

Scandinavian Independent Tours 2014

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NORWEGIAN FJORDS 2014 (Oslo – Oslo, 7 nights)



Day 1: ARRIVAL OSLO

Arrival Oslo Gardermoen Airport, pick up rental car and drive to hotel for check-in.

Accommodation at Thon Hotel Europa or similar

Day 2: GEILO - LOFTHUS (232 miles)

Breakfast at the hotel after breakfast departure from Oslo, driving via Hønefoss along the charming Halling Valley to the tourist resort town of Geilo. Cross the wild Hardanger Mountain Plateau to Fossli, stopping to view the thundering Vøringsfoss Waterfall with a vertical drop of 180 m. Descend the amazing Måbødal Canyon to the idyllic Hardanger Fjord and along the fjord to the small village of Lofthus.

Dinner and accommodation at Hotel Ullensvang or similar

Day 3: LOFTHUS - BERGEN (106 miles)

Breakfast at the hotel and ferry crossing Kinsarvik – Utne – Kvanndal. Drive along the beautiful Hardanger Fjord, famous for its many fruit orchards, via the towns of Øystese and Norheimsund, arriving in Bergen around midday. Pick up your Bergen Card, giving you free entrance or discounts at museums, the funicular to Mt. Fløien, for the best views of the city and



fjords way below, regular city tours etc. We also recommend time to just enjoy the special Bergen charm at the popular Fish and Flower Market, the famous Bryggen Harbour with its gabled packhouses, and the old Hanseatic Quarter.

Accommodation at Thon Hotel Bergen Brygge or similar

Day 4: BERGEN - FLÅM – LEIKANGER (125 miles)

After breakfast departure from Bergen and drive via Dale to the town of Voss. Descend the Nærøy Valley, passing the Stalheim Canyon, to the fjordside village of Flåm. In Flåm, board your train for an exhilarating ride on the amazing Flåm Railway to Myrdal, a masterpiece of engineering ascending 2.838 feet in less than one hour. The descent from Myrdal to Flåm offers opportunities for photo shots of some exciting waterfalls and mountain scenery. After return to Flåm, short drive to

Gudvangen at the head of the Nærøy Fjord. In Gudvangen board the sightseeing boat for start of approx. 3 hours cruise along the narrow Nærøy and Sogn Fjords, the longest and deepest fjord in the world. From the sun deck or the comfortable lounge, you can enjoy the spectacular scenery of cascading waterfalls, sheer mountain cliffs, snow-clad peaks, and a variety of wildlife. Arrival Kaupanger and short drive via Sogndal to Leikanger.



Dinner and accommodation at Sognefjord Hotel or similar

Day 5: LEIKANGER -LOEN (91 miles)

After breakfast departure from your hotel along the scenic route and passing the Jostedal Glacier, the largest in Europe, to the village of Skei. Descend to the beautiful Nord Fjord, making a detour at Olden to visit the world-famous Briksdal Glacier. The journey up to the glacier will be made in open cars to give you the best of views. Afterwards continue to Loen.

Dinner and accommodation at Loenfjord Hotel or similar



Day 6: LOEN - HELLESYLT - GEIRANGER (62 miles)

Breakfast at the hotel and continue via Stryn to the picturesque village of Hellesylt. From here you go on board the ferry for the one hour's cruise along the spectacular Geiranger Fjord, possibly the most impressive of all the Norwegian fjords. During the cruise you will pass close by some magnificent waterfalls, such as the Bridal Veil and the Seven Sisters.

Dinner and accommodation at Hotell Geiranger or similar

Day 7: GEIRANGER - OSLO (260 miles)

Breakfast at the hotel and depart from Geiranger via the famous Serpentine Road, offering the opportunity to digest some amazing views of the fjord, before crossing the rugged Grotli Mountains to Lom, well known for its 14th century stave church. The tour continues via Lake Vågå, before descending the magnificent Gudbrands Valley to the popular tourist town of Lillehammer, Olympic City of 1994. Continuation along Lake Mjøsa, Norway's largest lake, back to Oslo and Holmenkollen, home of the world-famous ski jump, offering unforgettable views of the city and Oslo fjord way below.

Accommodation at the famous Holmenkollen Park Hotel or similar

Day 8: OSLO DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the hotel and drive to Gardermoen Oslo Airport to return rental car.

End of service

Distances are without ferry cruises etc. Please note also that roads are usually not highways or likewise, therefore we strongly advise clients to consider this when timing is decided.

Tour includes:

- * 7 nights' accommodation including breakfast in centrally located hotels
- * 4 dinners
- * Bergen Card
- * Flåmsbana train Flåm Myrdal Flåm
- * Cruises on the Nærøy and Sogn fjord, 3 hours, and the Geiranger Fjord, 1 hour
- * Excursion to the Briksdal Glacier in open cars
- * Domestic ferry (car + pax) Kinsarvik Kvanndal
- * Car rental class 'B' (type Ford Focus or similar), 8 days (192 hours) airport/airport Oslo **

** The minimum age to rent a vehicle is 25 years and drivers must have held a driving licence for at least 12 months prior to hiring the car. The price includes unlimited mileage, Collision Damage Waiver, Theft protection and tax. Petrol is not included.

Payment by voucher, but the client must <u>guarantee with own credit card</u> when picking up car.

Rate per person in double, base 2 pax: \$2,395.00 **Single supplement** \$600.00

Please note all rates and services remain subject to availability - no pre booking has been made.