Airport for turn-around operations will enable the cruise lines to organize the check-in for the cruise ship at the airport, ensuring safe, efficient, and easy luggage handling.

New local DMC for shore ex operations

We are happy to announce the new local DMC in Bodø to handle all shore ex operations. This is Boreal Adventure, whom you already know from Alta. They have agreements with all local shore ex suppliers and will be able to organize it all locally for you.

Some of the new excursions you may book through Boreal Adventure are Rampen Via Ferrata, Saltfjell Sami Adventure, VIP visits at Craig Alibone Chocolaterie, and beer tastings at Baadin Brewery. This, in addition to highlights like Saltstraumen by rib, Kjerringøy old trading post, and the National Norwegian Aviation Museum.

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NEWS from Narvik

The Port of Narvik is in the process of building shore power, and ships should be able to plug in from Q4 2025 if the building goes as planned.

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NEWS from Tromsø

The Arctic Capital expects 194 calls during 2024.

Tromsø, known as the Arctic Capital and the largest city in Northern Norway, is beautifully situated on an island at 69°N. The city offers the best of both worlds: a lively urban experience and the pristine Arctic wilderness, right on your doorstep. Tromsø is blessed with two natural wonders of nature, the northern lights and the midnight sun. This has been fully embraced by cruise lines, making Tromsø a popular cruise destination all year round. By the end of March, Tromsø will already have had 47 calls this year. An additional 147 calls are expected throughout the year. The last cruise call is expected on December 28th.

Tromsø is well-suited for turn-around and home port operations. In 2023, Tromsø had 19 turnaround calls, while 29 are expected throughout 2024.

From January 2025, Tromsø will offer OPS to cruise ships calling in Tromsø city center.

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NEWS from Alta

In the past few years, the whale has migrated a lot further north to Finnmark, and Alta is an excellent place to experience these spectacular animals. Starting from winter 2024/25, Alta is offering Whale Safari tours.

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NEWS from Hammerfest

Hammerfest has received new quays located in the middle of the city center. The quays will be completed during the summer of 2024. A comprehensive environmental project has been carried out in Hammerfest harbor, where the seabed has been cleaned of environmental toxins after centuries of pollution from industry and ship traffic. Contaminated bottom sediments have been excavated and transported to a specially designed deposition site on land behind a sheet pile wall. This sheet pile wall also serves as bedding for the concrete quays.

As a result of the Clean Harbor project, 400 meters of new quay frontage has been established, which will serve as our new harbor for cruise ships and local passenger marinas. We can accommodate ships with a length of 100-300 meters and a draft of 7-10 meters.

The Clean Harbor project has also resulted in new land for buildings in the middle of the city center. This site is under development, with the aim of expanding the center of Hammerfest with functions related to business, culture, and tourism. We are planning for the future, aiming to offer our guests and citizens unique adventures that reflect our Arctic identity, industry, and culture.

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News from Nordkapp

Port of North Cape

A new tender pier is now ready, level with the tender boats for easy dispatch. The new tender pier is located directly in front of the bus parking and tourist information.

Destination North Cape

Bruket FishFactory - A modern interactive visitor center where your guests can learn about the number one industry in North Cape. Guests can observe the fully functional fish factory operation from a glass balcony and see live king crabs. This experience engages all your senses. Feel, see, taste, smell, and hear.

Winter Welcome - In the winter, our locals will warmly welcome you at the port. Local children will teach you important skills to ensure you make the most out of your time in our home - The North Cape. Experience activities like driving the kick sled, throwing snowballs, enjoying a hot drink around a fire, all while learning about our local culture. Welcome to the most hospitable port in Norway.

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NEWS from DMC Nordic

We at DMC Nordic are delighted to announce the opening of new offices in Oslo, Tromsø, and Finland. Additionally, we are thrilled to extend our presence with the inauguration of our newest offices in Greenland. Expanding our footprint to these locations enables us to provide even better service and personalized assistance to our esteemed clients and partners.

Despite our growth and expansion, our commitment to sustainable responsibility remains unwavering. We are proud to share that we will soon be partnering with Travelife, and we have recently become an associate member of AECO. These collaborations signify a significant step in our journey towards sustainable tourism and responsible travel practices.

Stay tuned for updates on our upcoming events and initiatives.

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