

## **THE CRUISE NOBODY WANTED!**

**Would you believe that no one would go with me on this cruise up the Norwegian coastline to above the Arctic Circle in Feb. It was the warmest winter in years. It got down to only -**



**04 deg C, almost shirtsleeve weather for the locals. This was a different type of cruise for me. The ship, the Hurtigruten Trollfjord, was a cruise ship with 350 or so passengers, but it was also a ferry and cargo type ship. It delivered people and their autos to their home towns, as well as cargo supplies for the cities businesses.**

**We made about 17 ports in 6 days. All but about 4 were stopped at for maybe 30 min. each. The ship is unique in that the side retracts and a car ramp extends and a freight conveyor also extends out for forklifts to get and also deposit pallets of freight. It is all orchestrated within the time frame and then we are out of there. Some stops are as late as midnight. The snow was never more than 3-4 ft. deep.**

**The passengers were mostly from Europe, and only about 10 or 12 couples were from England, Australia, US and Scotland. A lot of others could speak English, but chose not to.**

**Dave**

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