

THE CLASSIC FJORDS ROUTE

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DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN BERGEN

Arrive to Bergen Airport. For an easy and comfortable way to get to your hotel in central Bergen, we are happy to arrange a private transfer for you.

Despite being Norway's second largest city and a major cruise port, Bergen has retained the atmosphere and charm of a small town. Here you'll find 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, take the one-hour “mini-train” sightseeing tour through the city centre, including such sights as Maria Church, the Rosenkrantz Tower and King Håkon's Hall as well as a panoramic view of the city from the Fjellveien Road. If you arrive early, we recommend getting the Bergen Card, which provides free travel on all public transport, free admission to museums and sites and discounts on other attractions, sightseeing tours, restaurants and shops.

Spend the night in Bergen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Bergen - Bryggen

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DAY 2: DRIVING THE FJORD ROUTE

Collect your rental car in the morning in Bergen and start your self-drive leg of the trip by heading to Norway's adventure capital, Voss. There, you can try out one of the many thrilling activities the town and its hinterlands have to offer. Another option is a visit to the beautiful Aurlandsfjord, where you can experience the famously steep train ride between Flåm and Myrdal—a treat for photographers or train enthusiasts alike! Your journey will then continue to Sogndal along the Sognefjord—Norway's longest and deepest fjord—taking in such sights on the way as the town of Stalheim and Aurlandsdalen.

Spend the night at a hotel in Sogndal area.

Driving distance approx. 252 km / 157 mi.

HIGHLIGHTS: Aurlandsfjord - Flåm - Sognefjord - Voss

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DAY 3: GLACIER VIEWS & WATERFALLS

Drive along the Fjærlands Road towards the Jostedal glacier, mainland Europe's largest icecap, and make a stop at the Norwegian glacier museum. Then continue your journey along Lake Jølster and through Loen and Stryn to Hellesylt, where you will take the ferry over the Geirangerfjord, considered by many to be the most beautiful fjord in the world. This ride offers magnificent scenery and views of waterfalls like the Seven Sisters and Bridal Veil.

Spend the night at a hotel in Geiranger area.

Driving distance approx. 227 km / 141 mi.

HIGHLIGHTS: Geirangerfjord - Jostedalsbreen National Park - Seven Sisters & Bridal Veil

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DAY 4: OVER THE MOUNTAINS TO ÅLESUND

From Geiranger, drive up the steep and winding Ørnevegen, “The Eagle Road”, to Eidsdal, where you will take another scenic ferry ride to Linge. If you enjoy twists and turns, you will be very impressed with the drive up Trollstigen, “The Troll Ladder”, one of the most visited attractions in Norway. After passing the high mountains, continue to Ålesund. This captivating city was almost completely rebuilt after a great fire in 1904 and is therefore very different from any other Norwegian town with its Art Nouveau architecture. The myriad of turrets, spires and beautiful ornamentation give the town its distinctive character, like something out of a fairytale. Here you also have the opportunity to visit the Atlantic Sea Park and enjoy stunning views from Fjellstua.

Spend the night at a hotel in Ålesund.

Driving distance approx. 186 km / 115 mi.

HIGHLIGHTS: Ålesund - Mount Aksla & Fjellstua - Trollstigen

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DAY 5: ATLANTIC OCEAN ROAD TO KRISTIANSUND

Drive to Vestnes and take the ferry to Molde. Then head to the fishing village of Bud, which in the 16th and 17th centuries was the most important trading centre between Bergen and Trondheim. From there you will continue on the Atlantic Ocean Road, with the vast ocean on one side and majestic snow-clad mountains on the other. End the day in Kristiansund, a charming city built on five islands with beautiful views from its natural harbour.

Spend the night at a hotel in Kristiansund.

Driving distance approx. 179 km / 111 mi.

HIGHLIGHTS: Atlantic Ocean Road - Kristiansund

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DAY 6: THE CAPITAL OF THE VIKINGS

Continue north towards Trondheim, the “Capital of the Vikings”. The day is free for you to explore this vibrant port city that was once the capital of Norway during the Viking Age, back when the city was called Nidaros. Here you will find the remarkable Nidaros Cathedral—with architecture to rival Paris’s Notre Dame, as well as countless other attractions like the Ringve Museum and Gardens, the Trøndelag Folk Museum, the charming neighbourhood of Baklandet by the old wharf and much more.

Spend the night at a hotel in Trondheim.

Driving distance approx. 198 km / 122 mi.

HIGHLIGHTS: Nidaros Cathedral/Nidarosdomen - Ringve Museum & Botanical Gardens - Trondheim

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DAY 7: TRONDHEIM AT YOUR LEISURE

Enjoy another open day in Trondheim, Norway’s third largest city. If you’re looking for some relaxing activities today, you can take a short boat trip to the old fortress island of Munkholmen (“the Monk’s Islet”) or hop on the tram at St. Olavs gate in the city centre for a scenic 20-minute ride up to Lian in the Bymarka forest, offering panoramic views of the city. Trondheim also features an excellent selection of restaurants that specialize in regional dishes made with fresh local ingredients. And if you want to follow your meal with a good local beer, the Trondheim Microbryggeri is the place to go.

Spend another night in Trondheim.

HIGHLIGHTS: Nidaros Cathedral/Nidarosdomen - Ringve Museum & Botanical Gardens - Trondheim

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DAY 8: OVERNIGHT CRUISE ALONG THE COAST

Get an early breakfast at your hotel and then head to the city harbour to embark on the southbound Norwegian Coastal Voyage to Bergen. This highly-rated cruise gives you a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a different perspective of the fjords as you sail along the rugged coastline. Today's journey at sea takes you along the Trondheim Fjord and past Hitra Island, with brief calls at the coastal towns of Kristiansund and Molde.

Spend the night on board the cruise ship in a comfortable cabin.

Departure from Trondheim: 10:00

HIGHLIGHTS: Kristiansund

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DAY 9: MORNING AT SEA, AFTERNOON IN BERGEN

During the night, the ship calls at Torvik, Maløy and Florø as it weaves through rocky islets and stunning landscapes en route to its final destination—Bergen. Here you will disembark in the afternoon and enjoy some leisure time after returning your rental car. This is your opportunity to catch up where you left off on Day 1, and if you want a bird's eye view of this colourful city and the surrounding fjords, we suggest taking a ride up to the top of Mount Fløyen on the Fløibanen cable cars.

Spend the night at a hotel in Bergen.

Arrival to Bergen: 14:30

HIGHLIGHTS: Bergen

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DAY 10: DEPARTURE

For transportation to Bergen-Flesland Airport, you can take the airport bus (Flybussen) from one of the various departure points in the city centre or you can take a taxi directly from your hotel. If your flight is in the afternoon, you have the opportunity to do some last-minute shopping, visit one of Bergen's museums or enjoy a relaxing lunch at a café after this amazing journey.

HIGHLIGHTS: Bergen

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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