

## NORWEGIAN PANORAMA

7 Nights/ 8 Days

Self –Drive



This car tour will give you an impression of the Norwegian diversity – from the Norwegian inland with its forests to the dramatic coastal scenery, from high mountains to deep fjords and from the Norwegian capital to small villages. Highlights during the round-trip are the Atlantic Ocean Road, the Troll Road, Geirangerfjord, Trondheim – Norway’s former capital, Røros – the mining town added to UNESCO’s World Heritage List, and Oslo – the capital of Norway.

### **Day 01: Oslo – Lillehammer (135 km)**

Arrival in Oslo, the capital of Norway. Drive from Oslo via Hamar to Lillehammer, the host town of the 1994 Winter Olympics. In Lillehammer we recommend a visit at Maihaugen Open Air Museum, which tells the story of people in the Gudbrandsdalen Valley and the last 300 years, of life between the wars in the inland town of Lillehammer and of homes and domestic environments in the 20th century. Also recommendable is a visit at the Olympic Museum and the Olympic Arena (Lyngårdsbakken).

Accommodation at Rica Victoria Hotel

### **Day 02: Lillehammer – Røros (270 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive through the Gudbrandsdalen Valley to Ringebu before continuing along the Ronde Road with view to the beautiful Rondane National Park. In Østerdalen Valley, where you will have the possibility to see foxes and elks, the route continues in northern direction along Norway’s longest river Glomma to the mining town of Røros. The town is one of the oldest towns of wooden buildings in Europe, and also one of the few mining towns in the world that has been found worthy of a place on UNESCO’s World Heritage List. The town centre boasts a rare collection of large and well-preserved wooden buildings, made all the more real and authentic by the fact that the people of today live and work in them.

Accommodation at Røros Hotel.

### **Day 03: Røros – Trondheim (160 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from Røros in north western direction to Trondheim, Norway’s third 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.

Accommodation at Scandic Hotel Solsiden

**Day 04: Trondheim**

Breakfast at the hotel. Day at your own disposal. 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 Baklandet, 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 Scandic Hotel Solsiden

**Day 05: Trondheim – The Atlantic Road – Molde (370 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today the journey continues in south-western direction to Nordmøre - a region characterized by the amazingly short distances between high mountain ranges and the wild open sea, between sheltered rural communities in fjord country and island communities with a genuine and living coastal heritage.

A short ferry crossing from Halså to Kanestråum will bring you towards the klip fish town of Kristiansund, from here there is a tunnel that will connect you to Bremsnes -the Atlantic Ocean Road - The 8.3 [km](#) long road is built on several small islands and skerries, and is spanned by eight bridges and several landfills. The Atlantic Ocean Road was voted "Norwegian Construction of the Century" in 2005, and is currently Norway's second most visited scenic road after the Troll Road. Continue on the scenic road via Hustad and Bud to Molde, the Town of Roses. Molde is well known for the beautiful nature surrounding it, including the Molde Panorama with its 222 mountain peaks.

Accommodation at Quality Hotel Alexandra.

**Day 06: Molde – Geirangerfjord – Beitostølen (305 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning departure by ferry across the Molde fjord to Vestnes. Continue to Åndalsnes where you will ascend the famous Troll Road. 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. A short ferry crossing from Linge to Eidsdal will bring you to the Eagle Road, with panoramic view of 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. In Geiranger we recommend a visit at the Norwegian Fjord Centre, where you can experience what the people who lived along the fjord were like and how they lived. Continue to the mountain village of Beitostølen, in view of the impressive Jotunheimen Mountain range with Galdhøpiggen as Norway's highest mountain (2469 metres).

Accommodation at Berge Hotel.

**Day 07: Beitostølen – Oslo (210 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Leave Beitostølen heading south via Fagernes and Hønefoss to Oslo. The Norwegian capital is beautifully situated at the head of the Oslo Fjord and surrounded by forested ridges. Oslo offers many well know sights such as the Vigeland Sculpture Park, the Viking Ship Museum and the Munch Museum.

Accommodation at Quality Hotel 33

**Day 08: Departure from Oslo**

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

**- End of Services -**

**Hotel description:**

Accommodation at good tourist class hotels (3-4 stars). If any of the quoted hotels are fully booked we will find alternatives of equal standard.

The half board supplement includes 3 course dinner or buffet in Røros, Molde and Beitostølen.

**Services:**

- 7 nights hotel accommodation in shared double room with shower/WC
- 7 x Scandinavian breakfast buffet
- Domestic ferry crossings for car and passengers.  
Halsa–Kanestraum / Kristiansund–Bremsnes / Molde–Vestnes / Linge-Eidsdal

*The price is valid from 01.05 – 30.09.2012*