

GLACIERS & FJORDS

7 nights /8 days

Eco -Friendly



The waterfront in Norway is 2600km long. The coast is made up of many small islands and beautiful fjords. Fjords are the emblem of Norway and are world renowned. The fjords are divided by fjord 'arms' all of them offering a different type of charm. This tour allows you to discover un-imaginable beauty, majestic fjords, snow capped glaciers and mountains. Norway is one of the countries that still boast splendid glaciers – on this tour you can visit Norway's largest glacier – and enjoy this country in all it's splendour.

Day 01: Arrival in Oslo

Arrive in Oslo according to your own itinerary. The Norwegian capital is beautifully situated at the head of the Oslo Fjord and surrounded by forested ridges. Oslo offers many well know sights such as the Vigeland Sculpture Park, the Viking Ship Museum and the Munch Museum. Overnight at the Rica Oslo Hotel

Day 02: Oslo – Balestrand (train/boat)

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning departure by train from Oslo to Myrdal, part of the Bergen Railway. The railway connects Norway's two largest cities and shows the diversity of the Norwegian landscape and scenery. It is classed as one of the finest train journeys in the world. At Myrdal you will change to the Flåm Railway, passing through wild and beautiful mountain scenery with waterfalls and steep mountain sides from a height of up to 900 metres and down to the Sognefjord. There is no other adhesion railway in the world running on normal tracks that is so steep over a long distance. From Flåm you continue by boat on the Sognefjord, the world's longest and deepest fjord, to Balestrand. Overnight at Kviknes Hotel

***Day 03: Fjærland and Glacier Excursion**
(please see alternative option to walk on a glacier)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will go on an excursion to Fjærland and the Glacier Museum. Travel on the Fjærlandsfjord and experience one of the most beautiful fjord arms in Norway. Along the fjord, the old hamlets and farms are reminders of the struggle for existence in past times. Local busses will transport you to the Glacier Museum, where you will learn more about the glaciers and how the fjords were formed.

From there you will continue to two different extensions of the Jostedal Glacier; Supphellebreen and Bøyabreen glaciers (not possible to walk on the glaciers). Return by ferry to Balestrand. Overnight at the Kviknes hotel

Day 04: Balestrand – Sognefjord – Bergen (boat)

Breakfast at the hotel. Continue by boat on the Sognefjord and then along the coast in southern direction to Bergen – the Gateway to the Fjords. Bergen is Norway's second largest city and the world's only city surrounded by 7 mountains and 7 fjords.

Overnight at the Augustin Hotel

Day 05: Bergen

Breakfast at the hotel. This day is at your own leisure in Bergen.

Attractions in Bergen include the Hanseatic Bryggen Wharf, Fløibanen Funicular, Troidhaugen, the Fish and Flower market, Bergen Aquarium and Gamle Bergen (Old Bergen Open Air Museum).

Overnight at the Augustin Hotel

Day 06: Bergen – Hardangerfjord – Ulvik (bus/boat)

Breakfast at the hotel before departing from Bergen by bus. Just before reaching Norheimsund you will pass the impressive Steindalsfossen Waterfall. From Norheimsund you will depart on a 3-hour cruise on the Hardangerfjord to Eidfjord. The Hardangerfjord is the second largest fjord in Norway, and famous for its fruit orchards. The contrast created by green hillsides, orchards in blossom and snow-clad mountains has inspired many, and among them the well known Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg with his famous composition «Spring». If travelling in May you will have the possibility to see the lovely blossoming of the fruit trees. In Eidfjord you will have 3 hours at leisure, which can be spent relaxing by the fjord, exploring the village or you can go on an optional sightseeing tour to Hardangervidda Nature Centre and the spectacular Vøringsfossen Waterfall, Norway's highest waterfall (tickets for the excursion is available onboard). The last part of today's journey is a 30-minute cruise to the small village of Ulvik, beautifully located by the Hardangerfjord.

Overnight at the Rica Brakanes hotel

Day 07: Ulvik – Voss – Oslo (bus/train)

Breakfast at the hotel. This day is at leisure in Ulvik before departing by bus to Voss in the afternoon. During the bus ride you will pass through attractive farmland. In Voss you will change to the Bergen Railway, bringing you back to Oslo (evening arrival).

Overnight at the Rica Oslo Hotel

Day 08: Departure from Oslo

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from Oslo according to your own itinerary.

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Day 03* Alternative to Nigardsbreen glacier with Blue Ice Walk

This glacier excursion is not available on Saturday's and Sunday's- Glacier tour available from the 15th June – 15th September.

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will have the opportunity to experience a glacier hike.

07h30 Departure by bus from Balestrand to Nigardsbreen

10h25 Arrival at the glacier, Nigardsbreen

12h15 Glacier excursion

The Blue Ice Walk is approximately 4.5 hours, with three hours on the ice (middle +) This walk is not tiring but takes you through more difficult ice formations. During the hike you will experience the most spectacular sceneries at the lower part of the Nigardsbreen glacier.

16h50 Departure from Nigardsbreen

19h55 Arrival back in Balestrand

Hotel description:

Accommodation at good tourist class hotels (3-4 stars). If any of the quoted hotels are fully booked we will find alternatives of equal standard.

The half board supplement includes 3 course dinner or buffet in Balestrand and Ulvik. Dinner in Oslo and Bergen are not included since the cities offer many restaurants to choose between.

Services:

- 7 nights hotel accommodation in shared double room with shower/WC, including breakfast
- Train Oslo – Myrdal - Flåm
- Boat Flåm - Balestrand
- Fjærland and Glacier Excursion (full day)
- Boat Balestrand - Bergen
- Bus Bergen - Norheimsund
- Boat Norheimsund - Eidfjord
- Boat Eidfjord - Ulvik
- Bus Ulvik - Voss
- Train Voss - Oslo

Supplement for Nigardsbreen glacier with Blue Ice Walk

Tour suitable for persons over 12 years only

The price is valid from 01.05. – 30.09.2012