

Hanseatic wharf in Bergen

Tour Code: NOR23



Vikings, Trolls & Fjords:

Norway

SCHEDULED DEPARTURES

June 9 - 18, 2023



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Bergen Fish Market

Day 1: Friday, June 9, 2023 • Departure

Our tour begins with our departure to Bergen, Norway.

Day 2: Saturday, June 10, 2023 • Bergen

We arrive in Bergen this afternoon, where we meet our driver, and travel a short distance to the heart of the city and check into our hotel. After some time to freshen up from our flight, we have time to explore the beautiful and historic Hanseatic Waterfront, right outside our hotel. A stroll to the fish market will be a perfect way to stretch and relax after our flight. Dinner is at our hotel this evening. **D**

Day 3: Sunday, June 11, 2023 • Bergen

This morning a local guide meets us at our hotel and takes us on a panoramic tour of this amazing city. We are formally introduced to the Hanseatic Waterfront, learning about its fiery history and profound impact on the city. We also travel through a portion of the city by bus to see other sights, and to travel to Troidhaugen, home of Norway's beloved composer Edvard Grieg. We have the rest of the afternoon free to enjoy Bergen on our own, including a chance to explore one of the many restaurants. **B**

Day 4: Monday, June 12, 2023 • Balestrand

We depart Bergen after breakfast, traveling into the beauty of Norway's fjords. Today is a good day to watch for trolls, as we pass under mountains through dozens of tunnels and cross a few bridges. Our first stop is in Voss, for a chance to have a mid-morning coffee, or perhaps pay homage to the memorial of



Famous Flam railway

football legend, Knute Rockne, who was born here. We move on to Flåm, on the shore of the Aurlandsfjord. Here we board the world famous Flåm train and enjoy a round trip ride on one of the world's most scenic railways. Later this afternoon, we travel through the Lærdal Tunnel, the world's longest road tunnel, and cross the mighty Sognefjord, en route to one of the most beautiful hotels in all of Norway, Kvikne's Hotel in Balestrand. **B, D**

Day 5: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 • Geiranger

Our first stop this morning is at the Jostendalsbreen, a scenic stopping point to get close up to the fastest moving glacier in Norway. We then continue up the Fjærland road to Skei, where we stop at the best souvenir shop in Norway, run by the kindest shopkeeper. With our pewter and sweaters stowed in our bags, we then continue north to Hellesylt, where we board a ferry and spend an hour cruising on the most breathtaking fjord in Norway – the Geirangerfjord. We spend the night on the shores of the Geirangerfjord tonight, and after dinner, those who are willing, are welcome to a traditional swim in the fjord. Others are welcome to photograph the breathtaking plunge – and reaction. **B, D**

Day 6: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 • Geiranger

This morning we suggest a leisurely walk along the path from our hotel to the Norwegian Fjord center. This walk has 327 steps thru plateaus and high and airy viewpoints and close to the surging Storfossen (waterfalls). There is wild nature but probably not a troll to be seen on this walk. We suggest you do it leisurely.



Kvikne's Hotel in Balestrand





Frogner Park

For those not wishing to do that we recommend a spa treatment or relaxing by the pool. After lunch there is a tour to the Geiranger skywalk. This skywalk is located on the Dalsnibba Mountain Plateau and the platform gives you the highest fjord view from a road. It is about 5000 feet above sea level! We see the fjord, peaks and high mountain terrain and then have time in Geiranger to shop and have coffee before returning to our hotel for dinner. **B, D**

Day 7: Thursday, June 15, 2023 • Lillehammer

This morning we depart Geiranger and head southeast toward Lillehammer. The Trollstigen road and its eleven hairpin curves delight us as we drive to Lillehammer. Lillehammer is the home of the 1994 winter Olympics, and we might see some skiers out on the summer slopes practicing. We arrive in this quaint town in time for a late lunch and some shopping before we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. **B, D**

Day 8: Friday, June 16, 2023 • Oslo

Our route to Oslo takes us by Hamar where we view the upside-down ship. When we arrive in Oslo, we meet our guide who takes on a panorama tour of the attractions of the capital of Norway. Highlights include Frogner Park with its famous Vigeland Sculptures and downtown Oslo. We drive by Askerhus, Norway Resistance Museum, Radhus and the Royal Palace before heading to the hotel closest to the Holmenkollen ski jump. **B, D**

Day 9: Saturday, June 17, 2023 • Oslo

This morning we depart to Bygdoy and visit the Fram Museum to see the polar ship, and then the Viking Ship Museum and the Norwegian folk museum. At the folk museum we can see a Stave church with its beautiful artwork. A stave church is a medieval wooden Christian church building. This building might have first been built in the 13th century. We visit downtown Oslo where we can do our last-minute shopping before returning to the hotel for our farewell dinner. **B, D**

Day 10: Sunday, June 18, 2023 • Return

Sadly, this morning, we must bid our driver farewell, after we are transferred to Oslo's Gardermoen International Airport, where we board our flight for the return across the Atlantic. We bring with us memories of some of the world's most beautiful scenery, centuries old buildings, the history of the Vikings, and the friends we have met along the way. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast D=Dinner

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with a minimum of 20 participants

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Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

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(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ OR Single supplement: Yes No

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

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