

**The Southern Coast of Norway and  
the Hardanger Fjord 2014**  
**7 Days Self Drive Tour**



**Day 1: ARRIVAL OSLO**

Arrival to the airport of Oslo – Gardermoen. Pick-up your rental car, and drive to the centre of the city. We recommend a visit to the famous Vigeland sculpture park, the Viking-ship Museum where the best preserved Viking ships ever found are on display, the Fram Museum where the entire original Arctic exploration ship Fram is exhibited with its original interior and inventory, the Kon-tiki Museum which contains original vessels and objects from Thor Heyerdal's many expeditions or one of the many other interesting sights in Oslo.

**Accommodation at the Thon Hotel Europa or similar**

**Day 2: OSLO – KRISTIANSAND (204 miles)**

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, departure from Oslo and start the tour in the southern part of Norway, "The Norwegian Riviera". This stretch of coast has more sunny days per year than anywhere else in the country, making it a holiday paradise for Norwegians. Drive via Larvik, an attractive port town, which has a fine maritime museum, and continue to Kristiansand. Southern Norway's largest city is charming with its weathered old homes and pulsating summer atmosphere. The city was built by King Christian IV in 1641 in his characteristic chessboard layout featuring four town "quarters", the centre of the town is an attractive mixture of historic attractions and relaxed seaside atmosphere. Kristiansand's most popular attraction is Kristiansand Dyrepark, which contains five parks of different themes, including a Zoo, a water park and Kardemomme By (Cardamom City, inspired by the Norwegian author and illustrator Thorbjørn Egner).

**Accommodation at the Thon Hotel Wergeland or similar**

**Day 3: KRISTIANSAND – STAVANGER (169 miles)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Leave Kristiansand and drive to Mandal, 42 km south-west of Kristiansand. This is the southernmost town in Norway which is built on both sides of the Mandalselva river and has a country park of 100 hectares and two kilometres of sandy beaches within easy reach. The wooden church of Mandal, built in 1821 and Norway's largest, is worth a visit. Continue to Stavanger, the cosmopolitan town of the Rogaland region and Norway's 4<sup>th</sup> largest city. Visit the cathedral (the oldest cathedral in Norway) and Old Stavanger, where you will find Northern Europe's biggest and best preserved concentration of wooden houses, more than 170 houses built at the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> and beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**Accommodation at the Thon Hotel Maritim or similar**

**Day 4: STAVANGER– REGIONS OF ROGALAND AND HARDANGER (185 miles)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from Stavanger to explore the Rogaland region. Ferry Lauvvik-Oanes. Easily accessible from Stavanger is one of Norway's most famous sights: Preikestolen. (the Pulpit Rock), which is an awesome flat rock formation standing out almost 600 meters above the Lysefjord, whose sheer rock walls rise as high as one kilometer in places. Hiking up to the Preikestolen gives you an astonishing view of the Lysefjord from 600 metres above sea level. The tour up takes approx. 1,5 – 2 hours, and is very steep, so don't forget appropriate footwear. Continue towards the Hardanger region,



and take the ferry Hjelmeland-Nesvik. Arrival to the romantic village of Rosendal, located by the fjord and home of the Rosendal Baronial Manor.

**Accommodation at the Rosendal Fjord Hotel or similar**

**Day 5: ROSENDAL – BERGEN – EIDFJORD (200 miles)**

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning departure from Rosendal and drive to Utne. Travel by ferry to Kvanndal, and continue to old Hanseatic town Bergen, capital of Western Norway and gateway to the fjords, in the afternoon. We recommend a tour of Bergen; visit the Fish and Flower Market, the old harbour of Bryggen, and the Hanseatic quarters. It is possible to take a ride on the funicular up to Mount Fløyen to admire the magnificent views over the city and the surrounding. Departure from Bergen and drive by the shores of the Hardanger fjord, known as "the fertile fjord" due to the hundreds of thousands of apple trees lining the hillsides. From Bruravik take the bridge to Brimnes (not included) and arrival to Eidfjord, the innermost village in Hardanger.

**Accommodation at the Quality Hotel & Resort Vøringfoss or similar**

**Day 6: EIDFJORD – HØNEFOSS (175 miles)**

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, we recommend a visit to the Hardangervidda Natursenteret (nature centre), located within the Hardangervidda mountain plateau and one of Norway's largest national parks. Drive through the region of Hardangervidda and via the scenic villages of Geilo and Gol to Hønefoss. Arrival to Hønefoss. If there is enough time, we recommend a visit to the Hadeland Glassverk in Jevnaker, a famous glass production company and beautiful recreational area with possibility to buy Norwegian glassworks.

**Accommodation at the Comfort Hotel Ringerike or similar**

**Day 7: HØNEFOSS – OSLO AIRPORT DEPARTURE**

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

**End of service**

**Tour includes:**

- \* 6 nights' accommodation including breakfast in centrally located hotels
- \* The domestic ferries for car and passengers according to the program:
  - Ferry Lauvvik - Oanes
  - Ferry Hjelmeland - Nesvik
  - Ferry Utne – Kvanndal
- \* Car rental class 'B' (type Ford Focus or similar), 7 days (168 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 guarantee with own credit card when picking up car.

**Rate per person in double, base 2 pax:** \$1,670.00  
**Single supplement** \$ 500.00

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