



## Scenic Norway

10 Days - Start and end in Oslo (Fully Guided)

You've been looking for Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, and Vixen in all the wrong places. Pack your binoculars for Norway's natural wonders, including its scenic Hardangervidda mountain plateau, home to Northern Europe's largest stock of reindeer. Of course, this gorgeous expanse of land and its antlered residents aren't the only gifts Norway bestows upon its guests—extraordinary fjords, serene lakes, gleaming glaciers, and thundering waterfalls are all part of the bow-topped package, and this breathtaking tour of Norway presents the most spectacular ways to see them. Cross the orchard-lined Hardangerfjord by ferry, witness the UNESCO-protected Nærøfjord aboard a relaxing cruise, and revel in the spectacular Nordfjord views aboard the Loen Skylift, Norway's newest aerial tramway. Beginning and ending in Oslo, this encompassing tour of Norway balances the country's charming, timeless villages with the surprising architecture and energy of its capital city.

- Marvel at gorgeous fjords and breathtaking mountains
- Admire the bronze and granite sculptures in Frogner Park
- Ride the Loen Skylift to see the views from the top of Mount Hoven

**Itinerary Days 10**

• **Day 1: Arrive in Oslo, Norway**

Welcome to Oslo! At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and travel companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel. (D)

• **Day 2: Oslo**

Outdoor Art in Oslo OSLO Guided sightseeing includes a walk through Frogner Park and a visit to City Hall. (B)

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

ART & ARCHITECTURE Frogner Park contains over 200 sculptures in granite, bronze, and wrought iron, along with fountains and bridges comprising the life's work of legendary sculptor Gustav Vigeland. Visit the stately Oslo City Hall, with its red-brick architecture, soaring towers, and 49 bells. Here, the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony takes place each year.

• **Day 3: OSLO-HEDDAL-VEMORK-TELEMARK**

Historic Norwegian Heroes HEDDAL Visit the Stave Church. Scenic drive through Rjukan Valley via Lake Tinnsjø.

VEMORK Take a guided visit of the museum. (B,D)

193 mi / 310 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

HISTORIC SPOT Explore the fascinating history of Vemork's Norwegian Industrial Workers Museum to learn about the historic role the once largest power station in the world played in thwarting Hitler and the Nazi regime during World War II.

• **Day 4: TELEMARK-HARDANGERFJORD-BERGEN**

Sweet Fruits & Sea Fishing Scenic drive includes views of the Latefoss waterfalls.

HARDANGERFJORD Ferry crossing followed by an apple juice and cider tasting, with lunch at a local fruit farm.

BERGEN Orientation drive includes Bryggen, the Hanseatic Wharf, the harbor, and the Fish Market. (B,L)

202 mi / 325 km

LOCAL FAVORITE

LOCAL TASTES In Norway's heavenly Hardangerfjord generations of fruit farmers continue their family's tradition, producing the sweetest fruits someone could ever flavor. Taste home-made apple juice and cider and enjoy lunch amid breath-taking views.

• **Day 5: BERGEN-VOSS-STALHEIM**

Historic Harbors BERGEN Spend free time this morning in the harbor town.

VOSS Enjoy leisure time. (B,D)

87 mi / 140 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

PICTURE PERFECT Beautiful Bergen paints the shoreline with different hues of its wooden houses along the old wharf on Norway's southwestern coast. Often called the "Fjord Capital of Norway," Bergen will charm you with its quaint charisma and the breathtaking natural wonder between the seven mountains.

• **Day 6: STALHEIM-SOGNEFJORD & NÆRØYFJORD-FJÆRLAND-LOEN**

King of the Fjords SOGNEFJORD & NÆRØYFJORD Take a scenic cruise.

FJÆRLAND Visit the Norwegian Glacier Museum.

JOSTEDAL GLACIER Stop for photos. (B,D)

146 mi / 235 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

NATURAL WONDERS The Sognefjord, Norway's longest and deepest fjord, is surrounded by exceptional natural beauty. Cruise onto the wild and wonderful waters of the Naeroyfjord, carved deep amid spectacular views of sheer, snow-topped mountains, waterfalls, and idyllic farms clinging to the mountainsides above one of the most dramatic fjords in Europe.

• **Day 7: LOEN**

Skyway to Heaven LOEN Take the breathtaking Skylift ride. Free time atop Mount Hoven summit. (B,D)

LOCAL FAVORITE

EPIC RIDE Soar 3,000 feet to the summit of Mount Hoven on the aerial tramway above the Nordfjord shores. Take in the heavenly panoramic view of Mt. Skåla and Lake Lovatnet to the east, Jostedalsbreen Glacier and Olden Village to the south, and the winding course of the stunning Nordfjord below. Heavenly!

• **Day 8: LOEN-GEIRANGERFJORD-DALSNISSA-LOM-LILLEHAMMER**

Feasts for the Eyes GEIRANGERFJORD Take a scenic cruise on the fjord

DALSNISSA Take in the panoramic view from Geiranger Skywalk, Mount Dalsnibba's platform above the fjord.

LOM Photo stop before continuing to Lillehammer. (B)

211 mi / 340 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

PICTURE PERFECT Experience Europe's highest fjord view from the lofty heights of Geiranger Skywalk, 4500 feet above sea level. Ascend to the breathtaking viewpoint of Dalsnibba for an eagle-eye view of Norway's spectacular mountain landscapes and sky.

• **Day 9: LILLEHAMMER-EIDSVOLL-OSLO**

Norwegian Treasures LILLEHAMMER Photo stop at the Olympic ski jump where the winter games were hosted in 1994. Take a guided walking tour of the Maihaugen Open-Air Museum. Enjoy a scenic drive en route to Oslo along Lake Mjøsa to Eidsvoll. Join a farewell dinner tonight at your hotel. (B,D)

124 mi / 200 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT

CULTURE & TRADITION In the idyllic open-air museum of Maihaugen, more than 200 historic houses from as far back as the 13th century take you back to traditional life in Norway, including the Garmo stave church from the 1200s and the childhood home of Queen Sonja of Norway.

• **Day 10: Oslo**

Safe travels until we meet again! Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

**Includes:**

**Excludes:****Accommodation:**

- 9 nights accommodation:
- Oslo - Radisson Blu Scandinavia, Scandic Victoria or similar
- Telemark - Rauland Hogfjellshotell or similar
- Bergen - Scandic Ornen or similar
- Stalheim - Stalheim or similar
- Loen - Hotel Alexandra or similar
- Lillehammer - Scandic Lillehammer or similar

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