

HISTORICAL FJORDS, exclusive
9 Nights/ 10 Days
Self – Drive



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Enjoy this package offering an 'Exclusive' Norwegian self drive itinerary. On this tour, we offer you the opportunity to stay in style and comfort and enjoy outstanding beauty and breath taking scenery. You will pass several fjords, to include the Fjærlandsfjord and the Geirangerfjord. Experience scenic fjord cruises, spectacular mountain crossings and memories to last a lifetime. As you travel on board the well known Hurtigruten. Start and end the tour in Bergen, the city known as the gateway to the fjords.

Day 01: Arrival in Bergen

Arrival in Bergen according to your own itinerary. Bergen is Norway's second largest city and the world's only city surrounded by 7 mountains and 7 fjords. Attractions in Bergen include the Hanseatic Bryggen Harbour, Fløibanen Funicular, Troidhaugen, the Fish and Flower market, Bergen Aquarium and Gamle Bergen (Old Bergen Open Air Museum).
Accommodation at First Hotel Marin (accommodation in harbour view rooms)

Day 02: Bergen – Balestrand (190 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive from Bergen heading in a northeast direction via Voss and across the Vika Mountain to Vik. A short ferry crossing will take you across the Sognefjord to Balestrand, a charming village located by the fjord.
Dinner and accommodation at Kvikne's Hotel (accommodation in the historical section of the hotel with fjord view)

Day 03: Balestrand

Breakfast at the hotel. This day is at your own leisure in the Sognefjord region. You may spend the morning relaxing on the hotel terrace, breathing in the fresh mountain air and enjoying the spectacular views. We also recommend a visit to the local aquarium and art gallery. For the more active at heart we suggest hiking, bicycle rental or rowing boat rental – all available from the hotel.

Dinner and accommodation at Kvikne's Hotel (accommodation in the historical section of the hotel with fjord view)

Day 04: Balestrand – Geiranger (260 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. Your journey through the Norwegian fjord region continues by ferry along the Fjærlandsfjord, one of the most beautiful fjord arms in Norway. Steep forest-clad mountainsides surround the narrow Fjærlandsfjord, which will lead you to Fjørland and the Jostedal Glacier. Here you will have the possibility to visit the Norwegian Glacier Museum where you can learn more about glaciers.

Leaving Fjørland the road continues through a tunnel under the Jostedal Glacier, the largest glacier on the European continent. Continue in northern direction via Stryn to Hellesylt, where you will depart on a 1-hour ferry crossing along the Geirangerfjord. The Geirangerfjord was added to the UNESCO world heritage list in 2005, and is truly a spectacular sight with its waterfalls and steep hills.

Dinner and accommodation at Union Hotel (accommodation in fjord view rooms)

Day 05: Geiranger

Breakfast at the hotel. This day is at your own leisure. We recommend a visit at the Norwegian Fjord Centre, where you can learn how people lived along the steep edges of the fjords.

Dinner and accommodation at Union Hotel (accommodation in fjord view rooms)

Day 06: Geiranger – Troll Road – Orkanger (320 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart Geiranger by car up the Eagle Road, which offers panoramic view of the Geirangerfjord. A short ferry crossing will bring you to Linge where you will continue by car to the Troll Road, one of Norway's best known tourist attractions. The road has 11 turns and the highest point is 858 meters above sea level. Dramatic, exciting and the ultimate nature experience - this is the best way to describe it. From Åndalsnes the drive continues in northern direction across the Langfjord in direction of Molde before heading east via the short ferry crossing from Kanestraum to Halså before arriving in Orkanger.

Dinner and accommodation at Bårdshaug Manor House

Day 07: Orkanger – Trondheim (45 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. A short drive will bring you to Trondheim, Norway's 3rd largest city. The city was founded by Viking King Olav Tryggvason in 997 BC, and occupies a special place in Norwegian culture and history. Trondheim was Norway's first capital and continues to be the coronation city where Norway's Kings from Harald Hårfagre (10th century BC) to King Harald V (1991 -) have been crowned and blessed. We recommend a visit at the Nidaros Cathedral, built over the grave of St. Olav. Next to the cathedral you will find the Archbishop's Palace, the oldest secular building in Scandinavia. Other sights of interest are Kristiansten Fortress, the Monk's Island, Trøndelag Open Air Museum and Stiftsgården – the Royal Residence in Trondheim. We also recommend a stroll in Bakklandet, located on the east bank of the river Nid. Here you will find old wooden buildings which were formerly worker's dwellings but are now partly restored as homes or charming shops and restaurants.

Accommodation at Britannia Hotel

Day 08: Trondheim – Bergen (Hurtigruten)

Breakfast at the hotel before departure at 10 am by Hurtigruten, described as the world's most beautiful sea voyage. The overnight cruise from Trondheim to Bergen starts through the Trondheimsfjord and along Trondheimsleia channel, before continuing southwards to Kristiansund and Molde. Kristiansund is the home of dried fish production while Molde is known for its breathtaking location with panoramic views of the 222 partly snow-clad mountain peaks (Romsdal Alps).

Dinner and accommodation onboard Hurtigruten

Day 09: Bergen

Morning at sea. Enjoy your breakfast and the beautiful coastal scenery during the last part of the cruise to Bergen. You will experience magnificent fjord- and archipelago scenery, before the ship arrives at its destination.

Welcome to Bergen the capital of the fjords!

Accommodation at First Hotel Marin (accommodation in harbour view rooms)

Day 10: Departure from Bergen

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure from Bergen according to your own itinerary.

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Services:

8 nights hotel accommodation in shared double room as detailed, including breakfast

1 night onboard Hurtigruten in shared 2-berth outside cabin (category N2), including 3 course dinner, breakfast buffet, car and oil surcharge.

5 x dinner buffet or 3 courses (2 x at Kvikne's Hotel, 2 x at Union Hotel, 1 x at Bårdshaug)

Domestic ferry crossings for car and passengers:

Vangsnes – Dragsvik / Balestrand – Fjærland / Hellesylt – Geiranger / Eidsdal – Linge / Åfarnes
– Sølsnes / Kanestraum – Halså

The price is valid from 01.05. – 30.09.2012