

# WONDERS OF THE NORWEGIAN FJORDS

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1

#### DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN BERGEN

After arriving at Bergen - Flesland Airport, make your way to the charming **Bergen** city centre, where your hotel for the night is located. For those arriving early, we recommend spending the afternoon strolling the city and discovering the lovely sights of scenic Bergen. City highlights include the old wharf of **Bryggen**—a UNESCO World Heritage site, centuries-old houses, a vibrant fish and flower market and an interesting range of museums. For a good overview of Bergen, we recommend taking the “**Floibanen**” Funicular up the mountainside, which reveals spectacular views.

At 18:00, the group will meet for a welcome drink with the tour guide. This is the perfect opportunity to get acquainted with your fellow travel companions for the next 5 days. Tonight, you dine on your own in Bergen.

Spend the night at **Bergen Børs Hotel** or similar.

#### Included:

- Welcome Drink and Group Information Meeting with your Guide

**Attractions:** Bergen, Bryggen, Fløibanen Funicular (Funicular Railway), King Håkon’s Hall, Rosenkrantz Tower

### DAY 2

#### DAY 2: EXPLORING THE MAJESTIC FJORDS ROUTE

This morning the guide will meet you at the hotel and we will start the first leg of the trip by heading to Norway’s adventure capital, **Voss** and the beautiful **Tvindefossen** waterfall. Your journey will then continue to Sogndal along the Sognefjord—Norway’s longest and deepest fjord—taking in sights including the towns of Stalheim, before continuing to the beautiful **Aurlandsfjord**, where we will make a 3-hour stop. Here, you will experience the famous Flåm Railway, or **Flåmsbana**, a steep train ride between **Flåm** and Myrdal—a treat for photographers or train enthusiasts alike!

After a scenic drive, the tour will make a stop at **Stegastein**, where you can enjoy a panoramic view of **Aurlandsfjord**. End the day with local and fresh dinner at the exclusive and unique Bestebakken in Hafslø.

Spend the night at **Bestebakken** or similar.

#### Included:

- Flåmsbana Railway Journey - Return Tickets
- Visit to Stegastein Viewpoint
- Ferry on Lærdalsfjorden (30 Minutes)
- Breakfast: Continental Breakfast Buffet at the Hotel
- 3-Course Dinner at Bestebakken

*Driving distance approx. 238 km / 148 mi*

*Estimated escorted time with guide as a group: 9-10 hours (including 30-minute ferry crossing and 2 hour railway journey from Flåm to Myrdal)*

**Attractions:** Aurlandsfjord, Fjords in Norway, Flåm, Flåm Railway (Flåmsbana), Sognefjord, Voss

**DAY 3: SOGNEFJELLET NATIONAL TOURIST ROUTE & THE SKYWALK**

This morning we will visit **Urnes**, one of the oldest stave churches in Norway, which is included on UNESCO's World Heritage list. To reach the church we will board a ferry from the charming village of Svolvorn before making our way north along Lustrafjorden to the famous National Tourist Route "**Sognefjellsvegen**". This route is the highest and most impressive mountain pass in Northern Europe. The landscape reveals vast, towering mountains as it passes through the **Jotunheimen** national park.

From Lom, the tour heads to the **Dalsnibba skywalk**, which is Europe's highest fjord viewpoint by road. There you will enjoy sweeping views of Geiranger, as well as across to the mountains and the mighty Blåbreen glacier. Our journey then continues to the **Geiranger** village where you will enjoy dinner with the group.

Spend the night at **Hotel Union** or similar.

**Included:**

- Guided Tour of Urnes Stave Church
- Dalsnibba Skywalk
- Breakfast: Norwegian Breakfast Buffet at the Hotel
- Dinner at the Hotel

*Driving distance approx. 240 km / 149 mi*

*Estimated escorted time with guide as a group: 9-10 hours*

**Attractions:** Geirangerfjord, Jotunheimen National Park, Sognefjellet National Tourist Route

**DAY 4: EXPLORE THE MAJESTIC GEIRANGER FJORD**

After breakfast you can spend the morning on your own, exploring Geiranger until noon. With its fairytale landscape, Geiranger has a lot to offer for nature lovers like snow-covered mountain tops wild waterfalls, lush green vegetation and the deep blue fjord. You can go hiking, kayaking, go on a rib boat safari, relax at the nearby spa or visit the chocolate factory in town.

After lunch, we will start our journey to **Loen** with a 65-minute ferry through the UNESCO-protected Geirangerfjord where you see famous waterfalls like the **Seven Sisters**, the **Suitor**, and the **Bridal Veil**, along with abandoned fjord farms in the mountains. The sightseeing ferry ends in the small village of **Hellesylt** where we start the drive south towards Loen.

Upon arrival in Loen the group will enjoy dinner at Hotel Alexandra.

Spend the night at **Hotel Alexandra** or similar.

**Included:**

- Ferry Through Geiranger Fjord Including Audio Guide
- Breakfast: Continental Breakfast Buffet at the Hotel
- Dinner at Hotel Alexandra

*Driving distance approx. 61 km / 38 mi*

*Estimated escorted time with guide as a group: 5 - 6 hours (including 90-minute ferry crossing)*

**Attractions:** Geirangerfjord, Loen, Loen Skylift, Seven Sisters & Bridal Veil

## DAY 5: LOEN SKYLIFT & TWISTY ROADS

We will start the morning by boarding the magnificent **Loen Skylift**, a cable car that will transport us to the altitude of 1011 meters with amazing views of the fjord. Later, the tour will continue south towards Byrkjelo village where we will make a short stop for a rest.

The drive will continue south along the scenic lakes Jölstravanet and Hakedalsvatnet, before travelling the scenic route of **Gaularfjellet** where the road twists and turns through nine hairpin bends, revealing jaw-dropping scenery. We will make a short stop at Utsikten where you can admire the panoramic views of towering mountains and lush valleys.

Next, our journey continues to the historical hotel at **Balestrand** where you will enjoy the last group dinner.

Spend the night at **Kviknes Hotel** or similar.

### Included:

- Entrance to Loen Skylift
- Breakfast: Continental Breakfast Buffet at the Hotel
- Dinner at your Hotel

*Driving distance approx. 190 km / 118 mi.*

*Estimated escorted time with guide as a group: 7-8 hours*

**Attractions:** Balestrand, Gaularfjellet, Loen, Sognefjord

## DAY 6: JOURNEY BACK TO BERGEN

Start today with a visit to the Cider House, a family-run organic orchard and cider producer, located in the village of Balestrand. Here you can sample some cider and non-alcoholic beverages and have a tour of the farm.

After our visit to the Cider House, we will head back to Bergen, with a short ferry crossing from Balestrand to Vagnes. We will pass Vik village where you find Hove Church, the oldest stone building in the Sogn region. You will be driven over Vik mountain to Myrkdalen, the centre of agriculture for the region, where there lies a beautiful cultivated landscape. We will then return to Voss and continue back to Bergen, where you will spend the evening.

### Included:

- Cider House visit
- Breakfast: Continental Breakfast Buffet at the Hotel

*Driving distance approx. 195 km / 121 mi.*

*Estimated escorted time with guide as a group: 6-7 hours*

**Attractions:** Balestrand, Bergen, Sognefjord

## DAY 7: DEPARTURE

When it's time for your Norwegian adventure to come to an end, you can either take the airport bus from one of the many departure points in the Bergen city centre or you can take a taxi directly from your hotel to Bergen-Flesland Airport. If your flight is in the afternoon, you can choose to enjoy some last-minute shopping, visit one of Bergen's many museums or relax at a café, enjoying the last few moments of this amazing journey.

**Included:**

- Breakfast: Continental Breakfast Buffet at the Hotel

*Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

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