

# NORWAY FJORD ROUTE BY CAR - CLASSIC ITINERARY

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## DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN BERGEN

After arriving at Bergen - Flesland Airport, make your way to **Bergen**'s charming 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 “**Fløibanen**” Funicular up the mountainside, which reveals spectacular views.

Spend the night in Bergen.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Bergen - Bryggen - Fløibanen Funicular (Funicular Railway) - King Håkon's Hall - Rosenkrantz Tower

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## DAY 2: EXPERIENCE THE FJORDS BY CAR

Start the first leg of your self-drive trip by collecting your rental car and heading to Norway's adventure capital, **Voss**, which is home to 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 reaching the beautiful **Aurlandsfjord** and the town of **Flåm**. We recommend stopping in Flåm and riding the renowned Flåmsbana railway, a steep train ride between Flåm and Myrdal—a treat for photographers or train enthusiasts alike! A stop at **Stegastein viewpoint** is recommended, where you can enjoy a panoramic view of Aurlandsfjord. You will then take a short ferry ride before driving towards Sogndal, where you will spend the night.

Spend the night in Sogndal.

*Driving distance: 237 km / 148 miles*

*Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Aurlandsfjord - Fjords in Norway - Flåm - Gudvangen - Nærøyfjord - Sogndal - Sognefjord - Stalheimskleiva - Stegastein Viewing Platform - Voss

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

Today you make your way north along Lustrafjorden to the famous National Tourist Route “**Sognefjellsvegen**”. This route is the highest and most impressive mountain pass in Northern Europe with a landscape that reveals vast, towering mountains as it passes through the **Jotunheimen national park** to Lom.

From Lom, you will continue your journey to **Geiranger** and pass **Dalsnibba**, which is Europe's highest fjord viewpoint by road. There you can enjoy sweeping views of Geiranger, as well as across to the mountains and the mighty Blåbreen glacier. Final destination of the day is Geiranger where you spend the night.

Spend the night in Geiranger.

*Driving distance: 233 km / 145 miles*

*Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Dalsnibba - Geiranger - Geirangerfjord - Jotunheimen National Park - Sognefjellet National Tourist Route

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## 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, lush green vegetation and the deep blue fjord. You can hike one of the many trails in the region, go kayaking, take a rib boat safari, relax at the nearby spa or visit the chocolate factory in town.

In the afternoon we recommend that you take a 65-minute ferry ride, with your car, 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 you drive south to **Loen**.

Spend the night in Loen.

*Driving distance: 61 km / 38 mi*

*Estimated driving duration: 2 hours and 30 (without stops)*

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

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## DAY 5: LOEN SKYLIFT & TWISTY ROADS

Get ready for an especially exciting drive today! This morning, we recommend boarding the magnificent **Loen Skylift**, a cable car that will transport you to an altitude of 1011 meters with amazing views of the fjord. Next, travel the scenic route of **Gaularfjellet** where the road twists and turns through nine hairpin bends, revealing jaw-dropping scenery, we recommend a stop at Utsikten where you can admire the panoramic views of towering mountains and lush valleys.

The final destination of the day is **Balestrand**, a village known as an art colony that inspired artists from all over the world for its wonderful light and breathtaking nature. In Balestrand we recommend a visit the Cider house, a family-run organic orchard and cider producer. After, you can do some hiking, relax by the fjord or join an optional rib boat safari.

Spend the night in Balestrand.

*Driving distance: 190 km / 118 mi.*

*Estimated driving duration: 3 hours and 30 minutes (without stops)*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Balestrand - Gaularfjellet - Loen - Sognefjord

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## DAY 6: JOURNEY BACK TO BERGEN

Enjoy a relaxed morning in the idyllic village of **Balestrand** by Sognefjord. Balestrand is a hiking paradise with numerous trails to explore to take in the beautiful natural surroundings. You will board a ferry for a short crossing from Balestrand to Vagnes, passing the village of Vik where you can find **Hove Church**, the oldest stone building in the Sogn region.

After the ferry docks, drive along Vik mountain to Myrkdalen, the centre of agriculture for the region, and an area of great beauty. Next, return to Voss and continue to Bergen, where you will spend the evening.

Spend the night in Bergen.

*Driving distance: 195 km / 121 mi.*

*Estimated driving duration: 3 hours and 40 minutes (without stops)*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Balestrand - Bergen - Sognefjord

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## **DAY 7: DEPARTURE FROM BERGEN**

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 Bergen's city centre or you can book a private transfer 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.

*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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