

Southern Norway 7th – 30th June 2024



Oslo, Bergen, Flam and Beyond

Join us for a tour of Norway – a land of scenic and cultural wonders with so much to experience and enjoy. This tour will take you to the cities of Oslo and Bergen, to the pristine landscapes of Norway’s dramatic coastline and takes in many beautiful scenic drives en route. Get ready to be captivated by all the wonderful views and Fjords that make Norway such an attractive destination.

The start of our tour is Hirtshals in the north of Denmark, from where we take the ferry to Kristiansand, the largest city on Norway’s southern coast. It’s along this coast many Norwegians spend their Summer Holidays in the area of Grimstad, known for its lovely white painted wooden buildings and narrow streets; and Arendal, which the film “Frozen” was based upon.

If you are familiar with another film, ‘The Heroes of Telemark’ and its spectacular setting of Rjukan you will picture the location where we visit the Industrial Workers Museum and follow in the footsteps of the saboteurs.

We spend time in Oslo – the capital of Norway. Oslo sitting at the head of Oslo-fjord is known as the city of green spaces, museums & sculpture parks. With the light nights of being this far north in summer (darkness will come around 11:30pm) there is plenty of time for exploring the outdoor areas of this wonderful capital.

Bergen is Norway’s second city and another wonderfully picturesque area, surrounded by mountains and fjords, including Sognefjord, the country’s longest and deepest. It’s in Bergen you will find Bryggen which features the wooden houses on the old wharf and the Fløibanen Funicular going up Fløyen Mountain for spectacular panoramic views.

Of course, any tour of Norway would not be complete without a visit to Flåm, an area famed for the most beautiful fjords. It sits at the end of Aurlandsfjord, a branch of the vast Sognefjord and it’s here the dramatic Stegastein viewing platform juts out high above. Then for a real highlight of Norway it’s off for a journey on the dramatic Flåm Railway, where we travel by train through numerous valleys, passing waterfalls and enjoying spectacular views as we climb to the Hardangervidda plateau.

Having completed the tour, you will have experienced a wonderful adventure in one of Europe’s most picturesque countries and at a special time of year for travelling this far north.

23 Nights

Day One – Friday 7th June

The tour begins at our campsite in Hirtshals in the North of Denmark. Plan your arrival for the afternoon as this evening we meet for a drink and tour briefing at the Tour Directors' motorhome, giving everyone an opportunity to meet each other.

Day Two – Saturday 8th June

Our morning ferry takes us from Hirtshals to Kristiansand, Norway (around 3 hours crossing). We then have an easy drive to our first Norwegian campsite in Grimstad where this evening we enjoy a "Welcome to Norway" Scandinavian Buffet in the campsite's own restaurant. **40 miles**

Day Three – Sunday 9th June

Free day and opportunity to visit Grimstad, a lovely village with harbour.

Day Four – Monday 10th June

Today we move to Lunde on the Telemark Canal for a two-night stop. **95 miles**

Day Five – Tuesday 11th June

We travel on the Telemark Canal today, one of the most beautiful waterways in the world. It was carved into the rock over 100 years ago and when the canal was completed in 1892 it was called the "eighth wonder". This will be a half day tour by Boat and Coach with the remainder of the day free for you to explore as you please.



Day Six – Wednesday 12th June

Oslo, the capital city of Norway is our next destination, where we stay for three nights. We will be driving through Norway's fruit growing region today en route to our city camping. **100 miles**

Day Seven – Thursday 13th June

A full day city sightseeing excursion today where we visit Oslo's highlights including its Ski Jump and Opera House. Lunch is included at a traditional Norwegian restaurant.

Day Eight – Friday 14th June

Free day and opportunity to independently return to the city, maybe visit the Domkirke and Vigeland Statue Park.

Day Nine – Saturday 15th June

Travel to Rjukan. En route we meet at the Heddal Stave Church for a group tour. This is the largest of the remaining twenty-eight Stave churches in Norway and we've also included a visit to the Folk Farm. **110 miles**



Day Ten – Sunday 16th June

Moving on from Rjukan we meet at the Industrial Workers Museum at Vermork. Here a shuttle will be waiting to take us up the very steep hill to where we learn about heavy water and the Heroes of Telemark. Later we continue our journey taking in the Hardangervidda Road – Europe’s largest high mountain plateau to arrive at our overnight campsite in Røldal. **85 miles**

Day Eleven – Monday 17th June

Our next campsite is at Kinsarvik, where we stay for three nights. **70 miles**

Day Twelve – Tuesday 18th June

A day tour today. We start with a boat to Eidfjord, where we pick up a bus to take us on to Vøringsfossen Waterfall and the Norwegian Nature Centre.

Day Thirteen – Wednesday 19th June

Free day. An opportunity to catch up on some chores, enjoy a stroll by the lake or a more adventurous walk to the local waterfalls.

Day Fourteen – Thursday 20th June

We move to Flåm, via some amazing scenery. **95 miles**

Day Fifteen – Friday 21st June

Today we make the journey on the world famous Flåm Railway, all the way to the high mountain station of Myrdal and back.



Day Sixteen – Saturday 22nd June

We continue travelling north to arrive at our campsite in the Briksdal Valley. You can take the Laerdal tunnel or the snow road, the choice is yours. As we get closer to mid-summer’s day, we get to enjoy the very light nights that being this far north provides. **130 miles**

Day Seventeen – Sunday 23rd June

The mighty Briksdal Glacier is part of the Jostedal Glacier national park. From a height of 1200 metres this wild glacier drops right down into the narrow, fertile Briksdalen. Today we get up close, with a group visit to this wonder of nature.

Day Eighteen – Monday 24th June

We now start returning south as we head to Norway's second city of Bergen. This evening we stay en route at a campsite near Forde. **80 miles**

Day Nineteen – Tuesday 25th June

We continue the journey to arrive at Bergen. **115 miles**



Day Twenty – Wednesday 26th June

Today we have a Coach and Guide for a tour of Bergen, along with free time for your own exploration in the Old Town. Includes a group meal in a local restaurant.

Day Twenty-One – Thursday 27th June

Move to Haugesund and the place where Norway began. There is a short ferry crossing today which is payable locally. Our campsite is situated adjacent to the cliff top path, maybe take a walk into the interesting town with its art deco architecture, a fascinating harbour and a connection to Marilyn Monroe! **90 miles**

Day Twenty-Two – Friday 28th June

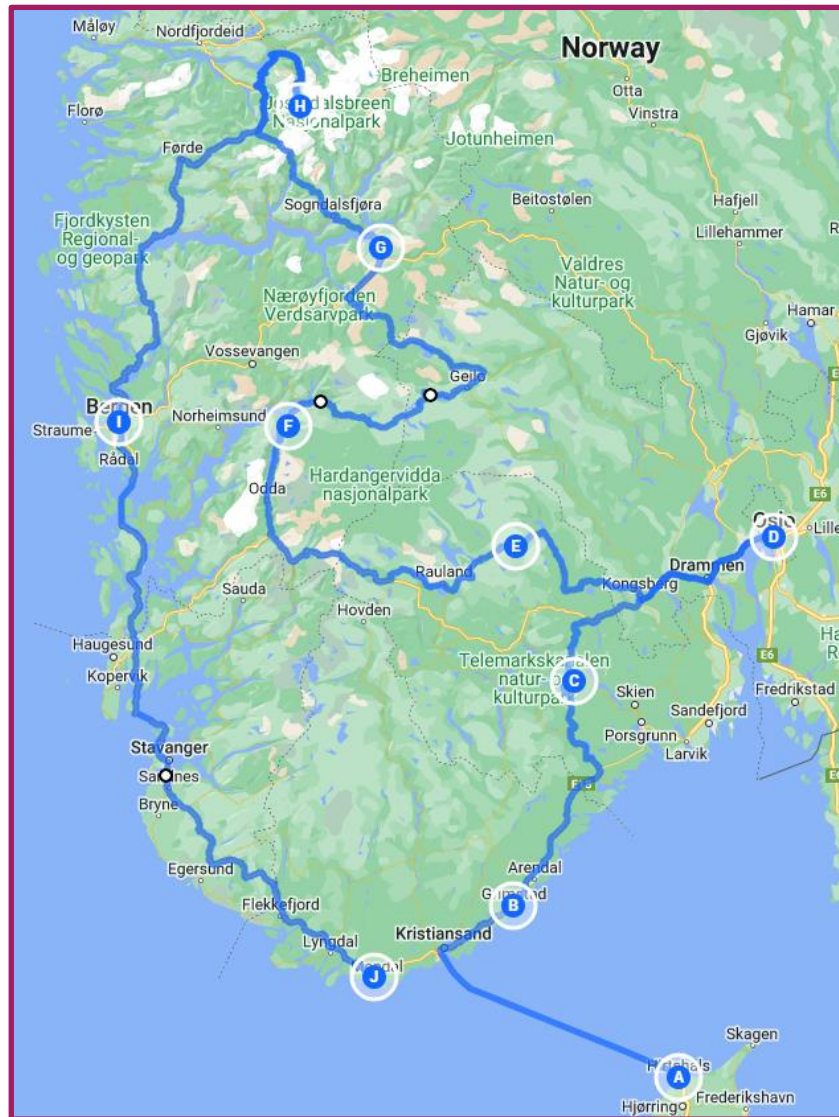
Travel to Ølberg. En route we have a group visit to the Avaldsnes Viking Centre which has an exhibition, Museum, farm and Saint Olav's Church. This evening we enjoy a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant neighbouring the campsite, an opportunity to remember many of the great places visited throughout the tour. **95 miles**

Day Twenty-Three – Saturday 29th June

With a relatively short journey today there is no need to rush off after last night; as we make our way to Mandal ready for tomorrow's return ferry crossing to Denmark. You may take the direct route or alternatively, the Tour Directors can advise you on a much more scenic country route. Our last Norwegian campsite is situated by one of Norway's most famous fishing rivers. **120 miles**

Day Twenty-Four – Sunday 30th June

We make our way to Kristiansand to catch our return ferry to Hirtshals in Denmark, where our tour comes to an end. **30 miles.**



PRICE

TOUR DEPOSIT £500

Motorhome up to 6m with 2 people = £2,749 per person

Motorhome up to 6m with 1 person = £3,999

Ferry supplement over 6m = £100 per metre or part metre

Second deposit of £600 due 15/01/2024 to secure ferry places

Balance payable 10 weeks before start of tour

INCLUDED IN PRICE

- 23 Campsite nights with hook-up
- Transport for Excursions/Events as per the itinerary
- Entrance fees on Excursions/Events as per the itinerary
- Tour Information Pack with suggested routes & GPS co-ordinates
- Local Map
- DK guidebook to Norway
- Services of Tour Directors throughout the tour travelling in their own motorhome

Excursions, Events and Meals

- Welcome Reception

- Return Ferry arrangements – Hirtshals/Kristiansand/Hirtshals
- Scandinavian Buffet evening
- Excursion by Coach to Telemark Canal
- Boat trip on the Telemark Canal
- Guided excursion in Oslo City
- Oslo city group lunch
- Entry to Oslo Ski Jump
- Entry into Oslo Opera House
- Tour of Heddal Folk Farm & Stave Church
- Entry into the Industrial Workers Museum
- Boat excursion to Eidfjord & Bus to the Waterfall
- Journey on the Flåm Railway
- Visit to Briksdal Glacier
- Bergen City Tour with Guide
- Group meal in local Bergen restaurant
- Avaldsnes tour of the Viking Farm & Museum
- Farewell Dinner

This tour starts in Hirtshals, Denmark, but if you would like to travel from the UK on the outward journey with the Tour Directors, please book the optional tour package so that everything can be arranged on your behalf

OPTIONAL PACKAGE

- Return Dover/Calais Ferry with 60-day Flexible Ticket + Club Class Lounge
- 6 x additional Campsite Nights starting in Kent on Saturday 1st June 2024 followed by 1 x Belgium, 1 x Netherlands, 1 x Germany & 2 x Denmark – please note there may be a ferry charge on the way to the first Denmark campsite, depending on your route
- Group evening dinner at one of the campsites
- Tour information pack with suggested routes & GPS co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Directors travelling in their own motorhome

OPTIONAL PACKAGE PRICE

Motorhome with 2 people @ £449 per person

Motorhome with 1 person @ £739