



7,482 KMS IN 30 DAYS

JUNE 8 TO JULY 7, 2020

FROM ROMANOFFS TO ROMANS

A truly unique tour that takes in the Russian home of the Romanoffs and finishes in Italy, the home of the Romans

Norway, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia and Italy. A unique event that explores some of Europe's most extraordinary and seldom visited places.

No-one has ever travelled Europe in this way as we take the Hurtigruten ferry north from Bergen, driving by day and sleeping on board by night, before entering Russia from its most northerly border with Norway. Taking unspoiled and seldom driven roads we drive south via Murmansk, the home of the Russian fleet, to St Petersburg. Then through the Baltic States into Poland before making our way to Vicenza and finishing in Portofino on the Ligurian coast.



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SO, WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT THE IMPERIAL RALLY?

Among the unique aspects of The Imperial Rally are entering Russia from its most northerly border in Europe, driving upwards through Norway and using the Hurtigruten ferry as our floating hotel, visiting Murmansk, the home of the Russian Arctic fleet, spending three nights in St Petersburg to enjoy this most exotic and cultured city. We will include visits to the Hermitage, the ballet and historic centre of the town.

We then head into the Baltic states visiting Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania before visiting Bialystok, Warsaw and Krakow in Poland. Beautiful cities, historic buildings and superb scenery abound.

Budapest in Hungary, one of Europe's unspoiled cities follows. We have a day off here to check out the highlights including the vast Buda museum, the amazing parliament building, the thermal spa, Heroes Square and a number of amazing churches, all bordered by the Danube river. Our next drive is to one of the great hidden gems of Europe, Slovenia. So many things to do here including riding a train through ancient caves, Lake Bled and extraordinary roads in the mountains.

Our final country is fabulous Italy where we go to Portofino via Vicenza.

Portofino is one of those places that everyone has to visit at least once, set on an idyllic cove.

NORWAY - THE LAND OF FJORDS

Following the ferry north is one of the best ways to see this great country. By night we are on the ship and by day we are out exploring the wonderful fjords, stunning scenery and the midnight sun.

RUSSIA - A UNIQUE ENTRY POINT

No rally has done this before - enter from the North and then travel down to St Petersburg. After Murmansk we stop in Kem, Petrozavodsk and Sortavala - do you know anyone else who has done that? In St Petersburg we make the most of our visit arriving on the Red Sails and White Nights weekend!

HURTIGRUTEN FERRY

We include an outside Arctic Superior cabin, all onboard meals, passage for your car and packed lunches. There are upgrade options to suites. This is the most luxurious way to travel along the coast of Norway as your hotel meets you each evening.

INCREDIBLE ITALY

We visit magnificent Italy via Vicenza and our port of destination, the sublime Portofino.

THE ROUTE



Details correct at time of going to print. Please be aware that route and hotels may vary.



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THE ITINERARY

DAY	DATE	FROM	TO	KMS	HRS	NOTES
Day 1	June 08	Oslo	Arrive			
Day 2	June 09	Oslo	Oslo	0	0	Norway
Day 3	June 10	Oslo	Bergen	463	7	Board Ship
Day 4	June 11	Alesund	Alesund	244	5	Norway
Day 5	June 12	Stay on board		0	0	Stay on board today
Day 6	June 13	Ornes	Stamsund	237	5	Norway
Day 7	June 14	Harstad	Tromso	349	6	Norway
Day 8	June 15	Honningsvag	Mehamn	385	6	Norway
Day 9	June 16	Kirkenes	Murmansk	235	6	Russia
Day 10	June 17	Murmansk	Kem	548	8	Russia
Day 11	June 18	Kem	Petrozavodsk	410	6	Russia
Day 12	June 19	Petrozavodsk	Sortavala	245	4	Russia
Day 13	June 20	Sortavala	St Petersburg	283	5	Russia
Day 14	June 21	St Petersburg	St Petersburg	0	0	Russia
Day 15	June 22	St Petersburg	St Petersburg	0	0	Russia
Day 16	June 23	St Petersburg	Tallin	373	5	Estonia
Day 17	June 24	Tallin	Tallin	0	0	Latvia
Day 18	June 25	Tallin	Riga	374	6	Latvia
Day 19	June 26	Riga	Vilnius	541	8	Lithuania
Day 20	June 27	Vilnius	Bialystok	250	4	Poland
Day 21	June 28	Bialystok	Warsaw	150	3	Poland
Day 22	June 29	Warsaw	Krakow	250	4	Poland
Day 23	June 30	Krakow	Viglas	200	4	Slovakia
Day 24	July 01	Viglas	Budapest	280	6	Hungary
Day 25	July 02	Budapest	Budapest	0	0	Slovenia
Day 26	July 03	Budapest	Zagreb	320	5	Slovenia
Day 27	July 04	Zagreb	Postojna	196	4	Slovenia
Day 28	July 05	Postojna	Vicenza	336	7	Italy
Day 29	July 06	Vicenza	Portofino	364	8	Italy
Day 30	July 07	Portofino	Portofino	0	0	Depart

INCLUDED IN THE RALLY

- The ultimate Imperial adventure
- Your berth on the Hurtigruten ship
- The best hotels for our event
- All breakfasts
- Most evening meals
- Packed lunches in Norway
- Castles
- The midnight sun
- The magnificent Hermitage Museum
- St Petersburg
- The Beautiful Baltic
- Poland, Hungary and Slovenia
- Mountain roads
- Tulip Roadbook and GPS
- The experienced Bespoke Team
- Mechanical support
- Clothing
- Finishers' medal
- Welcome dinner
- Gala dinner

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BESPOKE RALLIES

We organise great rallies and tours around the world, sometimes with your own car and sometimes we are able to provide 4x4s. It all depends on what will give you the best experience. The events range from tours, often in far flung places such as Central America and Madagascar, to Enduro events where getting to the end is the aim. We also run competitive events such as our four day rallies in the Pyrenees and Scotland to our month long Grand Prix of South America.



We are there for you. We always have mechanical back up and where necessary we provide medical assistance too. Our dedicated team of professionals, with vast experience of these demanding events, are always on hand to help you. We pride ourselves on great and cheerful service. We do our best to get every car to the end. When occasionally this is not possible we will help make all necessary arrangements for your vehicle and for you to accompany the event to the finish.

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT BESPOKE RALLIES

We are friendly people who care about your rally. We have been organising rallies since 1999 and have pioneered events in South East Asia where we were the first to open up Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. We did the same in Bhutan and Cuba. Where we trailblaze others follow.

We are innovative and always look for the places you might never have thought of going, such as Madagascar. We innovate with technology to give you a better rally experience. We even find better ways to rally – such as using the Hurtigruten ships as your floating hotel on our Slartibartfast Rally and Imperial Rally.

WHAT OUR PARTICIPANTS SAY

'Well organised, good company, Good hotels and excellent Support. Driving during the day and on the Ferry at night all down the west coast of Norway was magical.'

John and Fen Aird,
The Slartibartfast 2017

'Really enjoyed the Madagascar Rally one of the best I have done so far. A fantastic route, rainforests, mountains and beautiful beachside resorts. Magical Boobabs, Lemurs Zebus and Whales. Exciting driving through crowded towns and off-road tracks. Top off with the best available accommodation, a great variety of food each night and the company of the like-minded Rally Family. Great memories and new friends.'

Reg Toohey,
The Magical Madagascar Rally 2019




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