

SCENIC NORWAY - CLASSIC

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DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN BERGEN

On arrival at Bergen Flesland Airport, you will pick up your rental car. Then drive to **Bergen**'s city centre, where your hotel for the night is located. For those arriving early, we recommend spending the afternoon strolling the city and exploring the lovely sights of scenic Bergen. City highlights include the old wharf of **Bryggen** – a UNESCO World Heritage Site, an interesting range of museums, as well as the city's vibrant fish and flower market. For a good overview of Bergen, we recommend taking the "**Fløibanen**" funicular up the mountainside, which reveals spectacular views.

Spend the night in Bergen.

Attractions: Bergen, Bryggen, Fløibanen Funicular (Funicular Railway), King Håkon's Hall, Rosenkrantz Tower

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DAY 2: EXPERIENCE THE FJORDS BY CAR

Start the first leg of your self-drive trip by heading to Norway's adventure capital, **Voss**, which is home to the beautiful Tvindefossen waterfall. Your journey will then continue to Sogndal along the **Sognefjord** – Norway's longest and deepest fjord – taking in sights including the towns of **Stalheim**, before reaching the beautiful **Aurlandsfjord** and the town of **Flåm**.

We recommend stopping in Flåm and riding the renowned Flåmsbana railway, a steep train ride between Flåm and Myrdal – a treat for photographers or train enthusiasts alike! A stop at **Stegastein viewpoint** is recommended, where you can enjoy a panoramic view of Aurlandsfjord. You will then take a short ferry ride before driving towards Sogndal, where you will spend the night.

Spend the night in Sogndal.

Driving distance: 237 km / 148 miles

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)

Attractions: Aurlandsfjord, Flåm, Gudvangen, Nærøyfjord, Sognefjord, Stegastein Viewing Platform, Voss

DAY 3: SCENIC FJORDS & NATIONAL PARKS

Today you have a short drive ahead of you and a full day to explore. Drive along the **Fjærlands** road towards the Jostedal glacier, which is mainland Europe's largest icecap. We recommend stopping at the Norwegian glacier museum to learn more about the geology of the region. Before you reach the quaint village of **Loen**, you will drive along the magnificent **Nordfjord** and enjoy the dazzling turquoise lakes, cascading waterfalls, vast glaciers and steep mountains.

For those that want the ultimate panoramic view over the region, the **Loen skylift** is a must. The skylift takes you to the top of Mt. Hoven where you can take enjoy the magnificent views of the fjord landscape and **Jostedalsbreen National park**.

Spend the night in Loen.

Driving distance: 128 km / 80 miles

Estimated driving duration: 2 hours (without stops)

Attractions: Fjærland, Jostedalsbreen National Park, Loen, Loen Skylift, Nordfjorden

DAY 4: EXPLORE GRAND GEIRANGERFJORD

Today your journey will take you to the UNESCO-protected **Geirangerfjord**. Board the 65-minute ferry from Helligsøylt to Geiranger, where you learn about the wondrous waterfalls, and deep history and diverse geology of the Geirangerfjord. You will have spectacular scenic views during the ferry ride, as the ferry captain navigates the deep fjord.

With its fairytale landscape, Geiranger has a lot to offer nature lovers like snow-covered mountain tops, delicate waterfalls like the Seven Sisters and Bridal Veil, lush green vegetation and the deep blue fjord. For panoramic views of the fjord, we recommend driving up to **Flydalsjuvet**.

Spend the night in Geiranger.

Driving distance: 61 km / 38 miles

Estimated driving duration: 2 hours and 30 minutes (without stops)

Attractions: Flydalsjuvet, Geirangerfjord, Seven Sisters & Bridal Veil

DAY 5: DRIVE THE EAGLE ROAD & TROLLSTIGEN

Get ready for some especially exciting drives today! From Geiranger, drive up the steep and winding Ørnevegen, known as “**the Eagle Road**”, to Eidsdal, where you will take a short ferry ride to Linge. If you enjoy twists and turns, you will be very impressed with the drive up **Trollstigen**, “the Troll Ladder”, which is one of the most visited attractions in Norway.

After passing towering mountains along the drive, you will reach **Ålesund**, a captivating city that was almost completely destroyed and rebuilt after a great fire in 1904. Therefore, it looks very different from any other Norwegian town with its Art Nouveau architecture. The myriad of turrets, spires and beautiful ornamentation give the town its distinctive character, like something out of a fairytale. Here you also have the opportunity to visit the Atlantic Sea Park and enjoy stunning views from **Fjellstuen**.

Spend the night in Ålesund.

Driving distance: 191 km / 119 miles

Estimated driving duration: 3 hours and 40 minutes (without stops)

Attractions: Ålesund, Eagle Road (Ørnevegen), Mount Aksla & Fjellstua, Trollstigen

DAY 6: THE ATLANTIC OCEAN ROAD

After breakfast at your hotel in Ålesund, get behind the wheel and drive to Vestnes, soaking in the scenery along the way. You will then board a ferry for a short ride to **Molde** before driving to the small fishing village of **Bud**. This charming town has historical significance as it was the centre of trading in the 16th and 17th centuries between Bergen and Trondheim. From there you will drive on the **Atlantic Ocean Road**, with the vast sea on one side and majestic snow-clad mountains on the other. End the day in **Kristiansund**, a cute city built on five islands with beautiful views from its natural harbour.

Spend the night in Kristiansund.

Driving distance: 179 km / 111 mi.

Estimated driving duration: 3 hours and 40 minutes (without stops)

Attractions: Atlantic Ocean Road, Bud, Kristiansund, Molde

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DAY 7: TRONDHEIM - THE CAPITAL OF THE VIKINGS

Continue north towards **Trondheim**, the "Capital of the Vikings". The day is free for you to explore this vibrant port city that was once the capital of Norway during the Viking Age, back when the city was called Nidaros. Here you will find the remarkable **Nidaros Cathedral**—with architecture to rival Paris's Notre Dame, as well as countless other attractions like the Ringve Museum and Gardens, the Trøndelag Folk Museum, Munkholmen, the Old town bridge, and the charming neighbourhood of **Bakklandet** by the old wharf.

Spend the night in Trondheim.

Driving distance: 197 km / 123 mi.

Estimated driving duration: 3 hours and 30 minutes (without stops)

Attractions: Bakklandet, Nidaros Cathedral/Nidarosdomen, Old Town Bridge, Trondheim

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DAY 8: EXPLORING THE COASTLINE OF NORWAY

Today, you board a **Hurigruten cruise** ship to discover the maritime beauty of Norway. You will head to Trondheim's harbour to board the ship for the Norwegian Coastal Voyage, which will set sail along the Trondheim Fjord and past Hitra Island. The ship will weave along inlets exposing the raw beauty of wide fjord.

In the evening, the boat will dock at the city of **Kristiansund** and the town of **Molde**. This journey passes through some breathtaking coastal landscapes, and the final port of the day is a brief stop in Ålesund, after midnight.

Spend the night in a private cabin on the cruise ship.

Attractions: Hurtigruten Cruise, Kristiansund, Molde

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DAY 9: SAIL TO HISTORIC BERGEN

During the night, the ship calls at Torvik, Maløy, and Florø coming within view of its final destination —**Bergen**. Here you will disembark in the early afternoon to enjoy some leisure time and to drop off the rental car either this evening or tomorrow morning. In Bergen, can take time to explore attractions you didn't have time to visit at the beginning of your trip, or spend some time shopping or visiting a cafe or two.

Spend the night in Bergen.

Attractions: Bergen, Bryggen, Fishmarket, Fløibanen Funicular (Funicular Railway)

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DAY 10: DEPARTURE FROM BERGEN

When it's time for your Norwegian adventure to come to an end, drive to the airport and return your vehicle at the car rental office. If your flight is in the afternoon, you can choose to enjoy some last-minute shopping, visit one of Bergen's many museums or relax at a café, enjoying the last few moments of this amazing journey.

Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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