



136 / Oslo - Ålesund / 7 Nights, 8 Days

Contemporary and Traditional Architecture of Norway

Modern architecture and Scandinavian nature: wood meets glass, stone meets metal. This themed tour gives you an insight into Norwegian architecture from different eras. Travel from the new Oslo cityline Barcode to wooden architecture at Snøhetta Viewpoint. Learn about ancient history, drive the dramatic Atlantic Road and end the tour in the classic Art Nouveau town of Ålesund, a must visit on your architecture bucket list.

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DAY 1 | Arrival in OSLO

Arrival at Oslo Airport according to your own itinerary (flight reserved by your agency). Transfer to your hotel in Oslo city center.

Oslo, situated at the head of the Oslo Fjord and capital city of Norway, has gone through an architectonic transformation in the recent years: the waterfront area has altered from a shipyard to a living part of the city with an exciting skyline and extraordinary buildings, such as The Norwegian Opera and Ballet, the new central Deichman library of Oslo City, the new Munch Museum and National Gallery and entire new city neighborhoods Bjørvika and Barcode.

Half board accommodation at **Thon Hotel Opera**, or similar, located in the city center.

DAY 2 | OSLO

See Oslo's architectural highlights on a 2 hours guided walk in the city centre. Visit The Opera House on a guided tour.

Spend the afternoon in the new Munch Museum. The Museum has, in addition to Edvard Munch's famous works, numerous exhibitions to admire.

Half board accommodation at **Thon Hotel Opera**, or similar.

DAY 3 | OSLO - LILLEHAMMER

Entrance and guiding at Kistefos, museum for art and architecture. The new exhibition has been awarded with the Leading Culture Destinations Award 2020 Berlin, for its main attraction "The Twist" - a building that seemingly twists across a small river.

Drive along Lake Mjøsa to Hamar and visit the medieval cathedral ruins at Anno Museum Domkirkeodden. Admire the world's tallest timber building „Mjøstornet“, standing 85 meters tall in Brumunddal. Continue to Lillehammer.

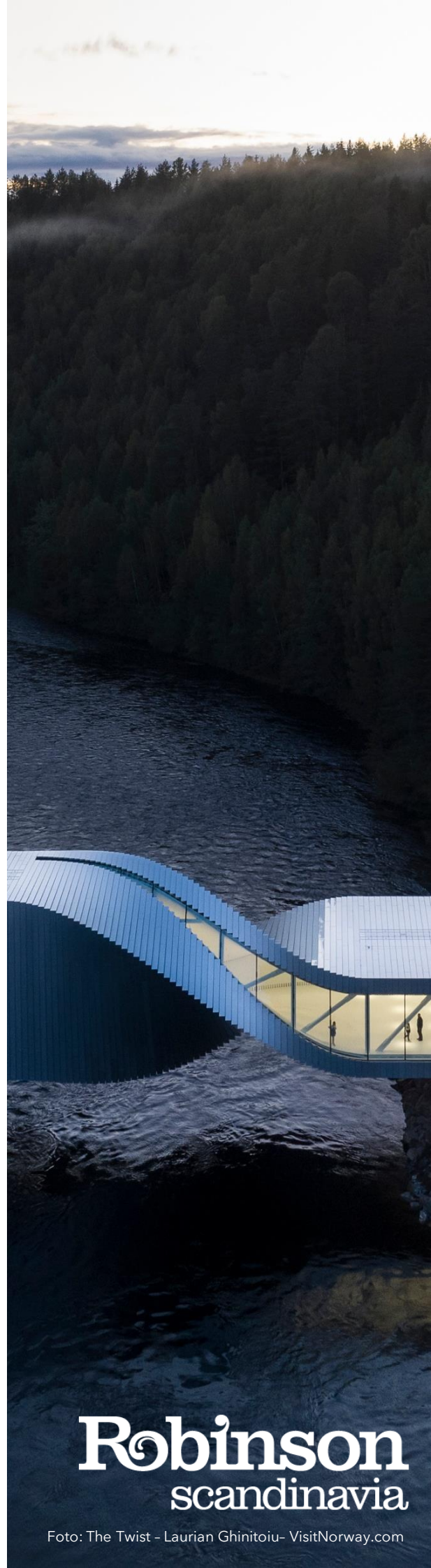
Half board accommodation at **Scandic Lillehammer**.

DAY 4 | LILLEHAMMER - TRONDHEIM

Visit Maihaugen, one of the largest and oldest open-air museums in Europe, offering more than 200 buildings from different eras.

On the way towards Trondheim visit Ringebu Stave Church, a gem in one of Gudbrandsdalen's finest cultural heritage areas along your drive towards Trondheim.

Viewpoint Snøhetta is an award-winning viewing pavilion overlooking the Dovre Mountains. Follow a gravel path 1500



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meters to the viewpoint and on the way learn about the history of Dovrefjell. You will be rewarded with stunning views of the mountains on the top.

Half board accommodation at **Scandic Bakklandet**.

DAY 5 | TRONDHEIM

Get to know Trondheim on a guided walk along picturesque old streets and alleys and by the Nidelven river surrounded by old tree houses and historic wharves. The walk ends with a tour of the Nidaros Cathedral, the world's northernmost Gothic cathedral, built over the grave of the holy King Olav II, who responsible for christianising of Norway. Nidaros Cathedral is a significant pilgrimage goal.

Half board accommodation at **Scandic Bakklandet**.

DAY 6 | TRONDHEIM - KRISTIANSUND

Drive to Kristiansund by the Atlantic Sea, The city spreads out around its harbour and four islands. The city has been built up only over the last 50 years, due to a devastating bombing during the Second World War when almost 900 houses burned down. The new city has developed its own style with bright, colourful houses. The houses in the centre of Kirkelandet are side-gabled, just like the clipfish wharves were and are still being built. The tiny ferry „Sundbåten“ connects different parts of the city.

Half board accommodation at **Thon Hotel Kristiansund**.

DAY 7 | KRISTIANSUND - ÅLESUND

Drive the stunning Atlantic Road to Ålesund, known for its architecture in Art Nouveau style, since it was rebuilt in 1904 after a devastating fire. Today the city is one of Europe's most characteristic architectural environments in the Art Nouveau style and the cultural center of the region.

Spend the afternoon on a 2-hour guided city tour through Ålesund. Visit Jugendstilsenteret, a museum and a national centre of Art Nouveau located in the old Swan Pharmacy from 1907. Jugendstilsenteret offers insight into the Art Nouveau style by means of authentic interiors and objects as well as temporary exhibitions.

Half board accommodation at **Quality Hotel Ålesund**.

DAY 8 | ÅLESUND, departure

Enjoy breakfast before your transfer to Ålesund airport for your return flight according to your own itinerary.



SERVICES INCLUDED

Accommodation and meals:

- 7 nights accommodation in double rooms with shower/WC incl. Breakfast
- Dinner at hotel all nights

Activities and excursions:

- 2 hrs city walk in Oslo
- Entrance at Munch Museum
- Entrance and guiding at Den Norske Opera & Ballett
- Entrance at Kistefos Museum
- Entrance at Anno Museum Domkirkeodden
- Entrance at Maihaugen
- Entrance and guiding at Ringebu Stave Church
- Entrance and guiding at Nidarosdomen
- 3 hrs city sightseeing in Trondheim
- 2 hrs city sightseeing in Ålesund
- Entrance at Jugendstilsenteret Ålesund