

## THE LAND OF THE VIKINGS

14 Nights/ 15 Days

Self drive



The Vikings were fearless navigators and traders. They were said to be colossal men, ruthless, blonde and from the North – they discovered new lands and marked the VIII - XI century. From the Arctic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea, they were no lands that were left un-discovered by the Vikings. Discover the Vikings original lands as you proceed on the below tour. From Oslo to Trondheim, from the Sognefjord to Bergen the impressions and sensations that will leave you with memories to last a lifetime.

### **Day 01: Oslo**

Arrival in Oslo, the capital of Norway.

Oslo offers many well known sights such as Vigeland Sculpture park, the Viking ship museum and Holmenkollen ski jump.

Accommodation at Quality hotel 33

### **Day 02: Oslo – Vinstra (230 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from Oslo in a northern direction – you will drive alongside the largest lake in Norway, namely – Mjøsa. You will drive on the E6, passing the charming cities of Hamar and Lillehammer. A stop at the Maihaugen Eco museum in Lillehammer is recommended. Continue north until you reach Ringebu. In Ringebu we recommend a visit to the Stave church – a church dating back to the middle ages.

Accommodation at Hollandsk Gjestehus

### **Day 03: Ringebu – Røros (200 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today your route continues along the Gudbrandsgard valley, you will pass the Rondane national park. Continue travelling north until you reach Røros. Røros is a small and charming village and has been listed as a world heritage site by UNESCO.

Accommodation at Quality Hotel & Resort Røros

**Day 04: Røros – Trondheim (160 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Our recommended driving itinerary is to follow the Gauldalen valley in the direction of Storen and Trondheim. Trondheim is Norway's third largest city and was the first capital of Norway. Trondheim continues to be the coronation city of Norway. We recommend a visit to 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.

Accommodation at Scandic hotel Solsiden

**Day 05: Trondheim – Kristiansund (195 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today your journey continues along the scenic road, passing mountain ranges and the ocean. Drive along the valley on Sumadal until you see the Halsafjord. Cross the ferry from Halså to Kanestråum. From Kanestråum continue along the road to Kristiansund. Kristiansund is a coastal city, surrounded by beautiful parks.

Accommodation at Rica Hotel Kristiansund

**Day 06 : Kristiansund – Ålesund (135 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart Kristiansund along the Ocean road crossing the Kristiansund – Bremsnes ferry you will arrive in Norway's rose city, Molde. Every year in Molde there is an international jazz festival. Cross the Romsdalsfjord between Molde and Vestens. Enjoy the scenery and end your day in Ålesund.

Accommodation at Radisson Blu hotel

**Day 07: Ålesund**

Breakfast at the hotel. Ålesund is built on three islands and is a really charming city. The city centre is built in art nouveau style. With the channels and small stone houses, this is definitely a city worth exploring. Ålesund's surroundings are just as beautiful as the city itself.

Accommodation at Radisson Blu hotel

**Day 08: Ålesund – Loen (130 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today your journey takes you passed the Norddalfjord between Linge and Eidsdal. Continue driving south until you reach the village of Geiranger. Enjoy the cruise on the Geirangerfjord between Geiranger and Hellesylt. The Geirangerfjord is known as the pearl of the fjords. Continue south until you reach Loen.

Accommodation at Loenfjord Hotel

**Day 09: Loen - Sogndal (130 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel. En-route from Loen to Hafslø, you will pass two glaciers, In Olden you will pass the the Briksdal glacier and then in Skei you will pass the Jostedal glacier. Continue along the scenic road until you reach Sogndal.

Accommodation at Hofslund Fjordhotel

**Day 10: Sogndal – Voss (110 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today your itinerary continues South. The ferry crossing from Kaupanger to Gudvangen (approximately 2 hours) allows you the opportunity to travel over the world's longest and deepest fjord. Continue the road along the canyon of Stalheim, until you reach Voss.

Accommodation at Park Hotel Vossevangen

**Day 11: Voss – Bergen (90 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today your journey continues South, enjoy the lakes and waterfalls along the way. The route to Bergen is picturesque, take your time and arrive Bergen at leisure. Accommodation at Augustin Hotel

**Day 12: Bergen**

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy your day at leisure with free time to explore the city. Bergen is Norway's second largest city, surrounded by seven mountains and fjords. Enjoy the many sights of interest to include, the fishing and flower market as well as the Fløibanen funicular. Accommodation at Augustin Hotel

**Day 13: Bergen - Ål( 260 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel. From Bergen drive along the 'garden of Norway', the Hardangerfjord until you reach Ulvik. Ulvik is a small village cherished by artists. Ulvik is home to an annual arts exhibition. Cross the Eidfjord between Bruravik and Brimnes and continue your journey East. We recommend a stop at the Voringfoss waterfall, the tallest waterfall in Norway. Continue your route across the Hardangervidda plateau which is eternally covered in snow. Accommodation at Thon hotel Hallingdal Hotel

**Day 14: Ål –Oslo (220 km)**

Breakfast at the hotel. From Ål you travel to Oslo – the road passes through the valley of Hallingdal along lake Krodern following the direction of Hønefoss. Arrival in Oslo, Norway's capital city! Accommodation at Quality hotel 33

**Day 15: Oslo**

Breakfast at the hotel. Today is at leisure to enjoy Norway's capital city. Oslo is beautifully situated at the head of the Oslo fjord.

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**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:**

14 nights hotel accommodation in shared double room with shower/WC  
14 x Scandinavian breakfast buffet.  
All ferry crossings included.

The price is valid from 15.06. – 15.08.2012

Supplement for departure from 01/04 to 14/06 & 16/08 – 30/09/ 2012