

A TASTE OF NORWAY

7 nights / 8 days

Eco - Friendly



This tour includes many highlights of Southern Norway: Oslo, the capital of Norway, Oslo-Bergen Railway, Hardangervidda mountain Plateau, The Sognefjord, The Flåm Railway, Bergen, the capital of the fjords and Stavanger. In eight days we offer you a 'taste' of this magnificent country and hope that you will be back for more.

Day 01: Arrival in Oslo

Arrive in Oslo according to your own itinerary. The Norwegian capital is beautifully situated at the head of the Oslo Fjord and surrounded by forested ridges. Oslo offers many well known sights such as the Vigeland Sculpture Park, the Viking Ship Museum and the Munch Museum. Accommodation at Rica Hotel Oslo

Day 02: Oslo – Norway in a nutshell – Bergen (train/boat/bus)

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning departure from Oslo by train. Today you will experience Norway's most popular round trip; *Norway in a Nutshell*. The excursion takes you through some of the most beautiful scenery in Norway's fjord region; you will travel by train across the Hardangervidda Mountain Plateau and down the Flåm Railway. The Flåm Railway will take you through wild and beautiful mountain scenery with waterfalls and steep mountain sides reaching a height of 900 metres and down to the Sognefjord. There is no other adhesion railway in the world running on normal tracks that are so steep over a long distance. From Flåm you continue by boat on the Nærøfjord, Europe's narrowest fjord, to Gudvangen. From here you go by coach up the steep and spectacular hairpin bends of Stalheimskleiva*, before arriving in Voss you will board a train for the last stretch of the journey to Bergen. Evening arrival in Bergen – the Gateway to the Fjords.

Accommodation at the Grand Hotel Terminus

**The drive up Stalheimskleiva is only possible during the summer.*

Day 03: Bergen

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at your own leisure in Bergen. Bergen is Norway's second largest city and the world's only city surrounded by 7 mountains and 7 fjords. Sights of interest are the Hanseatic Bryggen Wharf, Fløibanen Funicular, Troidhaugen, the Fish and Flower market, Bergen Aquarium and Gamle Bergen (Old Bergen Open Air Museum).
Accommodation at the Grand Hotel Terminus

Day 04: Bergen – Western Coastline – Stavanger (boat)

Breakfast at the hotel. An express boat from Flaggruten will carry you along the western coastline from Bergen to Stavanger. During the 4-hour boat trip you can enjoy fresh air, the sea, the beautiful coastline and the archipelago. Stavanger, Norway's fourth largest city, has a fine collection of gabled houses, cobblestone streets, winding alleys and busy markets. One of Stavanger's highlights is the Old Town (Gamle Stavanger), with well preserved early 18th-century whitewashed wooden houses.
Accommodation at Thon hotel Maritim

Day 05: Stavanger

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at leisure –* we suggest a 3 ½ hour mini-cruise to the Lysefjord, with views of the Pulpit Rock 600 metres above the fjord (Preikestolen). For the more active you have the opportunity to enjoy a 2 hour hiking excursion, to view the well known pulpit rock.
*Optional tours listed in the pricing column below
Accommodation at Thon hotel Maritim

Day 06: Stavanger – Kristiansand (train)

Breakfast at the hotel. From Stavanger you travel by train along the Southern Line to Kristiansand, southern Norway's largest city. With its weathered old homes and pulsating summer atmosphere this is a very charming city.
Accommodation at the Rica Hotel Norge.

Day 07: Kristiansand - Oslo (train)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will travel the last part of the Southern Line by train, bringing you back to Norway's capital city - Oslo.
Accommodation at the Rica hotel Oslo

Day 08: Departure from Oslo

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from Oslo according to your own itinerary.

- End of services -

Hotel description:

The price is based on accommodation in good tourist class hotels (3-4 stars). If any of the hotels are fully booked we will find alternatives of equal standard.

Services:

- 7 nights hotel accommodation in shared double room with shower/WC
- 7 x Scandinavian breakfast buffet.
- All trains and ferry crossings as per itinerary included.

The price is valid from 15.06.2012 – 15.08.2012

Supplement for departure From 01/04 to 14/06/2012 & 16/08 -30/09/ 2012

Supplementary prices for optional Excursions in Stavanger:

Ferry Stavanger - Tau & continue by bus to Jørpeland in direction of Prekestølen where you will start your hiking trip - 2 hours. Prekestølen is known by the translations of **Preacher's Pulpit** or **Pulpit Rock**; is a massive cliff 604 meters above Lysefjorden. Preikestolen is one of the most visited natural tourist attractions in Norway.

Price per person:

Valid only from 18/05 to 15/09/2011*

With departure from Stavanger, 3h 30 cruise to discover one of the most beautiful fjords in Norway, the Lysefjord :

*dates are subject to change