

FIT020 / Hirtshals - Hirtshals / 7 Nights, 8 Days

Maritime South



Discover south-west Norway with your own car or motorcycle. The roads from Bergen to Stavanger run between steep cliffs and fjords. On a detour inland, you will visit tame moose and spend the night in the countryside in a historic homestead, before continuing to the maritime city of Kristiansand.

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DAY 1 | Welcome to HIRTSHALS – BERGEN | overnight ferry

Arrive in Hirtshals according to your own itinerary. In the evening, board the ship to Bergen.

Accommodation in 2-berth **ocean view** cabins onboard Fjord Line and Scandinavian dinner buffet on board.

DAY 2 | BERGEN

Arrive in Bergen around lunch time. Explore the city on your own and visit sights of interest according to your own preferences. We recommend to visit the viewpoint Mt Fløyen for scenic views of the city and surrounding mountains.

Bed and Breakfast accommodation at **Hotel Zander K**

Parking: Public garages *ByGarasjen* or *Grieg Parkeringshus*

DAY 3 | BERGEN – ULVIK | 160 km

Leave the city of Bergen for a scenic drive to Norheimsund and the Hardangerfjord. Drive along the coast and note the orchards on the mountain sides. Farmers in the Hardanger region produce a large share of Norwegian fruit. In springtime, the orchards blossom in spring colours, while farmers sell their produce at stalls on the road side later in the season.

Half board accommodation at **Brakanes Hotell.**

Parking: On hotel premises.

DAY 4 | ULVIK – ODDA – STAVANGER | 225 km

Follow the Sør fjorden fjord arm, the steep mountain slopes of which become narrower and narrower, until the town of Odda appears at the end of the watercourse. Via Skare and Etne the road leads to Aksdal and further along the coast to the white city of Stavanger.

Domestic ferry crossing: Årsvågen – Mortavika (to be paid on spot)

In Stavanger, we recommend a photo stop at the landmark *Sverd i Fjell* before driving to your hotel in the city center.

Bed and breakfast accommodation at **Clarion Hotel Stavanger.**

Parking: Public garages *St Olavs Parkeringshus*



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DAY 5 | STAVANGER

3-hour fjord cruise on the electric passenger vessel MS Rygerelektra on the Lysefjorden, past the Pulpit Rock. The ship glides almost silently through the fjord while you watch natural wonders such as the Fantahåla and Hengjanefossen waterfalls.

Alternatively, put on your hiking boots and hike to the famous Pulpit Rock. Drive to the starting point of the hiking trail at Preikestolen Fjellstue. The hike takes 4 - 6 hours, depending on your fitness level, and overcomes 330 meters in altitude on a distance of only 4 km. Sherpa from Nepal have built stone stairs for hikers, yet this tour should not be underestimated.

Bed and breakfast accommodation at **Clarion Hotel Stavanger**.

DAY 6 | STAVANGER - FOSSDAL | 235 km

Take the Jæren National Scenic Route from Bore to Oгна. Slow down between white sandy beaches and an old cultural landscape. Continue via Egersund and Tønstad to your hotel in Fossdal.

Half board accommodation at **Eikerapen Gjestegård**.
Parking: On hotel premises.

DAY 7 | FOSSDAL - GRENDI - KRISTIANSAND | 140 km

Visit the moose, the king of the forests, in Elgtun in Setesdal. The mostly shy giants are used to people here, which gives you time to observe the majestic animals.

Continue to Kristiansand. Keep your eyes peeled as you explore the city as many of the walls are adorned with street art. In the Posebyen district you will find idyllic white wooden houses and the beach Bystranda.

Bed and breakfast accommodation at **Quality Hotel Ernst**.
Parking: Public garage

DAY 8 | KRISTIANSAND - HIRTSHALS - Departure

Board the ferry to Hirtshals and enjoy the breakfast buffet on board.

Arrive in Denmark and continue your travels according to your own itinerary.

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SERVICES INCLUDED

International ferry crossings for passengers incl car:

- Hirtshals - Bergen on board Fjordline (incl. Overnight in 2-berth outside cabin with shower/WC, Scandinavian dinner buffet and breakfast buffet on board.)
- Kristiansand - Hirtshals on board Color Line (incl. Breakfast buffet)

Accommodation:

- 4x hotel accommodation incl bed & breakfast. All rooms with shower/WC.
- 2x hotel accommodation incl half-board. All rooms with shower/WC.

Entrances and activities:

- Lysefjordcruise
- Entrance Enlgtun

