

NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL® AND THE SUNNY SIDE

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DAY 1: WELCOME TO THE CAPITAL OF NORWAY

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

If you arrive early, we suggest buying an Oslo Pass for free travel on all public transit along with free admission to over 30 museums and attractions plus special offers on entertainment, restaurants, shops and more. The pass can be purchased at tourist information centres or at most hotels and major attractions in the city.

Spend the night at a hotel in central Oslo.

HIGHLIGHTS: Oslo

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DAY 2: HIGHLIGHTS OF OSLO

Today is your opportunity to dive deeper into the attractions of Oslo. For a good—and relaxing—overview of the capital city, join an optional sightseeing tour and see many of Oslo's most popular sights, like the Holmenkollen Ski Jump and Ski Museum, the Viking Ship Museum, the Vigeland Sculpture Park, the Royal Palace, the Polar ship "Fram", Akershus Fortress and more. Or check out the local vibes on the main shopping street, Bogstadveien, or just relax in one of Oslo's many peaceful parks.

Spend the night in Oslo.

HIGHLIGHTS: Holmenkollen Ski Jump & Museum - The Royal Palace (Oslo) - The Viking Ship Museum

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DAY 3: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL® - PART ONE

Get an early start and head to Oslo Central Station, where you'll commence the Norway in a Nutshell® railway journey towards Bergen. This train ride, voted one of the 20 best in the world, takes you over Norway's "mountainous rooftop" and through charming villages like Gol and Geilo. In Myrdal, you'll switch trains to the Flåm Railway for an incredible 20 km ride with a 900-metre descent to the beautiful village of Flåm. Here, you'll have free admission to the Flåm Railway Documentation Centre, located right beside Flåm Station, where you can learn about the construction of the world's steepest railway line.

Spend the night in Flåm.*

**Due to limited available accommodation in Flåm adjustments to the itinerary may be necessary.*

Departure from Oslo: 08:11

Arrival to Flåm: 14:25

We recommend that you book luggage transfer for the Norway in a Nutshell® part of your travel. Your luggage will be picked up in Oslo and will be waiting for you upon arrival in Bergen. Pack an overnight bag if you spend the night in Flåm. Price per item is €40.

HIGHLIGHTS: Flåm - Flåm Railway (Flamsbana) - Geilo

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DAY 4: NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL® - PART TWO

From Flåm, you'll be transported by boat onto the Aurlandsfjord and into the World Heritage-listed Nærøfjord, the narrowest fjord in Europe. This is perhaps the most beautiful and wildest arm of the Sognefjord, with its tall mountains, mighty waterfalls and small farms clinging to the steep mountainsides. The boat will then take you to Gudvangen, and from there you'll be transported by bus up Stalheimskeiva, Northern Europe's steepest stretch of road, which winds through 13 hairpin bends on its way up to Stalheim Hotel. After pausing for a bit to enjoy the beautiful panoramic view at the hotel, you will continue to Voss, where you'll board the train for the last stretch to Bergen.

Spend the night in Bergen.

Departure from Flåm: 15:10

Arrival to Bergen: 20:34

HIGHLIGHTS: Aurlandsfjord - Nærøfjord - Sognefjord

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DAY 5: THE CAPITAL OF THE FJORDS

Despite being an international city, Bergen, "The Capital of the Fjords", has the atmosphere and charm of a small town. Here you'll find Bryggen, listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage site; exceptional old houses; the vibrant fish and flower market; cable cars offering stunning views; great museums, and more. We suggest the one-hour mini-train sightseeing tour through the city centre.

Spend the night in central Bergen.

HIGHLIGHTS: Bergen - Bryggen

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DAY 6: SOUTH TO STAVANGER

Get an early breakfast and then head to the Bergen Bus terminal, located in the city center. There you will board the Coastal bus, which takes you along the rugged West coast of Norway, through fjords and islands to Stavanger. Sit back and enjoy the scenery from the bus. The bus ride includes two ferry crossings, where you can stretch your legs, visit the cafeteria and enjoy the view from the passenger deck.

HIGHLIGHTS: Stavanger

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DAY 7: STAVANGER & PULPIT ROCK

This fourth-largest city in Norway is a favourite among visitors with its lively city centre, timbered Old town (Gamle Stavanger) and historic harbour area. Here you will find all sorts of interesting museums and attractions along with great restaurants and cafes. And not far from Stavanger is the gorgeous Lysefjord, which includes the famous natural landmarks of the Pulpit Rock (Preikestolen) and Kjerag Mountain with its dare-devil photo spot, the Kjeragbolten boulder. These impressive sights are accessible on optional tours that depart daily in summer from the city centre.

Spend another night in Stavanger.

HIGHLIGHTS: Lysefjord - Pulpit Rock (Preikestolen)

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DAY 8: RELAXING RIDE TO KRISTIANSAND

Today's train ride on the Southern Line from Stavanger to Kristiansand takes you through grassy fields, rolling hills, small lakes, woodlands, moors and small rural communities. These beautiful landscapes are characteristic of the south-western parts of Norway, making this journey truly pleasant and relaxing. After arriving to Kristiansand in the afternoon, spend the rest of the day at your leisure.

Spend the night in Kristiansand.

Departure to Stavanger: 10:32

Arrival to Kristiansand: 13:47

HIGHLIGHTS: Kristiansand

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DAY 9: THE CAPITAL OF SOUTHERN NORWAY

This is a free day to explore Kristiansand, the country's fifth largest city and the cultural and commercial centre of Southern Norway. Offering a delightful mixture of old and new, this city has a variety of interesting sights like the fish market at the lively quayside, the Christiansholm Fortress and the charming old town with its little wooden houses, located just a short walk from the city's main shopping street, Markens gate.

Spend another night in Kristiansand.

HIGHLIGHTS: Christiansholm Fortress - Markens Gate

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DAY 10: THROUGH THE SUNNY SIDE TO OSLO

For your return journey to Oslo today, the train takes you through the inner parts of South-eastern Norway, often called "The Sunny Side", crossing small valleys and rivers on its way. This is a great time to sit back, enjoy the comforts of travelling by train and let the impressions from your enjoyable holiday sink in.

Back in Oslo, enjoy the rest of the evening as you wish, perhaps with a gourmet dinner at one of the city's fine restaurants to commemorate your last night in Norway.

Departure from Kristiansand: 09:13

Arrival to Oslo: 13:58

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DAY 11: DEPARTURE FROM OSLO

For transportation to Oslo-Gardermoen Airport, you can take the Flytoget express train from Oslo Central Station or a taxi directly from your hotel. If your flight is in the afternoon, take the opportunity to do some last-minute shopping, a visit one of Oslo's museums or a relaxing lunch at a café after 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.