

# BEST OF THE NORWEGIAN FJORDS

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### DAY 1: WELCOME TO OSLO

When you arrive at Oslo's Gardermoen Airport, make your way into Oslo's city centre. Many travellers opt to take the express train to **Oslo** Central Station, but we can arrange a private transfer for you (at additional cost). For those arriving early, we recommend exploring Oslo by foot, spending the afternoon at sights including the **Royal Palace**, Akershus fortress, **Oslo City Hall**, Oslo Opera House, and the **Aker Brygge** area. Other notable attractions include the beautiful Vigeland Sculpture Park, the Viking Ship Museum and Karl Johans street.

Spend the night in Oslo.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Aker Brygge - Oslo - Oslo City Hall - The Royal Palace (Oslo)

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### DAY 2: RAILWAY JOURNEY TO TRONDHEIM

This morning you will head out early to Oslo Central Station to board the half-day (6.5-hour) journey aboard the Dovrebanen train. The train route passes over the **Dovre mountain** plateau through historic towns and nature preservations and includes great variations in terrain and altitude. The journey concludes with a steep, curvy descent down to the lowlands where **Trondheim** is located.

Spend the afternoon discovering Trondheim, including **Bakklandet**, an idyllic neighbourhood full of history and culture, **Nidaros Cathedral**, as well as other attractions such as the Ringve museum and gardens, Munkholmen and the Old town bridge.

Spend the night in Trondheim.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Bakklandet - Dovrefjell-Sunndalsfjella National Park - Nidaros Cathedral/Nidarosdomen - Old Town Bridge - Trondheim

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### DAY 3: EXPLORING THE COASTLINE OF NORWAY

Today, you will embark on a cruise that will have you discovering the maritime beauty of Norway. You will head to the Trondheim harbour to board a Hurtigruten cruise ship for the Norwegian Coastal Voyage\*. It will then set sail along the Trondheim Fjord and past Hitra Island.

Later in the evening, the boat will dock at the city of **Kristiansund** and the town of **Molde**. This journey passes through some breathtaking coastal landscapes, and the final port of the day is a stop in Ålesund, arriving at midnight, where you will spend the night.

Spend the night in Ålesund.

*\*Please note that we will book a ticket for deck space on board the Hurtigruten ship, a cabin is not included*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Ålesund - Hurtigruten Coastal Voyage - Kristiansund

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### DAY 4: FAIRYTALE IN ÅLESUND

Relax and enjoy the day in **Ålesund**, a fishing and ferry town with rich history. The town was rebuilt in 1904

after a large fire destroyed a part of the town, and is therefore distinctively different from any other Norwegian town, with its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture. The myriad of turrets, spires and beautiful ornamentation give the town its distinctive character, which is like something from a fairytale. Here you have the opportunity to visit the Atlantic Sea Park and enjoy stunning views over the town from the Fjellstua viewpoint.

Spend the night in Ålesund.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Ålesund

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## DAY 5: GEIRANGER FJORD CRUISE

Today you will explore **Geirangerfjord** by boat, taking a 120 km cruise through three fjords and spectacular landscapes. The Geirangerfjord features peaceful waters, majestic mountains and magnificent waterfalls, including the **Seven Sisters** and **Bridal Veil**. The cruise, which is 3-hours each way, includes a stop in Geiranger village for a few hours. Geiranger is as idyllic a location as you can imagine, with lush scenery and well-maintained walking trails. In the late afternoon you will take the boat back to Ålesund.

Spend the night in Ålesund.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Geirangerfjord - Seven Sisters & Bridal Veil

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## DAY 6: EXPLORE HISTORIC BERGEN

Today you will take a short flight from Ålesund to Bergen. After arriving at **Bergen** - Flesland Airport, make your way to **Bergen**'s charming city centre, where your hotel for the night is located. We recommend spending the afternoon strolling the city and discovering lovely sights including 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.

Spend the night in Bergen.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Bergen - Bryggen - Fishmarket - Fløibanen Funicular (Funicular Railway)

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## DAY 7: CAPITAL OF THE FJORDS

Continue to explore beautiful Bergen today. We recommend riding the **Fløibanen Funicular** to Mount Fløyen to enjoy panoramic views over the city or to take a cable car up Mt. Ulriken. Bergen is surrounded by 7 mountains so this is an ideal place for hiking. Bergen is also known for its museums that cover the city's history, architecture, music and art. We recommend visiting the Edvard Grieg museum and the KODE art museum, which is Scandinavia's largest museum for art and music. If you wish to explore the fjords further, optional fjord cruises are available.

Spend the night in Bergen.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Fjords in Norway - Fløibanen Funicular (Funicular Railway) - King Håkon's Hall - Maria Church - Rosenkrantz Tower

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## DAY 8: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL BY LAND AND SEA

Today will be an especially scenic day with a lot of travel. From Bergen, the early Bergensbanen train transports you to Voss, where you'll be transported by bus down **Stalheimskleiva**, Northern Europe's steepest stretch of road. After a thrilling ride around 13 hairpin bends, you will continue to **Gudvangen**. There, you will embark on a scenic 2-hour fjord cruise to **Flåm**, including a trip through **Nærøfjord**, the narrowest fjord in all of Europe. This UNESCO World Heritage site is perhaps the most breathtaking part of Sognefjord, Norway's

longest and deepest fjord, with its mighty peaks, tumbling waterfalls, and small farms dotting the mountainsides. Finally, the boat sails up **Aurlandsfjord** to Flåm, a charming village, where you will spend the evening.

Spend the night in Flåm.

*We recommend booking luggage transfer for the travel between Bergen and Oslo.*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Aurlandsfjord - Flåm - NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL® - Nærøyfjord - Sognefjord

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## DAY 9: THE FLÅM RAILWAY EXPERIENCE

Spend the early part of your day exploring the village of Flåm by following one of the many hiking trails in the mountains around the village. Later in the afternoon, you'll get to experience the famous Flåm Railway firsthand as it climbs 900 metres over a span of 20 kilometres up the winding track to the Myrdal Station. Here you will switch to the Bergensbanen train that carries you over the mountainous rooftops of Norway. This ride will take you through the charming villages of **Geilo** and Gol before concluding in Oslo, where you will spend your last night in this amazing country.

Spend the night in Oslo.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Flåm Railway (Flåmsbana) - Geilo - Oslo

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## DAY 10: DEPARTURE FROM OSLO

For transportation to Oslo-Gardermoen Airport, you can take the Flytoget express train from Oslo Central Station or book a private transfer through Nordic Visitor that will deliver you to the airport directly from your hotel. If your flight is in the afternoon, take the opportunity to do some last-minute shopping, visit one of Oslo's museums or just relax at a café reflecting on your Norway holiday.

*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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