

## NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL

6 days/ 5 nights

Eco –Friendly



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Norway in a Nutshell will take you on a journey through some of the most beautiful scenery in Fjord Norway, and includes breathtaking experiences on the Bergen Railway, the Flåm Railway, the Aurlandsfjord, the Nærøyfjord and the steep Stalheimskleiva road. You will also experience the cities Oslo and Bergen.

### **Day 01: Arrival in Oslo**

Arrival 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. Arable fields, vast forests and the untouched nature areas surrounding the city are only twenty minutes from the centre. They provide recreational opportunities that are frequently taken advantage of by the city's inhabitants, as well as increasingly by visitors. Accommodation at Rica Hotel Oslo

### **Day 02: Oslo**

Breakfast in the hotel. This day is on your own leisure. Oslo offers many well known sights such as the Vigeland Sculpture Park, the Viking Ship Museum, and the Munch Museum. We recommend the Oslo Panorama Sightseeing tour, a 1 ½ hour non-stop tour through the central parts of the city. Guiding is done in nine different languages through individual headphones.

Accommodation at Rica Hotel Oslo

**Day 03: Oslo – Geilo (train)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning departure from Oslo by train. The 4 hour journey from Oslo to Geilo is part of the Oslo – Bergen railway, classed as one of the finest train journeys in the world. This railway connects the two largest cities in Norway and shows the diversity of the Norwegian landscape.

Accommodation at Bardøla Hotel

**Day 04: Geilo – Sognefjord – Bergen (train/boat/bus)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure by train from Geilo to Myrdal, where you will change to the Flåm Railway. The Flåm Railway passes through wild and beautiful mountain scenery with waterfalls and steep mountain sides from a height of 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 Nærøyfjord to Gudvangen. The Nærøyfjord is the narrowest fjord channel in

Europe, and has recently been added to UNESCO's World Heritage List. From Gudvangen the journey continues by bus through Nærøyfjord Valley and up the Stalheimskleiva, with its 13 steep hairpin bends (Stalheimskleiva is only open during the summer). The last part of the excursion will be by train from Voss to Bergen, Norway's second largest city and the world's only city surrounded by 7 mountains and 7 fjords.

Accommodation at Grand Hotel Terminus

**Day 05: Bergen**

Breakfast at the hotel. This day is on your own leisure. Bergen is, with good reason, called the Gateway to the Fjords. The city is located on the west coast of Norway with close proximity to the famous Norwegian fjords. Sights of interest are the Hanseatic Bryggen Harbour, Fløibanen Funicular, Troidhaugen, the Fish and Flower market, Bergen Aquarium and Gamle Bergen (Old Bergen Open Air Museum).

Accommodation at Grand Hotel Terminus

**Day 06: Departure from Bergen**

Breakfast in the hotel. Departure from Bergen according to your own itinerary.

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**Hotel description:**

The price is based on accommodation in standard rooms at good tourist class hotels (3-4 stars).  
If any of the hotels are fully booked we will find an alternative of equal standard.

**Services:**

5 nights hotel accommodation in shared double room with shower/WC  
5 x Scandinavian breakfast buffet.  
Train Oslo – Geilo  
Train Geilo – Flåm  
Cruise Flåm – Gudvangen  
Bus Gudvangen – Voss  
Train Voss - Bergen

The price is valid every day from 15.06. – 15.08.2012, and all year when accommodation in Oslo is during weekends (Friday-Sunday)

Valid for the period:- 01.05 – 14.06 & 16.08 – 30.09.2012