

8 Day Classic Norway

From \$2699 Air Included*

May – September, 2024

*Call for dates and specific rates for your departure city



DAY 1, Thursday - Depart for Norway

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DAY 2, Friday - Arrive in Oslo

Arrive in Oslo, the capital of Norway; transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. This evening, your tour begins at 6 PM when you join your Tour Manager for a Welcome Drink and orientation meeting, followed by a Welcome Dinner at your hotel. We recommend that you select flights which arrive in Oslo no later than 4 PM on day 2 of the itinerary, or earlier if possible

Overnight: Oslo

Meals: Dinner



DAY 3, Saturday - Oslo City Tour

This morning, enjoy a city tour of Oslo. Start with a visit to the modern City Hall. * Then, pass the National Theater and the 19th Century Royal Palace. Next, visit the Vigeland Sculpture Park, designed by Gustav Vigeland, containing over 200 sculptures with more than 600 figures. Its most popular attraction is the Monolith column, measuring 46 feet high with 121 human figure reliefs and carved from a single block of granite, which took three stone sculptors 14 years (1929-43) to complete. In the afternoon, perhaps join a local guide for the *optional* Treasures of Oslo tour. Admire the highlights of Norway's great seafaring tradition as you view three 1,200-year-old ornamented Viking ships, the best preserved in existence, followed by a visit to the Kon-Tiki Museum

**In the event that the Oslo City Hall is closed due to local events, an alternate activity will be determined locally by your guide*

Optional: Treasures of Oslo (PM)

Overnight: Oslo

Meals: Breakfast



DAY 4, Sunday - Travel to Lillehammer

This morning, travel to Lillehammer. Situated at the northern end of Lake Mjøsa, the town is most famous for hosting the 1994 Winter Olympic Games. On arrival, enjoy free time to get a feeling for small town life in Norway before visiting the impressive ski jump. Then check in to your hotel and take some time to settle in before dinner together

Overnight: Lillehammer

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



DAY 5, Monday - Lom Stave Church, Travel to Sogndal

This morning drive to the village of Lom to visit one of the largest and best-preserved stave churches in Norway. * Built around 1150 AD, the church's unique facade appears to have been plucked from a medieval fairytale. Next, drive via Sognefjellet (weather permitting), the highest mountain pass in Northern Europe known as the "roof of Norway", through the dramatic Norwegian countryside. Pass glaciers, pine forests and perhaps moose, as well as Galdhøpiggen, Norway's highest mountain in Jotunheimen National Park. Overnight in the heart of the fjords

**Entry to Lom Stave Church is available when church services are not in session.*

Overnight: Sogndal

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



DAY 6, Tuesday - Sognefjord Cruise, Flam Railway, Travel to Bergen

Today, take a leisurely cruise on the breathtaking still waters of the Sognefjord, the longest and deepest of all the Norwegian Fjords. Then, board the world-famous Flam Railway and ascend 3,000 feet within 12 miles into Norway's high glacial regions. View pastures, waterfalls and snow-clad peaks, all nestled beautifully into the surrounding mountainside -a real highlight and one of the most scenic views of Norway. Continue to your hotel in Bergen, Norway's second-largest city, a major distributor of the wealthy trading guilds of the Hanseatic League, where many residents of this 11th-century city still earn their livelihoods from the sea

Overnight: Bergen

Meals: Breakfast



DAY 7, Wednesday - Bryggen Walking Tour, Farewell Dinner

Begin the day with a short walking tour of Bergen's Bryggen quarter. Stroll through the narrow lanes of the wooden Hanseatic pier and adjacent quarters dating back to the Middle Ages, with its UNESCO-listed buildings. Then, spend the rest of your afternoon at leisure, or join the *optional* tour to Troidhaugen, the former home of Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg. Attend a piano concert followed by a tour of the home. Tonight, join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a Farewell Dinner at the hotel

Optional: Grieg's Troidhaugen: An Afternoon Concert & Tour (PM)

Overnight: Bergen

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



DAY 8, Thursday - Depart Norway

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

Escorted Package Includes

- Flights New York-Oslo, Bergen-New York
Other departure cities available. Click on date of departure for selection and prices
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 6 nights accommodations
 - 2 nights Oslo
 - 1 night Lillehammer
 - 1 night Sogndal
 - 2 nights Bergen
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portage
- All transfers included only with airfare purchase on package arrival & departure dates†
- 10 meals: 6 breakfasts, 4 dinners with wine
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Services of local guides in Oslo and Bergen
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

Special Features

- Visit Vigeland Sculpture Park in Oslo, designed by Gustav Vigeland. The park contains 192 sculptures with more than 600 figures
- See Lom Stave Church, one of the largest and best-preserved stave churches in Norway built in 12th century
- Cruise on the breathtaking still waters of the Sognefjord, the longest and deepest of all the Norwegian fjords
- Board the famous Flam Railway for a mountain train ride into Norway's high glacial regions
- Walk through Bergen's UNESCO-listed Bryggen, the old Hanseatic pier and wharf area

†Transfers are available for purchase for land only or on alternative flight dates

Is This Trip Right for You?

This moderately active trip covers a good amount of ground each day. Expect to spend two to three hours on your feet during tours where you will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps and significant slopes. This tour is not recommended for people who have difficulty walking. Please be aware that Scandinavia is an expensive destination.

Scandinavian hotels are typically sparsely designed, yet functional, reflecting the understated Nordic lifestyle. Guest room amenities are similarly minimalistic often lacking items one might expect in European hotels such as bath mats, elaborate toiletry selections, luggage racks, in-room safe and air-conditioning. This is a Classic program.

Featured Hotels:

Scandic Solli, Oslo



This first class hotel is situated a short walk away from Solli Plass square.

Scandic Lillehammer Hotel, Lillehammer



This first class hotel is located in its own private park close to the Olympic Park.

Quality Hotel Sogndal, Sogndal



This superior tourist class hotel is located in the heart of Sogndal, only minutes from Sognefjord, the world's largest fjord with magnificent natural beauty.

First Hotel Bergen Marin, Bergen



This first class hotel is situated very centrally in Bergen.

Book your Optional Tours before you travel. See more, save time, save money.

- Tours purchased while travelling may cost an extra 10% or more
- Tours often sell out. Avoid disappointment
- Save your cash. Credit card processing may not be possible locally
- Travel insurance only covers services purchased prior to departure
- Book Online or call to book these tours up to 1 week before your departure
- The day the optionals operate varies by the day of the week

Treasures of Oslo

Admire the highlights of Norway's great seafaring tradition as you enjoy a guided visit to two of Oslo's most intriguing museums, the Fram Museum and Kon-Tiki Museum. On your first stop, visit the most famous wooden polar vessel in the world - The Fram. The great Norwegian explorers Fridtjof Nansen and Roald Amundsen both sailed to the Arctic and the Antarctic regions aboard the Fram. On this unique tour, board the ship and immerse yourself in its history as you visit the cabins, lounges and engine room that still hold the historic records of the original voyages. Continue to the Kon-Tiki Museum where you will see the fantastic vessels the *Ra* and *Kon-Tiki*. Thor Heyerdahl gained worldwide fame in 1947 when he crossed the Pacific Ocean on the balsawood raft, the *Kon-Tiki*. This expedition, along with subsequent voyages on the reed boats the *Ra* and *Tigris* showed how early man had mastered sailing before the saddle and wheel were invented.

Approximate tour duration is 3 hours.

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| Day #3 | 01 May 2023 - 31 Oct 2023 | \$55 |
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Grieg's Trolldhaugen: an Afternoon Concert & Tour

Experience an afternoon of music and history. Visit Trolldhaugen, home of the famous Norwegian composer, Edvard Grieg. Grieg's home stands majestically overlooking the fjords and was a great inspiration for his music. Here attend a 30 minute piano concert featuring Grieg's most notable pieces. Afterward, tour the famed grounds, from the villa where he would go to avoid any distractions and to be alone with his musical ideas.

Approximate tour duration is 2.5 hours.

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| Day #7 | 01 Apr 2023 - 31 Oct 2023 | \$29 |
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