



Vikings, Trolls & Fjords:

Norway

SCHEDULED DEPARTURES

June 18 - 29, 2020



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Bergen Fish Market

Day 1: Thursday, June 18, 2020 • Departure

Our tour begins with our departure to Bergen, Norway.

Day 2: Friday, June 19, 2020 • Bergen

We arrive in Bergen, 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: Saturday, June 20, 2020 • 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: Sunday, June 21, 2020 • Balestrand

We depart Bergen this morning, 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 football legend, Knute Rockne, who was born here. We then continue toward Stalheim and ascend the narrow hairpin turns of the Stalheim Canyon Road to the Stalheim Hotel. This historic hotel boasts the finest view in Norway and is a nice stop for lunch. We



Famous Flam railway

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**

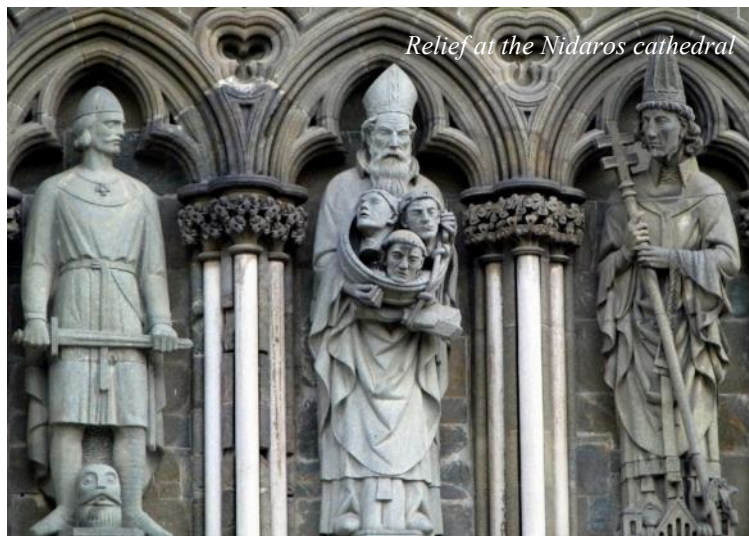
Day 5: Monday, June 22, 2020 • Geiranger

Our first stop this morning will be 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 one-hour cruising on the most breathtaking fjord in Norway – the Geirangerfjord. We spend the night on the shores of the Geirangerfjord. 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: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 • Molde

In order to depart Geiranger this morning, our driver has to ascend the steep, winding slopes of the Eagle's Road, into the mountains overlooking the Geirangerfjord. We then travel across the beautiful, rugged mountain plateau leading to the Troll's Highway, where our driver is even more challenged to descend this even steeper and windier road down a nearly sheer mountain face. We then take in more beautiful fjord scenery en route to Molde, famous for roses and jazz, and a breathtaking panoramic view. **B,D**





Relief at the Nidaros cathedral

Day 7: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 • Trondheim

We depart Molde and travel to Trondheim, the millennia old city, which was the original capital of Norway. Tonight, we enjoy dinner together. **B,D**

Day 8: Thursday, June 25, 2020 • Trondheim

Few large cities have managed to preserve their intimacy as effectively as Trondheim. An ancient city, it was founded by the Viking King Olav Tryggvason as early as 997. A local guide joins us as we begin with Norway's national shrine, Nidaros Cathedral - Norway's only Gothic style cathedral, built over the burial place of St. Olav, Norway's patron saint. After we marvel at the cathedral's incredible architectural details and exquisite works of art, we have some free time. Then we continue to the Ringve Museum of Musical History, where the history of Norway's music comes to life. This beautiful manor house was the childhood home of Norwegian naval hero Petter Wessel Tordenskiold and is surrounded by a wonderful botanical garden. The Museum is conveniently located just outside Trondheim and represents an idyllic spot to enjoy the beautiful views of both the city and the fjord. **B**

Day 9: Friday, June 26, 2020 • Lillehammer

We turn south today, traveling through the interior of Norway, via the Gudbrandsdal Valley to Lillehammer, home of the 1994 Winter Olympic Games. We visit the ski jump area and might even see some summer skiers working out on the slopes. **B,D**

Day 10: Saturday, June 27, 2020 • Oslo

This morning we enter Oslo, capital of Norway to begin our two days of sightseeing. Today we visit Bygdoy Island where we see the Kon Tiki Museum and the Viking Ship Museum. We also visit the Holmenkollen ski jump from where we have a beautiful view of the city. **B,D**

Day 11: Sunday, June 28, 2020 • Oslo

After breakfast, we continue to view the highlights of Norway's capital city. A highlight is Frogner Park and its famous Vigeland Sculptures. We have the afternoon free in Oslo, perhaps to buy that last souvenir or gift. This evening we have our farewell dinner at our hotel. **B,D**

Day 12: Monday, June 29, 2020 • Return

Sadly, we must bid Norway farewell as we transfer 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 friends we have met along the way. **B**

TOUR COST: \$4,975*

per person, double occupancy

Single supplement = \$725

with a minimum of 20 participants

Your Tour Includes:

- **Estimated Roundtrip Airfare** (Chicago to Bergen, return from Oslo) and related taxes, fees and fuel charges (estimated at \$1450)
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in 3 and 4 star hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
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- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour, except as noted below

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- Meals other than indicated above
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- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour manager
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. *(Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)*
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. *(This insurance is available and recommended.)*

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Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast D=Dinner

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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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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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- I wish to decline the travel protection plan offered through Travel Guard.

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

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