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The Fjords of Norway

Escorted tour - guaranteed departures - 1st class

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7 Nights, 8 Days

Oslo - Oslo

Discover the magnificent Fjords of Norway on this exclusive tour, including all the major sights of the region, whilst enjoying staying at first class hotels with the best locations.

Some of the highlights are Bergen and Oslo, cruises on the famous Sogne- and Geiranger Fjords, excursions to the Briksdal Glacier and on the Flåm Railway. With 2 nights at historical Kvikne's Hotel, you'll have a full day of relaxation or sightseeing in the heart of the Fjords region.

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DAY 1 Welcome to OSLO

Arrival in Oslo according to your own schedule and transfer on your own to your hotel. Oslo, the capital, is situated at the head of the Oslo Fjord. We recommend a stroll along the harbor, Aker Brygge, with numerous restaurants, sightseeing boats offering guided tours on the Oslofjord, etc.

Your tour escort will meet you at 18.00 hrs in the hotel lobby for a welcome drink, where you'll also meet your fellow travellers. Dinner on your own this evening in the capital.

Bed and Breakfast accommodation at Thon Hotel Bristol, located in the city center.

DAY 2 OSLO - ULVIK

After breakfast enjoy a panoramic tour of Oslo, including entrance to the Fram Museum, before driving via Hønefoss along the charming Halling Valley to the tourist resort town of Gol. **Lunch in Gol.** Cross the wild Hardanger Mountain Plateau to Fossli, stopping to view the thundering Vøringsfoss Waterfall with a vertical drop of 180 m. Descend the amazing Måbødal Canyon to the idyllic Hardanger Fjord. Cross the Hardanger Bridge, followed by a short drive along the Ulvik Fjord, a branch of the Hardanger Fjord, to the picturesque village of Ulvik.

Dinner and accommodation in rooms with fjord view at Brakanes Hotel, ideally located on the banks of the fjord.

DAY 3 ULVIK - HARDANGER FJORD - BERGEN

After breakfast, scenic tour along the beautiful Hardanger Fjord, famous for its many fruit orchards, via the towns of Øystese and Norheimsund, arriving in Bergen around midday.

In the afternoon, enjoy a 2 hours city sightseeing tour of Bergen with a local guide, including a visit to the popular Fish and Flower Market, the famous Bryggen Harbour with its gabled packhouses, and the old Hanseatic Quarter.

After the city tour, you'll go on a return ride on the Bergen Funicular to the top of Mount Fløien. Enjoy great views over the fjords and mountains surrounding the city of Bergen.

Dinner and accommodation at **Hotel Norge By Scandic**, located right in the middle of the city.

DAY 4 BERGEN - SOGNE FJORD - BALESTRAND

After breakfast, departure via Voss to Flåm where you'll board the train for an excursion on the spectacular Flåm Railway, one of the most beautiful and steepest standard-gauge railway lines in the world.

Departure on board an eco-friendly ship for a fjord cruise on the narrow and spectacular Nærøyfjord from Flåm to Gudvangen. Surrounded by steep valley sides and snow-covered peaks, thundering waterfalls and picturesque villages, this area has been judged one of the most beautiful fjord landscapes in the world and is on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Continue by coach through the amazing Stalheim Canyon and Nærøy Valley, across the Vika Mountains to Vangsnes, for the short ferry crossing to the beautiful resort of Balestrand.

Dinner and accommodation at **Kvikne's Hotel**, superbly located on the banks of the fjord and surrounded by mountains.



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Day free in Balestrand, giving you the opportunity to enjoy the outstanding beauty and nature of the fjords.

The day starts with a traditional Norwegian buffet breakfast in the hotel's elegant dining room.

You may want to spend the morning relaxing on the hotel terrace, breathing in the fresh mountain air and enjoying the spectacular views.

We can also recommend a visit to the local aquarium and art gallery, or you may prefer to rent a bike or rowing boat from the hotel, or even go on foot up to the nearest mountains.

A walking tour of the village of Balestrand, with its historic buildings and other interesting sites can also be arranged.

Dinner and accommodation at Kvikne's Hotel.

DAY 6 BALESTRAND - GEIRANGER

After breakfast departure from your hotel by ferry from Dragsvik to Hella, followed by a scenic tour along the northern side of the Sogn Fjord to Sogndal.

The tour continues by road to Fjærland, passing under the Jostedal Glacier, the largest in Europe, to the village of Skei at the northern end of beautiful Lake Jølster. Descend to the Nord Fjord, making a detour at Olden to visit the world-famous Briksdal Glacier.

The journey up to the glacier will be made in open cars – "Troll cars" - and takes you to the stand about 700 m away from the glacier. You will have a nice walk to the glacier, before returning by Troll cars.

After **lunch at a local restaurant**, continue by coach to Hellesylt. Enjoy a cruise on the Geirangerfjord, one of the narrowest fjords in Norway, from Hellesylt to Geiranger.

The Geirangerfjord is one of the most famous fjords in the world and has been a part of the UNESCO World Heritage List since 2005. Surrounded by deep blue water and green valleys, you will also experience magnificent waterfalls such as the "Seven Sisters" and the "Bridal Veil".

Dinner and ccommodation at **Union Hotel Geiranger**, overlooking the Geirangerfjord.

DAY 7 GEIRANGER - OSLO

After breakfast discover the roads that twist and turn through one hairpin bend after another to Geiranger Skywalk - Mt. Dalsnibba - to experience a panoramic view of one of the most scenically outstanding fjord areas on the planet (weather permitting). Your journey continues across the rugged Grotli Mountains to Lom,

Your journey continues across the rugged Grotli Mountains to Lom, well known for its 14th century stave church. Continue via Lake Vågå, before descending the magnificent Gudbrands Valley to the popular tourist town of Lillehammer.

Drive alongside Lake Mjøsa, Norway's largest lake, and arrive in Oslo, the capital, situated at the head of the Oslo Fjord. Dinner on your own in Oslo.

Bed and breakfast accommodation at Thon Hotel Bristol, located in the city center.

DAY 8 OSLO - Departure

Buffet breakfast at your hotel.

Depending on your own schedule, if you have time free in the morning, we recommend a stroll along Aker Brygge, a lively pier with numerous restaurants and departures for sightseeing boats on the Oslo Fjord. Or, you might want to take a stroll through the new central city district Bjørvika and walk between Oslo's latest architectural additions; the Deichman Library and Munch Museum.

Transfer on your own to Oslo Airport - Gardermoen - in connection with your flight home.



PRICE INCLUDES

Accommodation and meals:

7 nights' accommodation incl. daily Scandinavian buffet breakfast, in centrally located first class hotels, all rooms with private facilities.

5 x Dinners (buffet dinners or 3-course dinners, incl.

- coffee/tea). (All days except in Oslo). 2 x 2-course lunch incl. coffee/tea on days 2 and 4.
- 1 x Welcome drink at hotel day 1.

Visits and activities:

Panoramic tour of Oslo with your tour escort, including

entrance to the Fram Museum. 2 hours city sightseeing of Bergen with a local authorized

guide. Roundtrip excursion by funicular to Mt. Fløien in Bergen. Ride on the Flåm Railway, Flåm – Myrdal - Flåm. Excursion in "Troll car" to the Briksdal Glacier. Toll fee and visit to Geiranger Skywalk.

Cruises and ferry crossings:

Sognefjord cruise; 2 hours cruise on the Aurlands and Nærøy Fjords.

1 hour cruise on the Geiranger Fjord.

2 x Ferry crossings on the Sognefjord; Vangsnes - Dragsvik and Dragsvik - Hella.

Tour Escort:

Robinson Scandinavia English speaking local tour escort throughout.

Private coach:

Transportation by 1st class Norwegian private coach throughout, except for transfers airport/hotel/airport on arrival and departure days, which are not included.

Maximum group size:

31 guests per group.

PRICE PER PERSON sharing twin-/double room:

Oslo - Oslo, 7 nights: EUR 2.560 or USD 2.944

Single room supplement: EUR 460 or USD 528

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