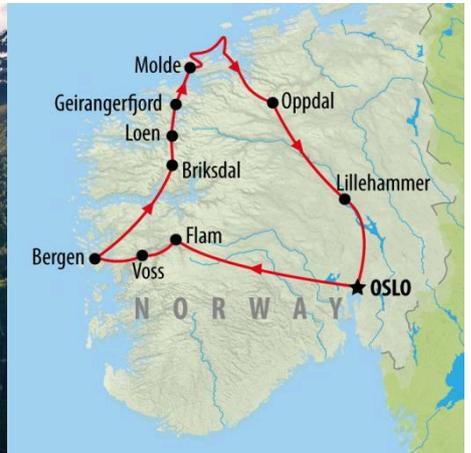


Fjords, Charms & Traditions

8 days | Starts/Ends: Oslo



Discover the breathtaking natural beauty of Norway – a country with spectacular fjords and tall mountain peaks, thundering waterfalls and giant glaciers. Take in the highlights of Oslo and Bergen and ride the famous Flamsbana railway, marvel at the Briksdal Glacier, cruise the Geiranger ford and more on this 8 day tour.

- Troll's Road – drive along this famous road with its exciting series of 11 hairpin bends that descend the mountain
- Atlantic Road – travel along 'the road in the ocean' on one of the world's most beautiful road trips
- Lillehammer – visit the home to the 1994 Winter Olympic Games
- Oslo – take in the highlights of Norway's capital including Frogner Park, the magnificent Royal Palace and Akershus Fortress

- Transportation by coach

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Items of a personal nature and additional meals
- Gratuity for your tour guide. Tipping your tour guide is an entirely personal gesture

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Flam – ride the famous Flamsbana, one of the steepest trainlines in the world and take in the spectacular views en route to Myrdal
- Bergen – explore this beautiful Norwegian city on a guided tour, including UNESCO listed Bryggen old wharf and the Hakon fortress
- Briksdal Glacier – marvel at this 1200m tall glacier which plunges down into the beautiful Briksdal Valley
- Geiranger fjord – enjoy a scenic cruise on this breathtaking ford with its towering cliffs and stunning waterfalls

What's Included

- 6 nights 4 star hotels, 1 night 2 star hotel
- 7 buffet breakfasts
- Airport arrival taxi on day 1
- English speaking tour escort
- Guided sightseeing in Oslo and Bergen with a local guide
- Panoramic train ride on the Flamsbana train – Flam to Myrdal return
- Cruise on the Geiranger Fjord (1 hour)
- Visit to the Briksdal Glacier, the Atlantic Road, Eagle Road and Troll's Road
- Sognefjord Crossing from Oppdal to Lavik
- Fjord crossing from Vestnes to Molde

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Oslo



Arrive into Oslo International Airport and transfer to your hotel. On your journey in you'll be met with views of beautiful forests and the Oslofjord which surround the vibrant city. Check into your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure. Take a stroll down Karl Johan's Street with its many shops bars and cafes and explore the city of the royal family. **Overnight – Oslo**

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Day 2 : The Flamsbana Railway



Oslo - Flam - Voss. This morning we depart Oslo and travel towards the beautiful fjord area of Norway. On this scenic drive we pass Lake Tyrifjord which is one of the largest lakes in Norway and plays an important role for resting migratory birds of many species. We continue driving through the magnificent Hallingdal Valley and a short photo stop is made at the famous Geilo Stave Church.

We arrive into the picturesque village of Flam just after lunch time. Here we have a short break before boarding the famous Flamsbana. Flamsbana is one of the steepest trainlines in the world and our journey takes us through spectacular scenery, past the Rallar road, rugged mountains and breathtaking waterfalls; passing through 20 tunnels en route to the mountain railway station of Myrdal, approx. 13km away, before returning to Flam. After the train ride there's free time in Flam before we drive onto Voss for the night. **Overnight - Voss (B)**

Day 3 : Bergen



Voss - Bergen. This morning travel to the UNESCO World Heritage Listed city of Bergen. Meeting a local guide

upon arrival for a sightseeing tour of the city. Taking in key sites such as the Hanseatic Bryggen, with the church of Mary, the Hakon Fortress and the famous fish market. Also visit the Floibanen Funicular which travels to the top of Mount Floien where you can really admire Bergen - the city of seven hills. **Overnight - Bergen (B)**

Day 4 : The Briksdal Glacier



Bergen - Sognefjord - Briksdal Glacier - Loen. After breakfast we board the coach and travel north, crossing the famous Sognefjord from Oppedal to Lavik. Sognefjord is Norway's longest and deepest fjord, stretching 204kms inland from the coast. Our journey today takes us to the famous Briksdal Glacier, nestled between thundering waterfalls and towering peaks. Briksdalsbreen is an arm of the great Jostedalbreen Glacier which is located in Jostedalbreen National Park. From 1200 meters this spectacular glacier plunges down into the beautiful Briksdalen Valley. Explore the Briksdalen Valley on foot or ride one of the 'Trolldars' up to the glacier. Then we travel on to the village of Loen for the night. **Overnight - Loen (B)**

Day 5 : Cruising the fjords



Loen - Geiranger Fjord - Troll's Road - Molde. We travel on to Geiranger this morning where we board a sightseeing cruise on the Geiranger fjord - one of the most impressive and narrow fjords of Norway. The fjord is dominated by a huge vertical rock face with cascading waterfalls including the famous 'Seven Sisters' and the 'Veil of the Bride'.

After the cruise we continue our journey north, passing along the famous Eagle Road, an incredibly steep stretch of road up the mountainside from Geiranger towards Eidsdal. The road swings through 11 hairpin bends from Geiranger fjord up to the highest point 620m above sea level at Korsmyra, where eagles can often be spotted. After a short ferry crossing from Eidsdal to Linge we reach the Troll's Road, an exhilarating road with astonishing views and 11 hairpin bends that descend the mountain. Then another short ferry crossing takes us from Vestnes before arriving into Molde. **Overnight - Molde (B)**

Day 6 : The Atlantic Road

Molde - Atlantic Road - Oppdal. We enjoy a ride along the Atlantic Road today before continuing our journey south to Oppdal. Bridging land and sea this incredible winding road in the ocean connects island to island with a series of seven bridges. This true masterpiece of engineering was voted the 'work of art of the century' by the Norwegians and it's one of the world's most beautiful road trips. **Overnight - Oppdal (B)**

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Day 7 : Lillehammer & Oslo sightseeing



Oppdal - Oslo. Today we return to Oslo, stopping en route in Lillehammer - the host of the 1994 Winter Olympics. Here there's some free time to explore the Olympic City. We continue our journey, travelling along the shore of Lake Mjosa, Norway's largest lake. Arriving back into Oslo this afternoon we meet a local guide for a 3 hour sightseeing tour of the city. Highlights include the impressive Frogner Park with 212 sculptures made by Gustav Vigeland, the Arkershus fortress, City Hall and the magnificent Royal Palace. **Overnight - Oslo (B)**

Day 8 : Oslo



Arrangements end after breakfast and hotel check out today. (B)

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