



NORWEGIAN FJORDS

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Meals

Breakfast: 10 Lunch: 0 Dinner: 3

Transport

Touring by private, air-conditioned motorcoach.

Free Wi-Fi (where available)

Accommodation

Rooms with private bath or shower. Includes hotel taxes, tips and service charges

HighLights

Norwegian Riviera

Arendal

Bergen

Flåm Train

Sognefjord

Viking Ship Museum, Oslo



DAY 1: ARRIVE IN OSLO, NORWAY.

Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free to start exploring Oslo, bustling capital of this land of fjords, mountains, glaciers, and waterfalls. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and travel companions.

DAY 2: OSLO-ARENDAL-KRISTIANSAND.

Today, travel along the scenic "Norwegian Riviera"-the Sorlandet (South Land) and the Skagerrak (a strait between Norway, Sweden, and Denmark)-and visit the idyllic harbour town of Arendal. A port since the 14th century, it is known for its timber exports and its old Town Hall, the tallest wooden structure in the country. Overnight in Kristiansand, founded in 1641 and today an important industrial district. Here, you can enjoy some free time at the lively fiskebrygga (fish market), the perfect place to watch the entertaining fishmongers or relax at one of the numerous sidewalk cafes. Today's Distance: 205 mi/ 330 km (B)

DAY 3: KRISTIANSAND-STAVANGER.

More ruggedly beautiful coastal scenery awaits this morning as you head into the Lista region, popular holiday area for the Norwegians and hot spot for surfers. Stop to visit some of the pristine coastal villages of whitewashed timber and lighthouses such as Flekkefjord and Farsund. Overnight in Stavanger, where you can stroll through the Old Town to see a 12th-century cathedral and captivating collection of 18th- and 19th-century wooden buildings. Today's Distance: 146 mi/ 235 km (B)

DAY 4: STAVANGER-HARDANGERFJORD FERRY CROSSING-BERGEN.

Travel via Haugesund to board the ferry that takes you across Hardangerfjord. Have your camera ready to capture the incredible scenic vistas before arriving in Bergen, the "Green Meadow Among the Mountains." Today's Distance: 199 mi/ 320 km (B)

DAY 5: BERGEN.

Today is yours to explore Bergen at your own pace. You may wish to spend some time at Bryggen with its collection of multi-hued 14th-century Hanseatic buildings lining the harbour protected as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Consider joining our optional excursion to discover the history, traditions, and breathtaking views of this beautiful port city. (B)

DAY 6: BERGEN-SOGNEFJORD CRUISE- FLAM TRAIN- SOGNEFJORD AREA

A special treat today! Cruise across Norway's legendary Sognefjord Naeroyfjord, the narrowest, wildest, and most famous of the fjord arms, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The surrounding mountains rise steeply to reach towering heights and create a unique magical atmosphere. Later, ride on the renowned Flam train. See some of the world's most breathtaking scenery-graceful waterfalls, towering mountains, and verdant valleys. Today's Distance: 181 mi/ 292 km (B,D)

DAY 7: SOGNEFJORD AREA-LOEN.

Reach the Nordfjorden region today and take a break in enchanting Loen, gateway to some of Norway's glaciers and home to some of the country's oldest farms. Today's Distance: 106 mi/ 170 km (B,D)

DAY 8: LOEN.

Enjoy a day at leisure to explore Loen and take advantage of some of the many available outdoor activities. Alternatively, sign up for an optional excursion including an unforgettable cruise on the Geiranger Fjord. (B,D)

DAY 9: LOEN-LOM-LILLEHAMMER-HAMAR.

Stop in Lom to see its iconic wooden stave church, which dates back to the 12th century. Visit Lillehammer, host of the 1994 Winter Olympics and home today to a lively art scene. Today's Distance: 190 mi/ 305 km (B)

DAY 10: HAMAR-OSLO.

The dynamic city of Hamar is known for the fascinating open-air Ethnological Museum, an active archaeological site that includes ruins of a 950- year-old cathedral enclosed in a protective glass and steel structure. Later, return to Oslo for a guided tour. See the medieval Akershus Castle guarding the harbour, National Theater, Parliament, Royal Palace, Broadcasting House, and visit Frogner Park with more than 200 bronze and granite sculptures by artist Gustav Vigeland. Today's Distance: 118 mi/ 190 km (B)

DAY 11: OSLO.

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)