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# NORWEGIAN FJORD EXPLORER

TOUR 6920—11 days from Oslo to Oslo

Priced From \$2,149<sup>US</sup>

## YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

Individual headsets 

**SIGHTSEEING:** Visits to Arendal, Kristiansand, Mandal, Lyngdal, Flekkefjord, Farsund, Stavanger, Bergen, Flåm scenic train ride, Sognefjord cruise, Loen, Dalsnibba, Skywalk, Geiranger, Lillehammer, Hamar

■ Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description including admission charges where applicable.

**GUIDES:** Local Guides for city sightseeing in Oslo; professional Tour Director while touring

**SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS:** Sørlandet, Lista region, Troll's Road

**TRANSPORTATION:** Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach; ferry crossing; Voss-Flåm train; Sognefjord cruise

**HOTELS:** Listed below or equivalent. Rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, portorage, tips and service charges

**OSLO** Scandic Solli (F) or Comfort Borsparken (ST), **KRISTIANSAND** Scandic Sørlandet (ST), **STAVANGER** Scandic Forum (F), **BERGEN** Thon Bristol (ST) or Augustin (ST), **SOGNEFJORD AREA** Lindstrøm (ST) at Laerdal, **GEIRANGER** Union (F) or Geiranger (ST), **LILLEHAMMER** First Breiseth (ST) or Clarion Hammer (F), **OSLO** Scandic Vulkan (F) or Comfort Borsparken (ST)

**MEALS:** Buffet breakfasts (B) daily; 4 dinners (D)

**MyACCOUNT:** Personalise your tour ahead of time with additional excursions. Visit our website for details and conditions.



STAVANGER

### Day 1, Sat. ARRIVE IN OSLO, NORWAY.

Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free to start exploring Oslo, bustling capital of this land of fjords, mountains, glaciers, and waterfalls. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers.

### Day 2, Sun. OSLO-ARENDAL-

**KRISTIANSAND.** Today, travel along the fantastic "Norwegian Riviera"—the

Sørlandet (South Land) and the Skagerrak (a strait between Norway, Sweden, and Denmark)—and visit the idyllic harbour town of Arendal. A port since the 14th century, it is known for its timber exports and its old Town Hall, the tallest wooden structure in the country. Overnight in Kristiansand, founded in 1641 and today an important industrial centre. Here, you will enjoy time at the lively FISKEBRYGGA (fish



GEIRANGER



WOODEN STAVE CHURCH, LOM



HARDANGERFJORD



market), the perfect place to watch the entertaining fishmongers or relax at one of the numerous sidewalk cafés. (B,D)

**Day 3, Mon. KRISTIANSAND-STAVANGER.** More ruggedly beautiful coastal scenery awaits this morning as you head into the Lista region, noted for its skirmishes against piracy during the 1800s. Head to Mandal, the southernmost town in Norway and a popular holiday resort; Lyngdal, site of Viking-era burial mounds; gorgeous Flekkefjord, which was twice sentenced to extinction by royal decree but survived as a smugglers port during the Napoleonic Wars; and Farsund, home to large Soviet prison camps during WWII. Overnight in Stavanger, where you could stroll through the Old Town to see a 12th-century cathedral and captivating collection of 18th- and 19th-century wooden buildings. (B)

**Day 4, Tue. STAVANGER-HARDANGERFJORD FERRY CROSSING-BERGEN.** Travel via Haugesund to board the ferry that takes you across Hardangerfjord. Have your camera ready to capture the incredible scenic vistas before arriving in pretty Bergen, the “Green Meadow Among the Mountains.” During your free time here, why not walk down to the harbour to browse the seafood stalls and sample the various salmon dishes? (B)

**Day 5, Wed. BERGEN.** Today is yours to explore Bergen at your own pace. You could spend time at Bryggen with its collection of colourful 14th-century Hanseatic buildings lining the harbour; or consider joining the optional sightseeing excursion that includes the Hanseatic Museum, one of the landmarks of Bergen’s bayside. (B)

**Day 6, Thu. BERGEN-FLÅM TRAIN-SOGNEFJORD AREA.** A special treat today! Ride on the renowned FLÅM TRAIN and see some of the world’s most breathtaking scenery—graceful waterfalls, towering mountains, and verdant valleys. Later, CRUISE across Norway’s legendary SOGNEFJORD. (B,D)

**Day 7, Fri. SOGNEFJORD AREA-LOEN-DALSNIFFA-GEIRANGER.** Reach the Nordfjorden region today and take a break in enchanting Loen, home to some of the country’s oldest farms. Ascend above the tree line to 5,000 feet and marvel at the panoramic views of the fjord from the DALSNIBBA LOOKOUT. Spend the next two nights in the village of Geiranger, site of some of the most spectacular scenery in the world. (B,D)

**Day 8, Sat. GEIRANGER.** A whole day to enjoy the beauty of Geiranger. An optional fjord cruise is available into this incredible UNESCO World Heritage Site, or maybe just relax with a glass of traditional *mjød* (honey mead) or *akvavit* (clear Scandinavian liquor flavoured with caraway) and bask in Geiranger’s unforgettable ambiance. (B,D)

**Day 9, Sun. GEIRANGER-LOM-LILLEHAMMER.** This morning, travel on the narrow, winding TROLLSTIGEN (Troll’s Road). Along the way, stop in Lom to see its iconic wooden stave church, which dates back to the 12th century. Continue to Lillehammer, host of the 1994 Winter Olympics and home today to a lively arts scene. (B)

**Day 10, Mon. LILLEHAMMER-HAMAR-OSLO.** Located on the eastern shore of Mjøsa, the largest lake in Norway and one of the deepest lakes in Europe, is the dynamic city of Hamar. Visit the fascinating OPEN-AIR ETHNOLOGICAL MUSEUM, an active archaeological site that includes ruins of a 950-year-old cathedral. Later, return to Oslo, where a guided tour shows you the medieval Akershus Castle guarding the harbour, the soaring City Hall, National Theatre, Parliament, Royal Palace, Broadcasting House, and Frogner Park with more than 200 bronze and granite sculptures by artist Gustav Vigeland. (B)

**Day 11, Tue. OSLO.** Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

TOUR 6920 DATES & PRICES

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Departure Number	Start Oslo	End Oslo	Land Only	Departure Number	Start Oslo	End Oslo	Land Only	Departure Number	Start Oslo	End Oslo	Land Only	
0512	Sat 12 May	Tue 22 May	2189	0630	Sat 30 Jun	Tue 10 Jul	2229	0811	Sat 11 Aug	Tue 21 Aug	2299	
0519	Sat 19 May	Tue 29 May	2189	0707	Sat 07 Jul	Tue 17 Jul	2299	0818	Sat 18 Aug	Tue 28 Aug	2299	
0602	Sat 02 Jun	Tue 12 Jun	2229	0714	Sat 14 Jul	Tue 24 Jul	2299	0825	Sat 25 Aug	Tue 04 Sep	2239	
0609	Sat 09 Jun	Tue 19 Jun	2229	0721	Sat 21 Jul	Tue 31 Jul	2299	0901	Sat 01 Sep	Tue 11 Sep	2149	
0616	Sat 16 Jun	Tue 26 Jun	2229	0728	Sat 28 Jul	Tue 07 Aug	2299					
0623	Sat 23 Jun	Tue 03 Jul	2229	0804	Sat 04 Aug	Tue 14 Aug	2299					

Prices are per person, based on double room occupancy. Single room supplement: \$530; no guaranteed shares: see page 5; no triple room reduction.

Extra nights per person in Oslo: in single room \$132, in twin / in triple \$79