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2024 TRAVEL BROCHURE



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## BREKKE TOURS

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Since 1956, Brekke Tours has worked to strengthen cultural and ethnic ties between North America and Scandinavia through meaningful travel experiences. Going into our 68th year of operation, the goal remains the same: assist our clients with making connections to ancestral ties, offer an array of enriching travel experiences, and provide the level of customer services our clients have come to expect from Brekke Tours.

Looking ahead to 2024, we are excited to share our love of travel with you and your family on one of our escorted tours or independent travel packages. In this brochure, you will find detailed information on our 2024 Escorted Group Tours as well as a brief overview of some of the independent travel options, including pre- and post-tour packages, self-drive tours, and cruises. Additional independent travel options and information can be found on our website.

If you are not able to find a travel option that fits your needs, our travel professionals can create a customized itinerary tailored to your interests, travel dates, and budget. More information about our customized tour planning can be found on page 19.

However you choose to travel to Scandinavia in 2024, we are here to help make your trip planning easier! Our staff is happy to help find the best travel option for you, answer your travel questions, and offer suggestions based on our own experiences. And if the unexpected occurs, Brekke Tours is here to assist you, just as we've been since 1956.

***Let us show you why Brekke Tours is Your Scandinavian Specialist!***

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# SPLendor OF NORWAY

**Tour A: June 5 - 13, 2024**

**Tour B: July 26 - August 3, 2024**

## HIGHLIGHTS

City sightseeing in Bergen and Oslo • Flåm Railway • Fjord Cruise from Flåm to Balestrand • Overnight along the beautiful Hardangerfjord • Hardangervidda National Park Center • Norwegian Industrial Museum • Hopperstad Stave Church

## ITINERARY INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare from Mpls / St. Paul, including taxes, fees & fuel surcharge
- 7 nights accommodations, double occupancy, with private facilities
- Daily breakfast [B], 1 lunch [L] and 5 dinners [D]
- 1st-class touring coach, train & ferries per itinerary
- City sightseeing in Bergen and Oslo
- Entrance fees to all sites including: Hopperstad Stave Church, Hardangervidda National Park Center, and Norwegian Industrial Museum
- Luggage handling at hotels for 1 suitcase (subject to availability)
- Tour Director for Days 2 - 9

## TOUR PRICING

**Price with air/taxes/fuel from..... \$4995**

Price includes airfare from Mpls/St. Paul plus taxes/fees and fuel surcharge. Fuel and all taxes are subject to change and if needed, will be re-assessed in your statement prior to final payment. Inquire about airfare from your home city.

**Land Only from..... \$3795**

Services begin in Bergen and end in Oslo

**Single Room Supplement..... \$725**

## EXTEND YOUR STAY

Add an extra night in Bergen or Oslo, a visit to the Faroe Islands or Iceland before arriving in Bergen. After the tour, you may choose to travel from Oslo to Copenhagen by cruise or to Stockholm by train.

See page 13 for details or visit our website for additional pre- & post-tour options.



## ITINERARY | 9 DAYS



### DAY 1 JUNE 5 / JULY 26

**Mpls/St. Paul—Bergen:** Depart on your transatlantic flight. To request alternate dates or for estimated airfare supplements from other US cities, please note on application.

### DAY 2 JUNE 6 / JULY 27 [D]

**Bergen:** Arrive at Bergen Flesland Airport. Transfer to hotel. Balance of day free to adjust to time change. Welcome dinner and overnight at the Panorama Hotell & Resort (Tour A) / Scandic Hotel Norge (Tour B).

### DAY 3 JUNE 7 / JULY 28 [B]

**Bergen:** Morning walking tour of Norway's second largest city includes a stroll through the historic Hanseatic Wharf (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Afternoon and evening free to visit the famous Fish Market or ride the funicular to the top of Mount Fløyen for a magnificent view of Bergen. Dinner on own. Overnight at hotel.



### DAY 4 JUNE 8 / JULY 29 [B,D]

**Bergen—Voss—Balestrand:** Morning drive to Voss. Transfer to the Oslo/Bergen Railway and continue to Myrdal and board the famous Flåm Railway, ranked as one of the top 20 train rides in the world. Enjoy breathtaking views and the thundering sound of waterfalls as we descend 2800 feet within 13 miles from Myrdal to Flåm. Cruise the mighty Sognefjord to Balestrand. Dinner and overnight at the historic Kvikne's Hotel.

### DAY 5 JUNE 9 / JULY 30 [B,D]

**Balestrand—Vik—Lofthus:** Ferry from Vangsnes to Hella. In Vik, visit the 12th century Hopperstad Stave Church. Proceed over the Vik Mountains to Voss. Lunch on own. Drive to Hardanger, the heart of Norway's cherry, apple and pear orchards. Dinner and overnight at the exquisite Ullensvang Hotel with a spectacular view of the Sørfjord (fjord-view rooms).

### DAY 6 JUNE 10 / JULY 31 [B,L,D]

**Lofthus—Rjukan:** Drive to Telemark, an area rich in cultural traditions. Lunch at the Hardangervidda National Park Center. Learn about the thousands of wild reindeer roaming the Hardangervidda plateau through a variety of interactive exhibits. Afterward, proceed to Gaustablikk Høyfjellshotell for dinner and overnight.

### DAY 7 JUNE 11 / AUGUST 1 [B]

**Rjukan—Oslo:** Visit Vemork, the hydroelectric power plant, where the Nazis produced "heavy water" for their atomic bomb experiments. Learn about the German occupation of Norway during World War II. Lunch on own. En route to Oslo, photostop at Heddal Stave Church, the largest of the remaining 28 stave churches in Norway. Overnight at the Thon Hotel Bristol in Oslo. Dinner on own.

### DAY 8 JUNE 12 / AUGUST 2 [B,D]

**Oslo:** Morning sightseeing tour of Oslo includes a visit to Vigeland Sculpture Park and a photostop at Holmenkollen Ski Jump. Afternoon free for shopping and independent explorations. Farewell dinner and overnight at hotel.

### DAY 9 JUNE 13 / AUGUST 3 [B]

**Oslo—Depart:** Tour ends following breakfast. Transfer to Oslo Gardermoen Airport for return flight. Longer stays may be requested upon registration for a minimum charge of \$250.



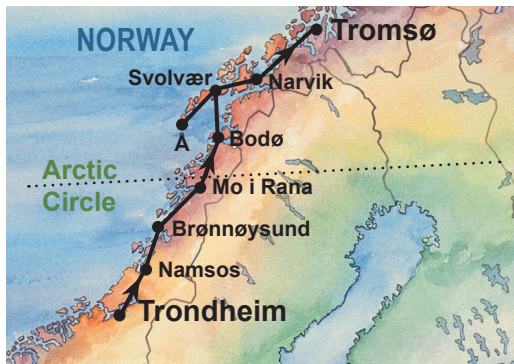
# LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN

June 12 - 24, 2024

## HIGHLIGHTS

City sightseeing in Trondheim and Tromsø • Stiklestad • Travel North of the Arctic Circle • Full day in the Lofoten Islands • Lofotr Viking Museum • Cable Car ride in Narvik • Polar Park • Blood Road Museum • World War II Museum

## ITINERARY | 13 DAYS



### DAY 1 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

**Mpls/St. Paul—Trondheim:** Depart the USA on your transatlantic flight. To request alternate dates or for estimated airfare supplements from other US cities, please note on application.

### DAY 2 THURSDAY, JUNE 13

**Trondheim:** Arrive at Værnes Airport Trondheim. Transfer to hotel in city center. Balance of day free to relax. Dinner and overnight at Radisson BLU Royal Garden.

### DAY 3 FRIDAY, JUNE 14

**Trondheim:** Morning sightseeing tour features the Nidaros Cathedral, one of Scandinavia's most splendid cathedrals. Afternoon free. Dinner on own. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 4 SATURDAY, JUNE 15

**Trondheim—Stiklestad—Namsos:** Drive to Stiklestad, site of the battle of 1030 which led to the death of King Olav Haraldson (later St. Olav) and the acceptance of Christianity in Norway. Proceed to Namsos, an important trade center. Dinner and overnight at Scandic Rock City.

### DAY 5 SUNDAY, JUNE 16

**Namsos—Brønnøysund:** Enjoy the coastal scenery of Helgeland as we drive north. Norway is one of the world's largest exporters of fish and seafood, an industry employing approximately 21,000. Visit the Norwegian Aquacenter and learn about aquaculture. Continue to Brønnøysund. Overnight at Thon Hotel Brønnøysund.

### DAY 6 MONDAY, JUNE 17

**Brønnøysund—Mo i Rana:** Proceed to Mo i Rana, located along the beautiful Helgeland coast in the southern part of Nordland county. Dinner and overnight at Scandic Meyergården.

### DAY 7 TUESDAY, JUNE 18

**Mo i Rana—Arctic Circle—Bodø:** Drive to the Arctic Circle, which marks the boundary of the midnight sun of the Arctic summer and the sunless winters of the north. The Arctic Circle Center provides a visual presentation of the flora, fauna and countryside north of the Arctic Circle. Visit the Blood Road Museum, portraying the plight of prisoners of wars under the German regime from 1942-45. Proceed to Bodø for dinner and overnight at Scandic Havet Hotel.

### DAY 8 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

**Bodø—Henningsvær:** Depart Bodø for flight to Leknes on the spectacular Lofoten Islands, known for its distinctive scenery. Arrive in Leknes and drive to Borg. Visit the Lofotr Viking Museum, site of the longest Viking Age longhouse. Step back in time as you enter the full-scale replica as Vikings entertain you with stories, song and music. Lunch at the museum. Continue to Henningsvær for dinner and overnight at Henningsvær Bryggehotell.

### DAY 9 THURSDAY, JUNE 20

**Excursion in Lofoten:** Sightseeing in the Lofoten Islands includes the Galleri Lofotens Hus in Henningsvær with an exhibition of classical painters from Northern Norway and the Lofoten Aquarium in Kabelvåg. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

### DAY 10 FRIDAY, JUNE 21

**Svolvær—Narvik:** Drive to Narvik, established as an ice-free port for the iron ore mines in Kiruna, Sweden. A visit to the WWII Museum provides information about that time period in history. A late afternoon excursion by cable car takes us to 2200 feet for an awesome view of the area. Dinner and overnight at Quality Hotel Grand Royal.

### DAY 11 SATURDAY, JUNE 22

**Narvik—Tromsø:** Depart for Gratangen. Tour the North Norway Boat Museum. Visit the Polar Park, the northernmost wildlife park in the world. Proceed to Tromsø, the capital city of Arctic Norway. Dinner and overnight at Radisson BLU Hotel Tromsø.

### DAY 12 SUNDAY, JUNE 23

**Tromsø:** Sightseeing tour of Tromsø includes a visit to the Arctic Cathedral and Polar Museum. Balance of day free. Farewell dinner and overnight at hotel.

### DAY 13 MONDAY, JUNE 24

**Tromsø—Depart:** Tour ends following breakfast. Transfer to Tromsø Airport for return flight. Longer stays may be requested upon registration for a minimum charge of \$250.

## ITINERARY INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare from Mpls / St. Paul, including taxes, fees & fuel surcharge
- Domestic airfare from Bodø to Leknes
- 11 nights accommodations, double occupancy, with private facilities
- Daily breakfast [B], 1 lunch [L] and 10 dinners [D]
- 1st-class touring coach, train & ferries per itinerary
- City sightseeing in Trondheim and Tromsø
- Cable car excursion in Narvik
- Entrance fees to all sites including: Nidaros Cathedral, Stiklestad, Norwegian Aquacenter, Arctic Circle Center, Blood Road Museum, Stockfish Museum, Viking Museum, Galleri Lofotens Hus, Lofoten Aquarium, WWII Museum, Boat Museum, Polar Park, Arctic Cathedral and Polar Museum
- Luggage handling at hotels for 1 suitcase (subject to availability)
- Tour Director for Days 2 – 13

## TOUR PRICING

**Price with air/taxes/fuel from..... \$6795**

Price includes airfare from Mpls/St. Paul plus taxes/fees and fuel surcharge. Fuel and all taxes are subject to change and if needed, will be re-assessed in your statement prior to final payment. Inquire about airfare from your home city.

**Land Only from ..... \$5595**

Services begin in Trondheim and end in Tromsø Includes domestic flight from Bodø to Leknes

**Single Room Supplement..... \$1025**

## EXTEND YOUR STAY

Experience even more of Norway when you join "Splendor of Norway Tour A" and explore Bergen, Norway's Fjord Country, and Oslo before traveling north to the Land of the Midnight Sun.

See page 13 for details or visit our website for additional pre- & post-tour options.

# SPECTACULAR NORWAY

**Tour A: June 13 - 23, 2024**

**Tour B: July 1 - 11, 2024**

**Tour C: August 3 - 13, 2024**

## HIGHLIGHTS

City sightseeing in Oslo, Bergen and Trondheim  
 • Atlantic Ocean Road • Geirangerfjord Cruise •  
 Hardangerfjord Nature Center • Flåm Railway •  
 Excursion to Briksdal Glacier by Troll Cart • Ergan  
 Kystfort • Nidaros Cathedral

## ITINERARY INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare from Mpls / St. Paul, including taxes, fees & fuel surcharge
- 9 nights accommodations, double occupancy, with private facilities
- Daily breakfast [B], 1 lunch [L] and 8 dinners [D]
- 1st-class touring coach, train & ferries per itinerary
- City sightseeing in Oslo, Bergen and Trondheim
- Excursion to Briksdal Glacier
- Entrance fees to all sites including: Norwegian Folk Museum, Hardangerfjord Nature Center, Ergan Kystfort and Nidaros Cathedral
- Luggage handling at hotels for 1 suitcase (subject to availability)
- Tour Director for Days 2 - 11

## TOUR PRICING

**Price with air/taxes/fuel from..... \$5695**

Price includes airfare from Mpls/St. Paul plus taxes/fees and fuel surcharge. Fuel and all taxes are subject to change and if needed, will be re-assessed in your statement prior to final payment. Inquire about airfare from your home city.

**Land Only from..... \$4395**

Services begin in Oslo and end in Trondheim

**Single Room Supplement..... \$995**

## EXTEND YOUR STAY

Add an extra night in Oslo or Trondheim, a 4-day Iceland Stopover, a visit to the Faroe Islands or sail north from Trondheim to Kirkenes on the Norwegian Coastal Voyage.

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## ITINERARY | 11 DAYS



### DAY 1 JUNE 13 / JULY 1 / AUGUST 3

**Mpls/St. Paul—Oslo:** Depart on your transatlantic flight. To request alternate dates or for estimated airfare supplements from other US cities, please note on application.

### DAY 2 JUNE 14 / JULY 2 / AUGUST 4 [D]

**Oslo:** Arrive at Oslo Gardermoen Airport. Transfer to hotel. Balance of day free to relax and adjust to time change. Welcome dinner and overnight at the Grand Hotel.

### DAY 3 JUNE 15 / JULY 3 / AUGUST 5 [B]

**Oslo:** Morning sightseeing tour of Oslo includes a visit to Vigeland Sculpture Park and the Norwegian Folk Museum featuring Gol Stave Church. Afternoon and evening free for shopping and independent explorations. Dinner on own. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 4 JUNE 16 / JULY 4 / AUGUST 6 [B,D]

**Oslo—Eidfjord—Voss:** Drive through the Hallingdal Valley. Cross the Hardangervidda, the largest high mountain plateau in Northern Europe, to Hardanger. In Eidfjord, visit the Hardangerfjord Nature Center reflecting Norway's love and respect for nature. Continue to Voss. Dinner and overnight at the historic Fleischer's Hotel.

### DAY 5 JUNE 17 / JULY 5 / AUGUST 7 [B,D]

**Bergen Excursion:** Travel to Norway's second largest city, Bergen. Enjoy a walking tour through the historic Hanseatic Wharf. Time on own to stroll along the colorful Fish Market or take other independent explorations. Return to Voss for dinner and overnight at hotel.

### DAY 6 JUNE 18 / JULY 6 / AUGUST 8 [B,D]

**Voss—Flåm—Loen:** Board the Oslo/Bergen Railway. At Myrdal, transfer to the famous Flåm Railway, ranked as one of the top 20 train rides in the world. Within 13 miles, descend 2800 feet to Flåm. Drive through the world's 2nd longest tunnel from Aurland to Lærdal. Ferry across the mighty Sognefjord. Proceed to Skei. Opportunity to purchase quality crafts and woven products at Audhild Viken's Weaving Workshop. Drive to Loen. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Alexandra.

### DAY 7 JUNE 19 / JULY 7 / AUGUST 9 [B,D]

**Loen:** Morning excursion to the sparkling Briksdal Glacier. Ride the "Troll Cart" to view the glacier and feel the icy waters of the river below. Return to Loen. Afternoon free to relax at the hotel or experience the Loen Skylift for a view of the surrounding fjords and mountains. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

### DAY 8 JUNE 20 / JULY 8 / AUGUST 10 [B,D]

**Loen—Geiranger—Molde:** Cruise the renowned Geirangerfjord from Hellesylt to Geiranger. Travel the "Golden Route." Ascend the Eagle Road and continue to the famous Troll's Path with its steep and narrow hairpin bends. Proceed to Molde, the "City of Roses," for dinner and overnight in seaview rooms at Scandic Seilet Hotel (Tours A & C) / Håholmen Havstuer (Tour B).

### DAY 9 JUNE 21 / JULY 9 / AUGUST 11 [B,L,D]

**Molde—Trondheim:** Drive the Atlantic Ocean Road with the vast ocean on one side and snow-clad mountain peaks on the other. Travel to the fishing village of Bud. Tour Ergan Kystfort, a defensive bunker built by the Germans during the occupation of Norway during World War II. Salmon lunch at a local restaurant. Continue to Trondheim. Dinner and overnight at Radisson BLU Royal Garden (Tours A & C) / Scandic Nidelven Hotel (Tour B).

### DAY 10 JUNE 22 / JULY 10 / AUGUST 12 [B,D]

**Trondheim:** Morning sightseeing tour of Trondheim includes a visit to the Nidaros Cathedral, one of the most splendid cathedrals in Scandinavia. Afternoon free. Farewell dinner and overnight at hotel.

### DAY 11 JUNE 23 / JULY 11 / AUGUST 13 [B]

**Trondheim—Depart:** Tour ends following breakfast. Transfer to Trondheim Værnes Airport for return flight. Longer stays may be requested upon registration for a minimum charge of \$250.



# BEST OF NORWAY

**Tour A: June 22 - July 2, 2024**  
**Tour B: July 11 - 21, 2024**  
**Tour C: August 12 - 22, 2024**

## HIGHLIGHTS

City sightseeing in Oslo, Bergen and Stavanger  
 • Lunch at a family farm • Excursion to Briksdal Glacier by Troll Cart • Flåm Railway • Aurlandfjord and Nærøyfjord Cruise • Nordvegen History Centre in Avaldnes (home to the first kings of Norway)

## ITINERARY INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare from Mpls / St. Paul, including taxes, fees & fuel surcharge
- 9 nights accommodations, double occupancy, with private facilities
- Daily breakfast [B], 1 lunch [L] and 5 dinners [D]
- 1st-class touring coach, train & ferries per itinerary
- City sightseeing in Oslo, Bergen and Stavanger
- Excursion to Briksdal Glacier
- Entrance fees to all sites including: Norwegian Folk Museum, Fossheim Steinsenter, and Nordvegen History Centre
- Luggage handling at hotels for 1 suitcase (subject to availability)
- Tour Director for Days 2 - 11

## TOUR PRICING

**Price with air/taxes/fuel from..... \$5695**

Price includes airfare from Mpls/St. Paul plus taxes/fees and fuel surcharge. Fuel and all taxes are subject to change and if needed, will be re-assessed in your statement prior to final payment. Inquire about airfare from your home city.

**Land Only from ..... \$4395**

Services begin in Oslo and end in Stavanger

**Single Room Supplement.....\$1125**

## EXTEND YOUR STAY

Add an extra night in Oslo or Stavanger, a 4-day Iceland Stopover, or explore the capital cities of Copenhagen or Stockholm before joining the tour in Oslo.

**See page 13 for details or visit our website for additional pre- & post-tour options.**

## ITINERARY | 11 DAYS



### DAY 1 JUNE 22 / JULY 11 / AUGUST 12

**Mpls/St. Paul—Oslo:** Depart on your transatlantic flight. To request alternate dates or for estimated airfare supplements from other US cities, please note on application.

### DAY 2 JUNE 23 / JULY 12 / AUGUST 13 [D]

**Oslo:** Arrive at Oslo Gardermoen Airport. Transfer to hotel. Balance of day free to relax and adjust to time change. Welcome dinner and overnight at the Grand Hotel.

### DAY 3 JUNE 24 / JULY 13 / AUGUST 14 [B]

**Oslo:** Morning sightseeing tour of Oslo includes a visit to Vigeland Sculpture Park and the Norwegian Folk Museum featuring the Gol Stave Church. Balance of day free. Dinner on own. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 4 JUNE 25 / JULY 14 / AUGUST 15 [B,L]

**Oslo—Hamar—Lillehammer:** Depart Oslo for Hamar. Tour the unique Glass Cathedral, an architectural and technological masterpiece created to protect cathedral ruins from the Middle Ages. Proceed to a local farm. Along with a tasty lunch, you will receive an introduction to agriculture and farm life in Norway. Continue to Lillehammer. View the sites of the 1994 Winter Olympics. Overnight at Scandic Victoria Lillehammer Hotel.

### DAY 5 JUNE 26 / JULY 15 / AUGUST 16 [B,D]

**Lillehammer—Geiranger—Loen:** Travel through the Gudbrandsdal and Otta Valleys to Lom. Visit the Fossheim Steinsenter in Lom for a chance to explore the Stone Museum and shop in the jewelry gallery. Continue across the Grotli Mountains to the fjord country. Weather permitting, drive to Dalsnibba Observation Point for a view of the Geirangerfjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2005. Continue to Loen for dinner and overnight at Alexandra Hotel.

### DAY 6 JUNE 27 / JULY 16 / AUGUST 17 [B,D]

**Loen—Flåm:** Morning excursion to the sparkling Briksdal Glacier. Travel to Skei. Opportunity to purchase quality crafts and woven products at Audhild Viken's Weaving Workshop. Drive to Mannheller. Ferry across the Sognefjord to Fodnes. Drive the world's 2nd longest tunnel (15.2 miles) from Lærdal to Aurland. Continue to Flåm for dinner and overnight at Fretheim Hotel.

### DAY 7 JUNE 28 / JULY 17 / AUGUST 18 [B,D]

**Flåm—Norway in a Nutshell Excursion—Bergen:** Board the famous Flåm Railway, ranked as one of the top 20 train rides in the world, for a roundtrip ride up and down the Flåm Valley. Cruise the dramatic Aurlandfjord and Nærøyfjord (placed on UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2005) from Flåm to Gudvangen. Meet the motorcoach and drive to Bergen, Norway's second largest city. Dinner. Overnight at the Clarion Hotel Bergen.

### DAY 8 JUNE 29 / JULY 18 / AUGUST 19 [B]

**Bergen:** Morning walking tour of Bergen includes a stroll through the historic Hanseatic Wharf. Balance of afternoon and evening free. Dinner on own. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 9 JUNE 30 / JULY 19 / AUGUST 20 [B]

**Bergen—Stavanger:** Travel the coastal route to Stavanger via Stord. Ferry from Halhjem to Sandvikvåg. Visit the Nordvegen History Centre in Avaldnes, home to the first kings of Norway and the legendary figures who appear so often in sagas and songs. Drive the underwater tunnels from Rennesøy to Randaberg. Continue to Stavanger. Dinner on own. Overnight at the Clarion Hotel Stavanger (Tour A) / Radisson BLU Atlantic (Tours B & C).

### DAY 10 JULY 1 / JULY 20 / AUGUST 21 [B,D]

**Stavanger:** Sightseeing tour of Stavanger. This modern Norwegian city, a hub of the North Sea oil exploration and development operations, is a charming mixture of old and new, retaining much of its 18th century charm. Afternoon free. Farewell dinner and overnight at hotel.

### DAY 11 JULY 2 / JULY 21 / AUGUST 22 [B]

**Stavanger—Depart:** Tour ends following breakfast. Transfer to Stavanger Sola Airport for return flight. Longer stays may be requested upon registration for a minimum charge of \$250.

# TASTE OF NORWAY & SWEDEN

June 28 - July 7, 2024

## HIGHLIGHTS

- City sightseeing in Bergen, Oslo and Stockholm
- Norway in a Nutshell experience • Dala Horse Center • Carl Larsson's home in Sundborn
- Uppsala Cathedral • Vasa Ship Museum • Stockholm City Hall

## ITINERARY INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare from Mpls / St. Paul, including taxes, fees & fuel surcharge
- 8 nights accommodations, double occupancy, with private facilities
- Daily breakfast [B], 1 lunch [L] and 4 dinners [D]
- 1st-class touring coach, train & ferries per itinerary
- City sightseeing in Bergen, Oslo and Stockholm
- Entrance fees to all sites including: Dala Horse Center, Carl Larsson Farm, Uppsala Cathedral, Stockholm City Hall and Vasa Ship Museum
- Luggage handling at hotels for 1 suitcase (subject to availability)
- Tour Director for Days 2 - 9

## TOUR PRICING

**Price with air/taxes/fuel from..... \$5195**

Price includes airfare from Mpls/St. Paul plus taxes/fees and fuel surcharge. Fuel and all taxes are subject to change and if needed, will be re-assessed in your statement prior to final payment. Inquire about airfare from your home city.

**Land Only from..... \$3895**

Services begin in Bergen and end in Stockholm

**Single Room Supplement..... \$995**

## EXTEND YOUR STAY

Experience more of Scandinavia with an independent adventure to Copenhagen or Helsinki. You can also choose to add an extra night in Stockholm or Bergen or a stopover in Iceland.

See page 13 for details or visit our website for additional pre- & post-tour options.



## ITINERARY | 10 DAYS



### DAY 1 FRIDAY, JUNE 28

**Mpls/St. Paul—Bergen:** Depart on your transatlantic flight. To request alternate dates or for estimated airfare supplements from other US cities, please note on application.

### DAY 2 SATURDAY, JUNE 29

**Bergen:** Arrive at Bergen Flesland Airport. Transfer to hotel. Balance of day free to adjust to time change. Welcome dinner and overnight at the Clarion Hotel Bergen.

### DAY 3 SUNDAY, JUNE 30

**Bergen:** Morning walking tour of Norway's second largest city includes a stroll through the historic Hanseatic Wharf (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Afternoon free to visit the famous Fish Market or ride the funicular to the top of Mount Fløyen for a magnificent view of Bergen. Dinner on own. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 4 MONDAY, JULY 1

**Bergen—Flåm—Voss:** Drive to Voss. Board the famous Oslo/Bergen Railway and proceed to Myrdal. Change to the renowned Flåm Railway and descend 2800 feet within 13 miles to Flåm. Cruise the Aurlandfjord and Nærøyfjord to Gudvangen. Return by motorcoach to Voss for dinner and overnight at Flesicher's Hotel.



### DAY 5 TUESDAY, JULY 2

**Voss—Oslo:** Cross the Hardangerfjord on one of the longest suspension bridges in the world. Drive the Måbødal valley and view the vast quantities of water plunging into the canyon below from the one of Norway's best-known waterfalls, Vøringfossen. After ascending the plateau, experience this spectacular waterfall from the viewing platforms. Proceed across the wild and barren Hardanger Plateau, home to some of largest herds of wild reindeer. Visit the one of Norway's oldest stave churches at Torpo. Continue through the valley of Hallingdal to Oslo. Overnight at the classic Grand Hotel.

### DAY 6 WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

**Oslo:** Morning sightseeing includes a tour of Vigeland Park, the largest sculpture park in the world by a single artist, boasting over 200 pieces by Norwegian sculptor Gustav Vigeland. Balance of day free. Dinner on own. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 7 THURSDAY, JULY 4

**Oslo—Tällberg:** En route to the colorful province of Dalarna, drive through Värmland with its lakes and forests. There are many artists, writers and poets who have found inspiration in this region. Travel through Malung known for its leather industry. At Nusnäs, tour the center for the production of the traditional Dala wooden horses, the symbol of Sweden. Continue to Tällberg. Dinner and overnight at Dalecarlia Hotel & Spa.

### DAY 8 FRIDAY, JULY 5

**Tällberg—Stockholm:** Depart for Sundborn, the home of Carl Larsson, one of Sweden's most beloved artists. Lunch. Continue to Dalarna, which epitomizes all things Swedish. Visit the old university town of Uppsala for a tour of the inspiring Uppsala Cathedral. Proceed to Stockholm. Dinner on own. Overnight at Clarion Hotel Sign.

### DAY 9 SATURDAY, JULY 6

**Stockholm:** Morning sightseeing tour of the Swedish capital includes City Hall, site of the annual Nobel Prize banquet; and the Vasa Ship Museum, home of the 17th century warship which sank on her maiden voyage. Afternoon free to explore Stockholm including Old Town (Gamla Stan) with its narrow streets and old merchants' houses. Dinner. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 10 SUNDAY, JULY 7

**Stockholm—Depart:** Tour ends following breakfast. Independent transfer to Stockholm Arlanda Airport for return flight. Longer stays may be requested upon registration for a minimum charge of \$250.





# CAPTIVATING SCANDINAVIA

Norway • Sweden • Denmark

June 28 - July 10, 2024

## HIGHLIGHTS

City sightseeing in Bergen, Oslo, Stockholm and Copenhagen • Norway in a Nutshell experience • Dala Horse Center • Uppsala Cathedral • Vasa Ship Museum • Sweden's Kingdom of Crystal • Frederiksborg Castle

## ITINERARY | 13 DAYS



### DAY 1 FRIDAY, JUNE 28

**Mpls/St. Paul—Bergen:** Depart on your transatlantic flight. To request alternate dates or for estimated airfare supplements from other US cities, please note on application.

### DAY 2 SATURDAY, JUNE 29

**Bergen:** Arrive at Bergen Flesland Airport. Transfer to hotel. Balance of day free to adjust to time change. Welcome dinner and overnight at the Clarion Hotel Bergen.

### DAY 3 SUNDAY, JUNE 30

**Bergen:** Morning walking tour includes a stroll through the historic Hanseatic Wharf. Afternoon free. Dinner on own. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 4 MONDAY, JULY 1

**Bergen—Flåm—Voss:** Drive to Voss. Board the famous Oslo/Bergen Railway and proceed to Myrdal. Change to the renowned Flåm Railway and descend 2800 feet within 13 miles to Flåm. Cruise the Aurlandfjord and Nærøyfjord to Gudvangen. Return by motorcoach to Voss for dinner and overnight at Flesicher's Hotel.

### DAY 5 TUESDAY, JULY 2

**Voss—Oslo:** Cross the Hardangerfjord on one of the longest suspension bridges in the world. View the vast quantities of water plunging into the canyon below from Vøringfossen. Proceed across the wild and barren Hardanger Plateau. Visit the one of Norway's oldest stave churches at Torpo. Continue through the valley of Hallingdal to Oslo. Overnight at the classic Grand Hotel.

### DAY 6 WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

**Oslo:** Morning sightseeing includes a tour of Vigeland Park. Balance of day free. Dinner on own. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 7 THURSDAY, JULY 4

**Oslo—Tällberg:** En route to the colorful province of Dalarna, drive through Värmland with its lakes and forests. Travel through Malung known for its leather industry. At Nusnäs, tour the center for the production of the traditional Dala wooden horses, the symbol of Sweden. Continue to Tällberg. Dinner and overnight at Dalecarlia Hotel & Spa.

### DAY 8 FRIDAY, JULY 5

**Tällberg—Stockholm:** Depart for Sundborn, the home of Carl Larsson, one of Sweden's most beloved artists. Lunch. Continue to Dalarna, which epitomizes all things Swedish. Visit the old university town of Uppsala for a tour of the inspiring Uppsala Cathedral. Proceed to Stockholm. Dinner on own. Overnight at Clarion Hotel Sign.

### DAY 9 SATURDAY, JULY 6

**Stockholm:** Morning sightseeing tour of the Swedish capital includes City Hall and the Vasa Ship Museum. Afternoon free to explore Stockholm including Old Town (Gamla Stan) with its narrow streets and old merchants' houses. Dinner. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 10 SUNDAY, JULY 7

**Stockholm—Kosta—Växjö:** Drive through the Swedish countryside to the province of Småland in the Kingdom of Crystal. Shopping opportunity at Kosta Boda, one of the world's leading brands of glassware and art glass. Enjoy a "hyttisill" dinner with traditional food and music. Overnight at Elite Stadshotellet Hotel in Växjö.

### DAY 11 MONDAY, JULY 8

**Växjö—Copenhagen:** Drive to Hillerød. Tour Frederiksborg Castle built over three islands housing priceless treasures such as furniture and tapestries. Ferry from Helsingborg to Helsingør, Denmark. Continue to Copenhagen. Overnight at the Copenhagen Strand Hotel, located along the Copenhagen Harbor.

### DAY 12 TUESDAY, JULY 9

**Copenhagen:** Enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of Copenhagen featuring the famous statue, the Little Mermaid. Time to browse the world's longest shopping street, Strøget or visit the famous Tivoli Gardens. Farewell dinner and overnight at hotel.

### DAY 13 WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

**Copenhagen—Depart:** Tour ends following breakfast. Transfer to airport for return flight. Longer stays may be requested upon registration or a minimum charge of \$250.

## ITINERARY INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare from Mpls / St. Paul, including taxes, fees & fuel surcharge
- 11 nights accommodations, double occupancy, with private facilities
- Daily breakfast [B], 1 lunch [L] and 6 dinners [D]
- 1st-class touring coach, train & ferries per itinerary
- City sightseeing in Bergen, Oslo, Stockholm, and Copenhagen
- Entrance fees to all sites including: Dala Horse Center, Carl Larsson Farm, Uppsala Cathedral, Stockholm City Hall, Vasa Ship Museum and Frederiksborg Castle
- Luggage handling at hotels for 1 suitcase (subject to availability)
- Tour Director for Days 2 - 13

## TOUR PRICING

**Price with air/taxes/fuel from..... \$6295**

Price includes airfare from Mpls/St. Paul plus taxes/fees and fuel surcharge. Fuel and all taxes are subject to change and if needed, will be re-assessed in your statement prior to final payment. Inquire about airfare from your home city..

**Land Only from ..... \$4995**

Services begin in Bergen and end in Copenhagen

**Single Room Supplement.....\$1150**

## EXTEND YOUR STAY

Add an extra night in Bergen or Copenhagen, a 4-day Iceland Stopover, a visit to the Faroe Islands or sail south from Trondheim to Bergen on the Norwegian Coastal Voyage.

See page 13 for details or visit our website for additional pre- & post-tour options.

# NORWAY: SCENIC & HISTORIC

July 13 - 26, 2024

## HIGHLIGHTS

City sightseeing in Oslo, Røros, Trondheim and Bergen • Glass Cathedral • Farm lunch • Nidaros Cathedral • Stiklestad • Atlantic Ocean Road • Ergan Kystfort • Trollstigen • Briksdal Glacier • Aurlandfjord cruise • Flåm Railway

## ITINERARY INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare from Mpls / St. Paul, including taxes, fees & fuel surcharge
- 12 nights accommodations, double occupancy, with private facilities
- Daily breakfast [B], 2 lunches [L] and 9 dinners [D]
- 1st-class touring coach, train & ferries per itinerary
- City sightseeing in Oslo, Røros, Trondheim and Bergen
- Excursion to Briksdal Glacier
- Entrance fees to all sites including: Eidsvoll Manor House, Hamar Glass Cathedral, Ringebu Church, Stiklestad, Nidaros Cathedral, and Ergan Kystfort
- Luggage handling at hotels for 1 suitcase (subject to availability)
- Tour Director for Days 2 - 14

## TOUR PRICING

**Price with air/taxes/fuel from..... \$6695**

Price includes airfare from Mpls/St. Paul plus taxes/fees and fuel surcharge. Fuel and all taxes are subject to change and if needed, will be re-assessed in your statement prior to final payment. Inquire about airfare from your home city.

**Land Only from..... \$5395**

Services begin in Oslo and end in Bergen

**Single Room Supplement..... \$1325**

## EXTEND YOUR STAY

Add an extra night in Oslo or Bergen, a 4-day Iceland Stopover, a visit to the Faroe Islands or begin your Scandinavian adventure in Denmark, Sweden or Finland.

See page 13 for details or visit our website for additional pre- & post-tour options.



## ITINERARY | 14 DAYS



### DAY 1 SATURDAY, JULY 13

**Mpls/St. Paul—Oslo:** Depart on your transatlantic flight. To request alternate dates or for estimated airfare supplements from other US cities, please note on application.

### DAY 2 SUNDAY, JULY 14 [D]

**Oslo:** Arrive at Oslo Gardermoen Airport. Transfer to hotel in city center. Balance of day free to adjust to time change. Welcome dinner and overnight at the classic Grand Hotel.

### DAY 3 MONDAY, JULY 15 [B]

**Oslo:** Sightseeing tour of Oslo includes a visit to Vigeland Sculpture Park. Afternoon and evening free. Dinner on own. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 4 TUESDAY, JULY 16 [B,D]

**Oslo—Eidsvoll—Hamar—Lillehammer:** Drive to Eidsvoll, site of the signing of the Norwegian Constitution in 1814. Proceed to Hamar. Tour the unique Glass Cathedral, an architectural and technological masterpiece created to protect cathedral ruins from the Middle Ages. Continue to Lillehammer. View the sites of the 1994 Winter Olympics. Dinner and overnight at Scandic Victoria Lillehammer Hotel.

### DAY 5 WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 [B,L,D]

**Lillehammer—Røros:** Morning drive through the Gudbrandsdal Valley. At Ringeby, visit the stave church built in the 13th century followed by lunch at a local farm. Proceed to Røros. Dinner and overnight at Røros Hotel.

### DAY 6 THURSDAY, JULY 18 [B,D]

**Røros—Selbu:** Sightseeing tour of Røros, an old wooden mining town founded in 1644, listed on UNESCO's World Heritage list for its well-preserved buildings. Dinner and overnight at the Selbusjøen Hotel & Gjestegård.

### DAY 7 FRIDAY, JULY 19 [B,D]

**Selbu—Stiklestad—Trondheim:** Depart for Stiklestad, site of the famous battle of 1030 which led to the death of St. Olav and the acceptance of Christianity in Norway. Drive to Trondheim. Dinner and overnight at the Scandic Nidelven Hotel.

### DAY 8 SATURDAY, JULY 20 [B]

**Trondheim:** Sightseeing tour of Trondheim includes a visit to the Nidaros Cathedral, one of the most splendid cathedrals in Scandinavia. Afternoon free. Dinner on own. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 9 SUNDAY, JULY 21 [B,L,D]

**Trondheim—Molde:** Drive the Atlantic Ocean Road with the vast and boundless ocean on one side and majestic snow-clad mountain peaks on the other. Visit the fishing village of Bud and tour Ergan Kystfort, a defensive bunker built by the Germans during the occupation of Norway during World War II. Lunch. Continue to Molde, the "City of Roses." Dinner and overnight at Scandic Seilet Hotel.

### DAY 10 MONDAY, JULY 22 [B,D]

**Molde—Geiranger—Loen:** Drive to Åndalsnes. Travel the "Golden Route" climbing the Troll's Path with its steep and narrow hairpin bends and descending the Eagle Road to the famous village of Geiranger. Cross the Stryn Mountains en route to Loen. Dinner and overnight at Loenfjord Hotel.

### DAY 11 TUESDAY, JULY 23 [B,D]

**Loen—Sogndal:** Morning excursion to the sparkling Briksdal Glacier. Opportunity to purchase quality crafts and woven products at Audhild Viken's Weaving Workshop in Skei. Continue to Sogndal for dinner and overnight at Quality Hotel Sogndal.

### DAY 12 WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 [B]

**Sogndal—Flåm—Bergen:** Ferry across the Sognefjord. Drive through the world's 2nd longest tunnel en route to Flåm. Board the Flåm Railway. Enjoy breathtaking views as you ascend 2800 feet within 13 miles to the mountaintop station of Myrdal. Change to the Oslo/Bergen Line and continue by train to Voss. Meet the motorcoach in Voss and drive to Bergen. Overnight at the Opus XVI Hotel.

### DAY 13 THURSDAY, JULY 25 [B,D]

**Bergen:** Morning walking tour includes a stroll through the historic Hanseatic Wharf. Balance of day free. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

### DAY 14 FRIDAY, JULY 26 [B]

**Bergen—Depart:** Tour ends following breakfast. Transfer to Bergen Airport for return flight. Longer stays may be requested upon registration for a minimum charge of \$250.



# NORWAY'S FABULOUS FJORDS

July 20 - 31, 2024

## HIGHLIGHTS

Experience the Geirangerfjord, Sognefjord, and Hardangerfjord • City sightseeing in Oslo and Bergen • Glass Cathedral • Farm Tour with Lunch • Cruise the Geirangerfjord • Briksdal Glacier • Flåm Railway

## ITINERARY | 12 DAYS



### DAY 1 SATURDAY, JULY 20

**Mpls/St. Paul—Oslo:** Depart on your transatlantic flight. To request alternate dates or for estimated airfare supplements from other US cities, please note on application.

### DAY 2 SUNDAY, JULY 21

**Oslo:** Arrive at Oslo Gardermoen Airport. Transfer to hotel in city center. Balance of day free to adjust to time change. Welcome dinner and overnight at the Thon Hotel Bristol.

### DAY 3 MONDAY, JULY 22

**Oslo:** Morning sightseeing tour of Oslo includes a visit to Vigeland Sculpture Park and the Norwegian Folk Museum featuring the Gol Stave Church. Balance of day free. Dinner on own. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 4 TUESDAY, JULY 23

**Oslo—Lillehammer:** Depart Oslo for Hamar. Tour the unique Glass Cathedral, an architectural and technological masterpiece created to protect cathedral ruins from the Middle Ages. Proceed to a local farm. Along with a tasty lunch, you will receive an introduction to agriculture and farm life in Norway. Continue to Lillehammer. View the sites of the 1994 Winter Olympics. Dinner on own. Overnight at Scandic Victoria Lillehammer Hotel.

### DAY 5 WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

**Lillehammer—Geiranger:** Travel through the Gudbrandsdal and Otta Valleys to Lom. Visit the Fosseheim Steinsenter in Lom for a chance to explore the Stone Museum and shop in the jewelry gallery. Continue across the Grotli Mountains to the luxurious Union Hotel overlooking the Geirangerfjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2005.

### DAY 6 THURSDAY, JULY 25

**Geiranger—Loen:** Cruise the renowned Geirangerfjord from Geiranger to Hellesylt. Proceed to Briksdal Glacier. Ride the "Troll Car" to view the glacier and feel the icy waters of the river below. Continue to Loen. Dinner and overnight at Loenfjord Hotel.

### DAY 7 FRIDAY, JULY 26

**Loen:** Day free to relax at the hotel or experience the Loen Skylift for a view of the surrounding fjords and mountains. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

### DAY 8 SATURDAY, JULY 27

**Loen—Flåm:** Morning drive to Skei. Opportunity to purchase quality crafts and woven products at Audhild Viken's Weaving Workshop. Ferry across the Sognefjord and continue to Flåm. Dinner and overnight at the Flåmsbrygga Hotel.

### DAY 9 SUNDAY, JULY 28

**Flåm—Norway in a Nutshell—Lofthus:** Board the famous Flåm Railway, ranked as one of the top 20 train rides in the world. Enjoy breathtaking views and the thundering sound of waterfalls as we ascend 2800 feet within 13 miles from Flåm to Myrdal. Transfer to the Oslo/Bergen Railway and continue to Voss. Drive to Lofthus. Dinner and overnight at the exquisite Ullensvang Hotel, which offers a spectacular view of the Sørfjord.

### DAY 10 MONDAY, JULY 29

**Lofthus—Bergen:** Cross the Hardangerfjord on the recently opened Hardanger Bridge, which is one of the longest suspension bridges in the world. Tour and lunch at a local sheep and fruit farm. Proceed along the scenic Hardangerfjord enroute to Bergen. Dinner on own. Overnight at Scandic Hotel Norge.

### DAY 11 TUESDAY, JULY 30

**Bergen:** Morning walking sightseeing tour includes a stroll through the historic Hanseatic Wharf. Balance of day free. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

### DAY 12 WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

**Bergen—Depart:** Tour ends following breakfast. Transfer to Bergen Flesland Airport for return flight. Longer stays may be requested upon registration for a minimum charge of \$250.

## ITINERARY INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare from Mpls / St. Paul, including taxes, fees & fuel surcharge
- 10 nights accommodations, double occupancy, with private facilities
- Daily breakfast [B], 2 lunches [L] and 7 dinners [D]
- 1st-class touring coach, train & ferries per itinerary
- City sightseeing in Oslo and Bergen
- Excursion to Briksdal Glacier
- Entrance fees to all sites including: Norwegian Folk Museum, Hamar Glass Cathedral, and Fosseheim Steinsenter
- Luggage handling at hotels for 1 suitcase (subject to availability)
- Tour Director for Days 2 - 12

## TOUR PRICING

**Price with air/taxes/fuel from..... \$5995**

Price includes airfare from Mpls/St. Paul plus taxes/fees and fuel surcharge. Fuel and all taxes are subject to change and if needed, will be re-assessed in your statement prior to final payment. Inquire about airfare from your home city.

**Land Only from ..... \$4795**

Services begin in Oslo and end in Bergen

**Single Room Supplement..... \$1050**

## EXTEND YOUR STAY

Add an extra night in Oslo or Bergen, a 4-day Iceland Stopover, a visit to the Faroe Islands or begin your Scandinavian adventure in Denmark, Sweden or Finland.

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# SOGN/VOSS/ VALDRES

## Norwegian Heritage Tour

July 25 - August 3, 2024

### HIGHLIGHTS

Travel with a genealogist • Receive genealogical assistance • Opportunities to visit family heritage sites and farms • Visits to Voss & Valdres Folk Museums • Hopperstad Stave Church • Flåm Railway • Fjord cruise

### ITINERARY INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare from Mpls / St. Paul, including taxes, fees & fuel surcharge
- 8 nights accommodations, double occupancy, with private facilities
- Daily breakfast [B] and 7 dinners [D]
- 1st-class touring coach, train & ferries per itinerary
- City sightseeing in Oslo and Bergen
- Entrance fees to all sites including: Valdres Folk Museum, Hopperstad Stave Church, and Voss Folk Museum
- Genealogical assistance before and during tour
- Luggage handling at hotels for 1 suitcase (subject to availability)
- Tour Director for Days 2 - 10

### TOUR PRICING

**Price with air/taxes/fuel from..... \$5895**

Price includes airfare from Mpls/St. Paul plus taxes/fees and fuel surcharge. Fuel and all taxes are subject to change and if needed, will be re-assessed in your statement prior to final payment. Inquire about airfare from your home city.

**Land Only from..... \$4695**

Services begin in Oslo and end in Bergen

**Single Room Supplement..... \$725**

### EXPLORE YOUR HERITAGE

For information on genealogical research, please visit the Arne G. Brekke Bygdebok Collection at the UND Chester Fritz Library:

<https://apps.library.und.edu/bygdebok/>

<http://www.brekketours.com/about>



### ITINERARY | 10 DAYS



#### DAY 1 THURSDAY, JULY 25

**Mpls/St. Paul—Oslo:** Depart on your transatlantic flight. To request alternate dates or for estimated airfare supplements from other US cities, please note on application.

#### DAY 2 FRIDAY, JULY 26

**Oslo:** Arrive at Oslo Gardermoen Airport. Transfer to hotel. Balance of day free to adjust to time change. Welcome dinner and overnight Thon Hotel Opera, located in the city center.

#### DAY 3 SATURDAY, JULY 27

**Oslo:** Morning sightseeing tour featuring Vigeland Sculpture Park, the largest sculpture park in the world by a single artist, boasting over 200 pieces by Norwegian sculptor Gustav Vigeland. Afternoon free for independent exploration or opportunity for individual family heritage site visits. (Individual arrangements may involve extra charges.) Dinner on own. Overnight at hotel.

#### DAY 4 SUNDAY, JULY 28

**Oslo—Fagernes—Beitostølen:** Proceed to Fagernes via Jevnaker. Opportunity to purchase Norwegian glass/crystal at reduced prices at Hadeland Glassworks. Tour the Valdres Folk Museum in Fagernes. Dinner and overnight at Beitostølen Mountain Resort.

#### DAY 5 MONDAY, JULY 29

**Beitostølen—Sogndal:** Morning free for independent exploration or opportunity for individual family heritage site visits. (Individual arrangements may involve extra charges.) In the afternoon, drive to Sogndal. Ferry across the mighty Sognefjord. Dinner and overnight at the Quality Hotel Sogndal.

#### DAY 6 TUESDAY, JULY 30

**Sogndal—Flåm:** Morning drive to Vik. Visit the 12th century Hopperstad Stave Church, a replica of which is found in Moorhead, Minnesota. Continue to Undredal, a small community with 80 people and nearly 500 goats. It is home to the smallest church in Scandinavia, built as a stave church in 1147. Visit Eldhuset for an introduction to the tradition of farming in the mountains, as well as the making of goat cheese. Afternoon cruise on the Nærøyfjord and Aurlandfjord from Gudvangen to Flåm. Dinner and overnight at Flåmsbrygga Hotel.

#### DAY 7 WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

**Flåm—Voss:** Morning ride on the famous Flåm Railway, ranked as one of the top 20 train rides in the world. Ascend 2800 feet within 13 miles to the mountaintop station at Myrdal. Change to the Oslo/Bergen Railway and continue to Voss. In Voss, visit the Voss Folk Museum (Mølstertunet), a farmstead with buildings from the 16th century and a rich collection of folk art. Dinner and overnight at Fleischer's Hotel.

#### DAY 8 THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

**Voss—Bergen:** Morning free for independent exploration or opportunity for individual farm visits. (Individual arrangements may involve extra charges.) Afternoon drive to Bergen. En route, tour a farm that has been in the same family since the 16th century. Dinner. Overnight at Scandic Hotel Norge.

#### DAY 9 FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

**Bergen:** Morning walking tour includes a stroll through the historic Hanseatic Wharf. Balance of day free. Dinner on own. Overnight at hotel.

#### DAY 10 SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

**Bergen—Depart:** Tour ends following breakfast. Transfer to Bergen Flesland Airport for return flight. Longer stays may be requested upon registration for a minimum charge of \$250.



## REYKJAVIK & SOUTH SHORE

### DAY 1 REYKJAVIK

Morning arrival from the US. Transfer to Reykjavik via the Blue Lagoon. Enjoy a soak in the waters before arriving in the city. Overnight at Centerhotel Plaza or similar.

### DAY 2 GOLDEN CIRCLE TOUR [B]

Full-day Golden Circle small-group tour visiting Gullfoss waterfall, Geysir hot springs and Thingvellir National Park. Option to combine this tour with a thrilling snowmobile ride on a glacier, a trip to a lava cave, or a whale watching cruise. Return to Reykjavik. Dinner on own. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 3 SOUTH SHORE ADVENTURE TOUR [B]

Full-day South Shore small-group tour featuring a stunning boat ride on the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon. Pass charming villages in the south, Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss waterfalls, as well as Skaftafell National Park. Return to Reykjavik in the late evening. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 4 REYKJAVIK [B]

Early breakfast at hotel. Transfer to airport for onward flight.

*Itinerary can also be done as a stopover from Europe.*

Price per person from ..... \$1695

Single Room Supplement ..... \$605

Add a night in Reykjavik from \$205 per person.  
Alternative tours and activities are available upon request.

## COPENHAGEN / OSLO

### DAY 1 COPENHAGEN

Arrive in Copenhagen. Balance of day free. Overnight at Comfort Hotel Vesterbro or similar in the city center.

### DAY 2 COPENHAGEN [B]

Morning sightseeing tour of Copenhagen's major sights. Experience the changing of the Royal guards at Amalienborg Castle and photo stops at the Little Mermaid and the Royal Danish Opera. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 3 ROYAL CASTLE EXCURSION [B]

Full-day sightseeing tour outside of Copenhagen. Visit Kronborg Castle, made famous by Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Tour Frederiksborg Castle, a stunning example of Renaissance architecture and craftsmanship. Finally, make a photostop at Fredensborg Palace, the Royal family's summer residence. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 4 COPENHAGEN—OSLO [B,D]

Day free in Copenhagen. Afternoon departure on an overnight cruise to Oslo. Dinner and overnight on board (outside cabin). Inquire about cabin upgrades.

### DAY 5 ARRIVE OSLO [B]

Breakfast on board. Arrive in Oslo and disembark. Transfer on own to city center hotel.

*Itinerary can be reversed (Oslo to Copenhagen).*

Price per person from ..... \$1195

Single Room Supplement ..... \$565

Add a night in Copenhagen from \$180 per person.  
Additional sightseeing tours are available upon request.

## BERGEN / TRONDHEIM

### DAY 1 BERGEN—COASTAL VOYAGE [D]

Day free in Bergen. Transfer on own to pier. At 4:00pm, embarkation begins on Hurtigruten, "The World's Most Beautiful Voyage." Depart at 9:30pm for Trondheim. Dinner and overnight in unspecified outside cabin.

### DAY 2 COASTAL VOYAGE [B,D]

Sail north toward Trondheim with stops in Ålesund, Geiranger and Molde. Optional shore excursions are available. Dinner and overnight on board.

### DAY 3 COASTAL VOYAGE—TRONDHEIM [B]

Disembark upon arrival in Trondheim at 8:30am. Transfer on own to hotel. You may choose to join an optional shore excursion to Norway's national shrine, Nidaros Cathedral, the country's only Gothic-style cathedral, built over the burial place of St. Olav (Tryggvason), Norway's patron saint. Overnight at Scandic Nidelven Hotel or similar.

### DAY 4 TRONDHEIM [B]

Tour ends following breakfast at hotel or add a night in Trondheim from \$120 per person.

*Itinerary can be reversed (Trondheim to Bergen).  
Rates may vary due to flexible pricing for cruise.*

Price per person from ..... \$1150

Single Room Supplement ..... \$635

Add a night in Bergen from \$165 per person.  
Optional shore excursions are available upon request.

## STOCKHOLM / OSLO

### DAY 1 STOCKHOLM

Arrive in Stockholm. Balance of day free. Overnight at Clarion Hotel Sign or similar in the city center.

### DAY 2 STOCKHOLM [B]

Morning sightseeing bus tour passes the most famous buildings and views over the city. View city districts and famous sights such as Stockholm City Hall, The Royal Palace, Östermalm, Gamla Stan (Old Town), Långholmen and The Royal Djurgården on this tour. Afterward, step on board your boat and cruise past the most famous parts of the city. Afternoon free. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 3 STOCKHOLM [B]

Day free in Stockholm to explore independently. You may wish to visit Skansen (Sweden's oldest open-air museum), the ABBA Museum, take a lunch cruise to see Drottningholm Palace, or take a day trip to Sweden's oldest town, Sigtuna. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 4 STOCKHOLM—OSLO [B]

Depart Stockholm and travel through the Swedish countryside by train to Oslo (flight options are also available). Upon arrival in Oslo, transfer on own to city center hotel.

*Upgrade to 1st class train ticket from \$35.*

*Itinerary can be reversed (Oslo to Stockholm).*

Price per person from ..... \$595

Single Room Supplement ..... \$235

Add a night in Stockholm from \$120 per person.  
Additional sightseeing tours are available upon request.

# PRE- & POST-TOUR EXTENSIONS

## Independent Tour Extensions

Extend your time overseas by combining your escorted tour with an optional pre- or post-tour independent package! For additional travel options or to request a customized extension, visit us online.

Prices are per person and based on double occupancy.  
Prices & schedule subject to availability.



Iceland's South Coast



Copenhagen



Stockholm

# ICELAND COMPLETE

Tour A: June 11 - 20, 2024

Tour B: July 16 - 25, 2024

Tour C: July 30 - August 8, 2024

## HIGHLIGHTS

Gullfoss Waterfall • Geysir hot spring • Thingvellir National Park • Vatnajökull National Park • Snaefellsjokull National Park • Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon • Lake Mývatn • Dettifoss Waterfall • Goðafoss Waterfall • Akureyri

## ITINERARY INCLUDES

- 9 nights accommodations, double occupancy, with private facilities (please note hotels listed in itinerary are subject to change)
- Daily breakfast [B] and 5 dinners [D]
- Microbrewery visit and beer tasting in Breiddalsvík
- 1st-class touring coach per itinerary
- Roundtrip transfers via Flybus Shuttle (no guide)
- Whale watching cruise (3 hours)
- Entrance fees to all sites including: Fridheimar Geothermal Greenhouse, Stong Viking-age longhouse, Horse Show in Skagafjörður, and Bjarnarhofn Shark Museum
- Tour Director for Days 2 - 9

## TOUR PRICING

Land Only from ..... \$4595  
Services begin and end in Reykjavik

Single Room Supplement ..... \$1695

Add a night in Reykjavik from ..... \$240  
Per person based on double occupancy.

Airfare is not included but is available from Brekke Tours. To request a quote, please complete the air section of the tour application form or contact our office. Additional departure dates may be available.

## EXTEND YOUR STAY

Add an extra night in Reykjavik, a visit to the Faroe Islands or Greenland! Join a boat, helicopter or jeep tour to discover Greenland's amazing scenery & unique Inuit culture.

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## ITINERARY | 10 DAYS



### DAY 1 JUNE 11 / JULY 16 / JULY 30

**Arrive Reykjavik:** Welcome to the Land of Fire and Ice! Independent transfer (no guide) on Flybus shuttle from Keflavik International Airport to Reykjavik. Balance of day free to explore Reykjavik. Meet your guide and travel companions at an information meeting at the hotel. Overnight at Foss Hotel Reykjavik.

### DAY 2 JUNE 12 / JULY 17 / JULY 31 [B,D]

**Reykjavik—Golden Circle—Hveragerði:** Breakfast at your hotel. After a quick introductory of Reykjavik, drive to Thingvellir National Park. Continue to Gullfoss, the “Golden Waterfall,” and the nearby Geysir hot spring area to see the famous Geysir and Strokkur. The day ends in Hveragerði. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Ork.

### DAY 3 JUNE 13 / JULY 18 / AUGUST 1 [B,D]

**Hveragerði—Vik:** Explore enchanting Thjorsardalur valley and its ever-changing landscapes. View a replica of a Viking-age longhouse that was buried by a volcanic eruption of Hekla. Drive along the scenic South Shore. Stop to admire Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss waterfalls. Continue along Iceland's southern coast with its black sand beaches. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Vik located in Iceland's southernmost town.

### DAY 4 JUNE 14 / JULY 19 / AUGUST 2 [B]

**Vik—Skaftafell—Höfn:** Proceed over the Skeidararsandur sands to Skaftafell, a beautiful glacial area. Visit the stunning Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon and Diamond Beach, named for the shrinking icebergs that settle on the black sands before drifting out to sea. Proceed eastward, enjoying magnificent views of mighty Vatnajökull, Europe's largest glacier. Dinner on own in Höfn. Overnight at Hotel Höfn.

### DAY 5 JUNE 15 / JULY 20 / AUGUST 3 [B,D]

**Höfn—East Fjords—Egilsstaðir:** Drive from Höfn through Almannaskard pass, stopping to admire the majestic coastline. Head to the East Fjords with views of towering mountains plunging vertically into the sea. Pass through coastal fjord villages on your way to Egilsstaðir. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Hallormsstadur.

### DAY 6 JUNE 16 / JULY 21 / AUGUST 4 [B,D]

**Egilsstaðir—Lake Mývatn:** Feel the empty vastness of the highland desert plateau en route to the Lake Mývatn area. Stop at Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall. Explore the natural beauty of the Lake Mývatn area, including the pseudo craters at Skutustadir and peculiar lava formations at Dimmuborgir. Dinner and overnight at Laxa Hotel.

### DAY 7 JUNE 17 / JULY 22 / AUGUST 5 [B]

**Lake Mývatn—Akureyri:** Start the day with a visit to the magnificent Goðafoss waterfall. Afterwards, head to Akureyri, the colorful northern “capital” of Iceland. The town has charming buildings and beautiful view of the Eyjafjörður Fjord. Enjoy a 3-hr boat tour to view whales and other marine life in Eyjafjörður fjord. Dinner on own. Overnight at Berjaya Iceland Hotel Akureyri.

### DAY 8 JUNE 18 / JULY 23 / AUGUST 6 [B,D]

**Akureyri—Borgarnes:** Morning introduction to the unique Icelandic horse breed with its special fifth gait - the tolt. Proceed to Grabrok crater where you can walk to the top for an amazing view. Listen to the powerful rushing waters of Deildartunguhver, Europe's mightiest hot spring area. Dinner and overnight Hotel Hamar in the Borgarfjörður area.

### DAY 9 JUNE 19 / JULY 24 / AUGUST 7 [B]

**Borgarnes—Reykjavik:** Today, explore the amazing variety of natural landscapes in Snaefellsjokull National Park. The park's crown jewel is Snaefellsjokull glacier itself, which covers a dormant volcano that last erupted in 250 AD. See Kirkjufell, one of the most photographed mountains in Iceland. Visit Bjarnarhofn Shark Museum, where you'll learn about “hakarl,” the cured shark meat specialty that Icelanders have enjoyed since Viking time. Proceed to Reykjavik. Dinner on own. Overnight at Foss Hotel Reykjavik.

### DAY 10 JUNE 20 / JULY 25 / AUGUST 8 [B]

**Reykjavik—Depart:** Tour ends following breakfast. Independent transfer (no guide) on Flybus shuttle to the Keflavik Airport for return flight.



# GRAND TOUR OF ICELAND

Tour A: June 17 - 28, 2024

Tour B: July 1 - 12, 2024

Tour C: July 29 - August 9, 2024

## HIGHLIGHTS

Lava cave • Ferry to the West Fjords • Dairy Farm Visit • Whale Watching Cruise • Vök Nature Baths • Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon • Thingvellir National Park • Snæfellsnes National Park • Vatnajökull National Park

## ITINERARY | 12 DAYS



### DAY 1 JUNE 17 / JULY 1 / JULY 29

**Arrive Reykjavik:** The Flybus shuttle brings you from Keflavik Airport to Reykjavik. Overnight at Hotel Klettur.

### Day 2 JUNE 18 / JULY 2 / JULY 30 [B,D]

**Reykjavik—Golden Circle—West Iceland:** Depart Reykjavik for Gullfoss, the beautiful double “Golden Falls” and walk through the active geothermal area of Geysir. Visit the world heritage site of Thingvellir National Park before travelling along the scenic shores of Hvalfjörðurfjord. Overnight at Hotel Hamar in Borgarnes.

### Day 3 JUNE 19 / JULY 3 / JULY 31 [B,D]

**West Iceland—Lava Cave—Patreksfjörður:** Travel around the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, through lava fields and along the ocean with many photo opportunities. Follow the adventure of Jules Verne’s classic science fiction novel with a tour of a lava cave under the glacier Snæfellsjökull. Depart by ferry to the West Fjords. Overnight at FossHotel Westfjords in Patreksfjörður.

### Day 4 JUNE 20 / JULY 4 / AUGUST 1 [B,D]

**Excursion in Area:** Morning visit to the Folk and Transport Museum in Hnjótur. Continue through a very remote and sparsely populated region to the bird cliffs of Látrabjarg, the westernmost point of Iceland where you can see puffins. Overnight at hotel.

### Day 5 JUNE 21 / JULY 5 / AUGUST 2 [B,D]

**Patreksfjörður—Hvammstangi:** Travel to the majestic Arnarfjörður for a view of the Dynjandi waterfall, hailed as the country’s most beautiful. Visit Erpsstaðir, a family run dairy farm best known for their ice cream and various other dairy products. Overnight at Hotel Laugarbakki in Hvammstangi.

### DAY 6 JUNE 22 / JULY 6 / AUGUST 3 [B,D]

**Hvammstangi—Akureyri:** Today’s journey is a little bit of the beaten track, around the Vatnsnes peninsula. Visit Hvítserkur, a mass of igneous rock, about 15 meters high, situated on the seashore; and Viðmýri, one of the few preserved turf churches in Iceland. Afterwards, travel to Akureyri, the capital of North Iceland. Overnight at Sæluhús Studio Apartments.

### DAY 7 JUNE 23 / JULY 7 / AUGUST 4 [B,D]

**Excursion in Area:** Enjoy a whale watching in Eyjafjörður, Iceland’s longest fjord right below the Arctic Circle. Travel to Siglufjörður, known as the herring capital of the North Atlantic. Return to Akureyri. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 8 JUNE 24 / JULY 8 / AUGUST 5 [B,D]

**Akureyri—Borgarfjörður Eystri:** Explore Goðafoss, the waterfall of the Gods. Continue to the lava field Dimmuborgir and the crater Lake Víti. Travel to Dettifoss, Europe’s most powerful waterfall. Explore the northernmost fjord on the East Fjord mountain range before driving to Borgarfjörður Eystri, home to an extensive population of elves – judging by the 172 local folk tales involving elves. Overnight at Guesthouse Álþeimar in Borgarfjörður Eystri.

### DAY 9 JUNE 25 / JULY 9 / AUGUST 6 [B,D]

**Borgarfjörður Eystri—Höfn:** Enjoy a visit to Vök baths, a geothermal floating pools in Lake Urriðavatn where guests can soak in the hot water, within and surrounded by the lake. In the afternoon, see Vatnajökull, Europe’s biggest glacier that is visible all over Southeast Iceland. Overnight at FossHotel Vatnajökull.

### DAY 10 JUNE 26 / JULY 10 / AUGUST 7 [B,D]

**Höfn—Vik:** Visit Vatnajökull National Park which covers about 14% of Iceland, making it Europe’s 2nd largest national park in terms of area. Enjoy a boat ride amongst the floating icebergs on the glacial lagoon at Jökulsárlón. Cross a sandy desert before reaching Hotel Vik for dinner and overnight in the southernmost village in Iceland.

### DAY 11 JUNE 27 / JULY 11 / AUGUST 8 [B,D]

**Vik—Reykjavik:** Drive along Iceland’s south coast for a stroll along the black lava beach and bird cliffs. Visit the Lava & Volcano Exhibition Centre en route to Reykjavik. Farewell dinner in Reykjavik. Overnight at Hotel Klettur.

### DAY 12 JUNE 28 / JULY 12 / AUGUST 9 [B]

**Reykjavik—Depart:** Tour ends following breakfast. Transfer to Keflavik Airport by Flybus for return flight.

## ITINERARY INCLUDES

- Small group tour with maximum of 20 passengers
- 11 nights accommodations, double occupancy, with private facilities (please note hotels listed in itinerary are subject to change)
- Daily breakfast [B] and 10 dinners [D]
- 1st-class touring coach & ferries per itinerary
- Roundtrip transfers via Flybus Shuttle (no guide)
- Whale watching cruise on Eyjafjörður fjord
- Boat trip on Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon
- Entrance fees to all sites including: Thingvellir National Park, Snæfellsnes National Park, Vatnajökull National Park, Lava Cave on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, Folk and Transport Museum at Hnjótur, Erpsstaðir Dairy Farm, Herring Museum, Vök Nature Baths and Lava Center Museum
- Tour Director for Days 2 - 11

## TOUR PRICING

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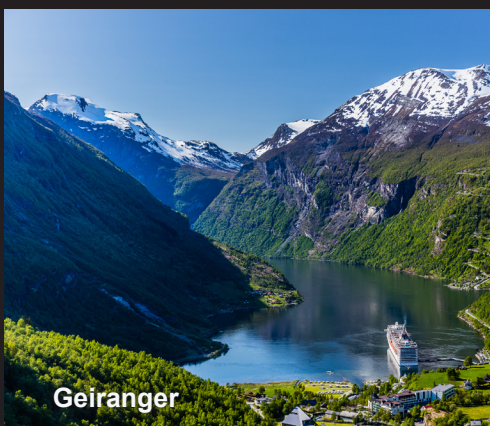
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## NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL DELUXE

- DAY 1 ARRIVE OSLO**  
Arrive in Oslo. Overnight at Amerikalinjen Hotel or similar.
- DAY 2 OSLO** [B]  
Day free for independent explorations. Overnight at hotel.
- DAY 3 OSLO—FLÅM** [B,D]  
Depart Oslo on the Oslo/Bergen Railway for Myrdal. Change to the famous Flåm Railway. Descend 2800 feet within 13 miles to Flåm. Dinner and overnight at the Flåmsbrygga Hotel, or similar.

- DAY 4 FLÅM** [B]  
Morning cruise on the Aurlandfjord and Nærøyfjord to Gudvangen. Return to Flåm by bus. Balance of day free for a number of different activities in the area such as hiking, biking, or kayaking. You can also choose to join a tour to Stegastein Viewpoint or ride on the Flåm Zipline. Overnight at hotel.

- DAY 5 FLÅM—VOSS—BERGEN** [B]  
Board the Flåm Railway and travel to Myrdal. Change to the Oslo/Bergen Railway and continue to Bergen. Overnight at the luxurious Bergen Børs Hotel or similar.

- DAY 6 BERGEN** [B]  
Day free for independent explorations. Overnight at hotel.

- DAY 7 BERGEN** [B]  
Tour ends following breakfast or sail to Trondheim on the Norwegian Coastal Voyage.

*Itinerary can be reversed (Bergen to Oslo).*

## SPECTACULAR FJORD ADVENTURE

- DAY 1 ARRIVE OSLO**  
Arrive in Oslo. Overnight at Thon Opera Hotel or similar.
- DAY 2 OSLO** [B]  
Day free for independent exploration. Overnight at hotel.
- DAY 3 OSLO—FLÅM—BALESTRAND** [B,D]  
Depart on the Oslo/Bergen Railway to Myrdal. Travel to Flåm on the Flåm Railway. Continue by ferry to Balestrand. Dinner and overnight at Kvikne's Hotel.

- DAY 4 FJÆRLANDSFJORD EXCURSION** [B,D]  
Excursion on the Fjærlandsfjord to Jostedal Glacier; Supphellebreen and Bøyabreen glaciers. Return by ferry to Balestrand. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

- DAY 5 BALESTRAND—BERGEN** [B]  
Board the Sognefjord Express boat to Bergen. Transfer on own to the Clarion Admiral Hotel, or similar, for overnight.

- DAY 5 BERGEN** [B]  
Tour ends following breakfast at hotel.

*Itinerary can be reversed (Bergen to Oslo).*

## GRAND TOUR OF NORWAY

- DAY 1 ARRIVE BERGEN**  
Arrive in Bergen. Overnight at Clarion Admiral Hotel or similar.
- DAY 2 BERGEN—VOSS** [B,D]  
Pick up your rental car and depart Bergen for Voss. Balance of your day is free to explore this charming community. Dinner and overnight at Fleischer's Hotel or similar.

- DAY 3 VOSS** [B,D]  
Today, enjoy a Norway in a Nutshell Excursion. Begin with a bus ride to Gudvangen. After lunch at the Viking Village, board the ferry for a cruise on the Nærøyfjord and Aurlandfjord to Flåm. Depart Flåm on the famous Flåm Railway. At Myrdal, change to the Oslo/Bergen Railway and return to Voss. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

- DAY 4 VOSS—GEIRANGER** [B,D]  
Depart Voss and drive to Flåm. Proceed through the world's 2nd longest tunnel from Aurland to Lærdal. Continue in a northern direction via Luster to Geiranger. Dinner and overnight at Union Hotel or similar.

- DAY 5 GEIRANGER** [B]  
Morning cruise on the Geirangerfjord passing the famous Seven Sisters Waterfall. Balance of day free to explore the area. Overnight at hotel.

- DAY 6 GEIRANGER—HÅHOLMEN** [B,D]  
Depart Geiranger by car up the Eagle Road. Continue to the Troll Road, one of Norway's best-known tourist attractions. Proceed to Håholmen, which is located on the Atlantic Road - a stunning drive, rated as one of the best road trips. Dinner and overnight at Håholmen Havstuer.

- DAY 7 HÅHOLMEN—TRONDHEIM** [B]  
Continue your drive on the Atlantic Road to Kristiansund. Drive to Trondheim, Norway's 3rd largest city. Overnight at Scandic Nidelven Hotel, or similar.

- DAY 8 TRONDHEIM** [B]  
Enjoy a full day in Trondheim. Overnight at hotel.

- DAY 9 TRONDHEIM—LILLEHAMMER** [B]  
Depart Trondheim and drive south toward Lillehammer. En route, you may wish to visit the wooden mining town of Røros. Overnight at the Scandic Lillehammer Hotel or similar.

- DAY 10 LILLEHAMMER—OSLO** [B]  
Continue your journey south to Oslo. Upon arrival in Oslo, return rental car. Overnight at the Thon Opera Hotel or similar.

- DAY 11 OSLO** [B]  
Day free to explore on your own or you can choose to join a city sightseeing tour. Overnight at hotel.

- DAY 12 OSLO** [B]  
Tour ends following breakfast at hotel.

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## NORDIC DELIGHT

### DAY 1 BERGEN

Arrive in Bergen. Overnight at Clarion Admiral Hotel or similar.

### DAY 2 BERGEN—VOSS [B,D]

Afternoon departure from Bergen by train on the Oslo/Bergen Railway for Voss. Dinner and overnight at Fleischer's Hotel.

### DAY 3 NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL [B,D]

Enjoy a full day experiencing the Norway in a Nutshell adventure. Depart Voss by bus for Gudvangen. Board the ferry for a cruise on the Nærøyfjord and Aurlandfjord to Flåm. Depart Flåm on board the famous Flåm Railway. At Myrdal, change to the Oslo/Bergen Railway and return to Voss. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

### DAY 4 VOSS – OSLO [B]

Morning departure by train for Oslo. Overnight at the Thon Hotel Opera or similar located in Oslo's city center.

### DAY 5 OSLO [B]

Morning sightseeing tour of Oslo includes Vigeland Park. Balance of day free to explore independently. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 6 OSLO—COPENHAGEN [B,D]

Morning free in Oslo. You may wish to visit the Historical Museum, Munch Museum or the Norwegian Folk Museum. Transfer on own to the pier for 2:15pm departure onboard a DFDS Seaways. Overnight cruise to Copenhagen (boarding begins at 12:45pm). Dinner and overnight on board in outside cabin.

### DAY 7 COPENHAGEN [B]

Arrive in Copenhagen at 9:15am. Transfer on own to hotel. Balance of day free to use your Copenhagen sightseeing card to visit sights around the city including Amalienborg Palace and the Little Mermaid statue. Overnight at the Comfort Hotel Vesterbro or similar.

### DAY 8 COPENHAGEN—STOCKHOLM [B]

Transfer on own to train station. Travel by train to Stockholm (inquire about airfare options). Transfer on own to Clarion Sign Hotel, or similar, for overnight.

### DAY 9 STOCKHOLM [B]

Morning sightseeing tour by bus and boat passes the most famous buildings and views over the city. View city districts and famous sights such as Stockholm City Hall, the Royal Palace, and Gamla Stan (Old Town). Afternoon free. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 10 STOCKHOLM [B]

Tour ends following breakfast at hotel or add a 3-day package featuring an overnight cruise from Stockholm to Helsinki.

*Itinerary can be reversed (Stockholm to Bergen).*

## AROUND ICELAND

### DAY 1 ARRIVE ICELAND—HVERAGERDI

Pick up rental car at airport. Drive along the Reykjanes peninsula towards the village of Hveragerdi for overnight.

### DAY 2 HVERAGERDI—BORGARFJORDUR [B]

Drive to Gullfoss waterfall and the hot springs at Geysir. Visit Thingvellir National Park, before driving through Hvalfjordsfjord to Borgarfjordur for overnight.

### DAY 3 BORGARFJORDUR—AKUREYRI [B]

Drive north through Borgarfjordur to the shores of Hunaflói bay and the horse breeding valley of Skagafjordur. Continue to Akureyri, the capital of the north for overnight.

### DAY 4 AKUREYRI—LAKE MÝVATN [B]

Spend the morning exploring the town of Akureyri. Continue your journey to the unique Lake Mývatn area. Stop en route to Mývatn to view the beautiful Godafoss waterfalls, which have a unique connection to Iceland's Viking Age. Overnight in North Iceland.

### DAY 5 LAKE MÝVATN [B]

Explore the wonders of Lake Mývatn and surrounding area, including the lava formations at Dimmuborgir or the volcanic area of Krafla. Overnight in Lake Mývatn.

### DAY 6 LAKE MÝVATN—EGILSSTADIR [B]

Drive north to the fishing port of Husavik, where you might stop to enjoy a whale watching boat tour. Head around Tjornes peninsula on the edge of the Arctic Circle. Visit Asbyrgi, a magnificent horseshoe-shaped canyon and Jokulsargljufur National Park. Proceed to Dettifoss waterfall before heading to Egilsstadir for overnight.

### DAY 7 EGILSSTADIR—HÖFN [B]

Drive south through the East Fjords, where towering mountains plunge vertically into the ocean. The journey continues to the town of Höfn where you overnight.

### DAY 8 HÖFN—KIRKJUBAEJARKLAUSTUR [B]

Drive to the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon before continuing to Skaftafell National Park. On to the picturesque village of Kirkjubaejarklaustur for overnight.

### DAY 9 KIRKJUBAEJARKLAUSTUR—REYKJAVIK [B]

Drive along the south coast, a sweeping landscape of sandy deserts and rocky shores to Reykjavik for overnight.

### DAY 10 REYKJAVIK [B]

Visit the Blue Lagoon en route to Keflavik Airport to return rental car. Services end upon arrival to airport.

*Add a 3-day package to your self-drive tour in order to enjoy more time in Reykjavik, or extend your time in northern Iceland with additional nights in Akureyri or Lake Myvatn. Other self-drive tour options are available upon request.*

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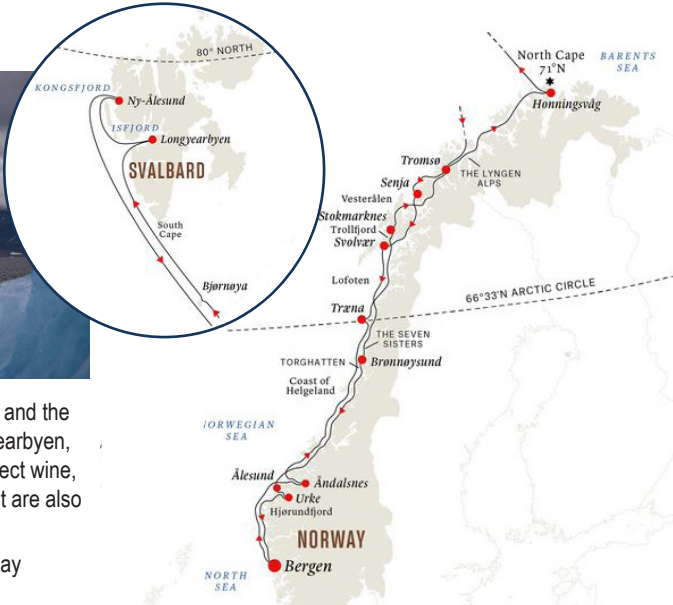


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