

CULTURAL WALKING ADVENTURE

# Norway

## Oslo, Jostedal & Bergen

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TRAVEL + LEISURE

## Mountains, Fjords & Glaciers

There is no finer place to celebrate summer than the fjords of Norway. Whether you're cruising the bright blue waters...walking on glaciers that carved the mind-boggling fjords...or exploring remote villages that cling to the shores, you will gain a wonderful sense of how climate and topography influence history, culture and daily life. Along the way, we feast on fish fresh from the North Sea with tart lingonberries for dessert. We wander lush wildflower meadows—and go for after-dinner strolls in the late-night sunlight. Of course, there are constant reminders of the Vikings, whose descendants are warm and supremely hospitable. Your visit includes stays in both Oslo and Bergen, cities that contain more forest than streetscape. From a 900-year-old rural church to the museum that houses the works of Edvard Munch, this week brings you in touch with an incredible array of Norwegian experiences.

## The Classic Journeys Difference

- ACTIVE HIKING & WALKING
- LOCAL WELL-CONNECTED GUIDES
- PREMIERE HOTELS
- FOODIE FOCUSED
- HANDCRAFTED TRIP DESIGN
- MORE IS INCLUDED

## What's Included

- All breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to tastings, historic sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

## Above & Beyond Benefits

### → INVISIBLE CHECK-IN

When your group arrives, we whisk you and your bags to your room immediately. No waiting – no tipping.

### → PRIVILEGED ACCESS EVENTS

One-of-a-kind access to remarkable people, places and activities arranged just for you.

## Terrain

Easy to moderate on good trails and coastal paths. An average of 2 to 3 hours of walking per day.

DAY 1 »

## Oslo

Norway's capital is spectacularly situated at the inland tip of a fjord that extends to the North Sea. Exploring on foot at eye level, you'll gain insight into the city's rich history as well as the modern-day projects such as "The Opera Quarter". Walk to the rooftop of the Opera House with your expert local guide leading the way. Together you'll make your way through the lively streetscapes that range from the medieval Akershus Castle to 17th-century Renaissance buildings to the brash contemporary architecture for which Scandinavia is so well known.

Norwegians are justifiably proud of their maritime history (did you know that Norway has the second longest coastline in the world?) and you'll experience that firsthand on a ferry ride to the Fram and Maritime museums. Here you'll see the iconic vessels up close and learn how Norwegians were leaders in polar exploration. You'll get a sense of those daring adventures when you step aboard the Polar Ship Fram, seeing first-hand the many ancient artifacts and fascinating exhibits all around you.

Head back outdoors and up above the city, to the Holmenkollen Ski Jump. Marvel at the panoramic views from the Olympic site. Then, raise a glass in a toast to the fjords below you as you say "vel bekomme", which means enjoy your meal in Norwegian.

MEALS: D      OVERNIGHT: OSLO

DAY 2 »

## The Flåm Railway

In western Norway, the landscape takes on an awesome beauty with iridescent glaciers, deep fjords that slash into snowcapped mountains, roaring waterfalls, and secluded valleys that lie at the end of twisting paths.

After breakfast, depart Oslo by train on the Bergen Railway, where you'll pass by Hardangervidda National Park along the way. In Myrdal, you'll board the famous Flåm Railway, celebrated as one of the most spectacular train rides in the world. Cinematic views include snow-capped mountains, thundering waterfalls and pastoral green meadows.

Hop aboard a boat at the tip of Nærøyfjord, one of the narrowest fjords in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage site. As you cruise its pristine waters, enjoy views of traditional farms, grazing goats scattered among the green valleys, and seals sunning on rocks. Continue across the Sognefjord, the largest in Norway. Late afternoon, arrive in the village of Luster, surrounded by scenic mountains and waterways.

MEALS: B, D      OVERNIGHT: NES, LUSTER

DAY 3 »

## Jostedal Glacier

This morning, drive to the deepest reaches of the Jostedal Valley, a spectacular landscape created by glaciers from the last Ice Age. Seasonally, join our local guide by kayak or zodiac to explore the glacier-fed lake. The glacier calves into this body of water, tinted a vivid blue, so that you can get right up close to the fantastical shapes and shards of ice that float here.

After making your way across the lake, our highly trained glacier guides will outfit you with crampons and safety gear so that you can enjoy an 'only with Classic Journeys' walk on the tongue of the glacier. Like so many others, the glacier is receding at a historically rapid rate, but this river of ice is still a natural spectacle on an awesome scale. After a stimulating outdoor day, return to the hotel for some downtime and a relaxing dinner.

MEALS: B, L, D      OVERNIGHT: NES, LUSTER

DAY 4 »

## Navarsete & Farm Visit

This morning you'll make a short journey to Navarsete for a scenic walk that follows small rushing rivers and intersects a number of waterfalls along the way. Stroll along the footpaths in picturesque pastures and enjoy an alfresco picnic lunch of local specialties.

Following your nature walk, head to a local farm where sheep dot the rolling hills all around you. You'll be introduced to our friend and invited into their impressive greenhouse. Learn all about the flora and fauna of Norway, as well as their agricultural history during an engaging visit. This farm supplies fresh vegetables to the locals and to the hotels in town (so you've already tasted them during your recent meals) but enjoy sampling some fresh produce and cheeses as your hosts share stories of rural life on their farm.

MEALS: B,L,D      OVERNIGHT: NES, LUSTER

DAY 5 »

## Urnes / Bergen

From the village's docks, a small ferry transports you across the fjord for a walk up to Urnes Stave Church. Perched high above the water, the church—built in the early 12th Century—is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built entirely of wood, it is a remarkable blend of Viking and Christian architecture and is the oldest structure of its kind still standing. Emerging from its richly carved interior to take in the commanding vistas all around, you'll get a clear sense of how little Norway's interior region has changed in nine centuries.

Continue your walk while breathing in the fresh mountain air and enjoying the jaw-dropping views over the mountains. Following lunch, board a catamaran to Bergen. Along the way, you'll sail out the majestic Sognefjord (Norway's longest fjord), past the villages and old trade centers along the way, seeing how the surroundings change from mountain and fjord landscape to the rugged coast. You can even look straight out to the North Sea at Sognesjøen as you cruise between islands.

On arrival in Bergen, head out from the heart of the city up to Mt. Fløyen on a funicular ride. Atop the mountain, admire the sunset and panoramic views over the city and out to sea. Invigorated by the mountain air, return to your perfectly-sited hotel on a leisurely walk into town.

MEALS: B

OVERNIGHT: BERGEN

DAY 6 »

## Bergen

This morning, explore Bergen's fascinating history and architecture on a guided walk. Make your way toward the bustling harborside fish market to stroll among the weather-beaten fishmongers and fishermen. On the eastern side of the harbor, enter the Hanseatic Quarter of Bryggen. Walk past the wooden warehouses whose stately gables overlook narrow cobblestone alleyways that lead to quaint courtyards, while your guide shares stories and anecdotes of this UNESCO historical and cultural district.

This afternoon, savor a lunch of local specialties before parting company at your hotel in Bergen. Flights depart in the early evening, so you can seamlessly reach Oslo for connecting homeward-bound flights.

MEALS: B,L



## Tour Hotels



### Bristol Hotel Oslo

In the heart of Oslo, this hotel has greeted guests since 1920. It's an easy walk to favorite sites such as Karl Johans gate, the Royal Palace and the waterfront area known as Aker Brygge. Public spaces recall the hotel's gracious heritage.

NIGHTS: 1 nights



### Nes Gard

Located in the heart of the Sognefjord with stunning views of waterfalls and surrounding mountains. The guest house is a charming buildings with traditional architecture and interior, combining atmosphere with modern facilities.

NIGHTS: 3 nights



### Bergen Børs

Located on the upper floors of the old stock exchange, this exciting hotel is in the heart of Bergen, near the harbor and the city's fish market. The rooms are decorated in comfortable Scandinavian style. The restaurant is one of the best in the city.

NIGHTS: 1 nights

# Arrival & Departure

## → ARRIVAL DETAILS

START LOCATION: **Lobby of Hotel Bristol**  
START CITY: **Oslo**  
START TIME: **10:00 AM**

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## → DEPARTURE DETAILS

END LOCATION: **Lobby of Hotel**  
END CITY: **Bergen**  
END TIME: **2:00 PM**