



Norway & the Fjords Convention

11 days | Jul 06 2023—Jul 16 2023

There's nowhere else on Earth that's quite like Norway. First, it's beautiful—we mean you, fjord country. Second, it's got some pretty amazing calling cards like the midnight sun in summer and the Flåm Railway. Third, there's the culture. This is where the Vikings once lived and hygge was born. The list goes on, and you'll uncover all there is to love about Norway alongside fellow Group Coordinators and Go Ahead Tours staff.



Your tour package includes

9 nights in handpicked hotels

2 lunches

9 breakfasts

6 dinners with beer or wine

1 cider tasting

1 beer tasting

6 sightseeing tours

Expert Tour Director & local guides

Private deluxe motor coach

1 on-tour flight

3 train rides

Included highlights

Two fjord cruises
Convention Tour meeting
Bryggen harbor district
Hardangervidda National Park
Norwegian Fjord Centre
Geiranger Skywalk
Maihaugen open-air museum
Lysgårdsbakkene Ski Jumping Arena in
Lillehammer

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2 hours daily across mostly flat terrain, including cobblestone streets, paved roads, and dirt paths.

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Bergen today.

Bergen → 4 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Bergen

Included meals: welcome dinner
Welcome to Norway! Meet your Tour Director
and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Norwegian fjords

Included meals: breakfast
Spend the day journeying through Norway's fjord country, a region of otherworldly natural beauty.

- Take a scenic train ride from Bergen to Voss, where you'll continue on to the village of Gudvangen
- Embark on a cruise through the country's steep cliffs and narrow waterways
- Disembark in the village of Flåm, overlooking Aurlandsfjord
- Take a scenic train ride along the Flåm Railway, one of the steepest railways in the world, as you travel from Flåm to Myrdal
- Take another train as you make your way from Myrdal back to Bergen

Day 4: Convention Tour meeting, sightseeing tour of Bergen & farm dinner

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner
Join your group for a Convention Tour meeting,
a series of presentations and discussions
designed with Group Coordinators' questions,
experiences, and interests in mind.

- Begin with a keynote address by senior members of Go Ahead Tours staff, followed by an insider's view of the company and tours
- Discuss tour planning and recruiting best practices with Go Ahead Tours staff and your fellow Group Coordinators
- Get an overview of the many benefits available to you as a Go Ahead Tours Group Coordinator and learn about new program updates
- Enjoy coffee, tea, mineral water and an included lunch

This afternoon, join a local guide to discover historic sites in and around Bergen.

- Walk through the Hanseatic-era alleyways and courtyards in the UNESCO-listed Bryggen harbor district
- Pass by Bergenhus Fortress and the bustling fish and flower market
- · Admire views of the city center and harbor
- Take a cable car ride up Mount Ulriken for a hike along the mountain paths, which offer incredible views of Bergen and the surrounding fjords

This evening, head to a family-run farm that dates back to the 16th century. You'll tour the farm, sit down for an included dinner of traditional Norwegian cuisine, and see outfits that represent the country's culture.

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of the Hardangerfjord Region

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, tasting
Journey to the Hardangerfjord region, home to
one of the world's longest fjords, delicious food,
and rich history.

- Visit a family-run fruit farm for a walk through the orchard where you'll learn about the production of their fruits
- · Enjoy a tasting of homemade cider
- Sit down for an included lunch at the farm featuring local ingredients and traditional foods
- Explore Norway's largest national park, Hardangervidda National Park
- Take in beautiful views from the mountain plateau and keep watch for herds of reindeer

$Alesund \rightarrow 1$ night

Day 6: Flight to Ålesund & sightseeing tour

Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Fly to Ålesund this morning, then embark on a guided tour of this picture-perfect port town.

- Start with a visit to the Giske archipelago, which is home to ancient Viking monuments
- View the 12th-century Giske Church, Norway's only marble church
- Climb to the top of Alnes Lighthouse on the isle of Godøya

- Visit the open-air Sunnmøre Museum, which features 55 distinct houses and one of Norway's largest boat collections
- Enjoy panoramic views of the archipelago from atop Mount Aksla
- Explore the streets of Ålesund and admire the Art Nouveau architecture

Sit down for an included dinner at a local restaurant this evening.

Geirangerfjord Region → 2 nights

Day 7: Geirangerfjord Region via Trollstigen

Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Make your way to the Geirangerfjord region, the
crown jewel of the Norwegian fjords.

- Drive down the famous Trollstigen mountain pass, which is filled with hairpin turns and extraordinary scenery
- Take in views of the fjord below and surrounding mountains from the Geiranger Skywalk, a semi-glass viewing platform located almost 5,000 feet in the air

Continue on to the Geirangerfjord region and sit down for an included dinner at a local restaurant this evening.

Day 8: Norwegian Fjord Centre & Geiranger fiord cruise

Included meals: breakfast
Sail through Norway's stunning UNESCO-listed fjords today.

- Stop at the Norwegian Fjord Centre and explore exhibits to learn about the geological history and biodiversity of the area
- Enjoy free time for lunch or to explore the outdoor areas around the Centre
- Board a sightseeing boat to view some of the most dramatic fjords in Norway
- View magnificent waterfalls like the Seven Sisters, the Bridal Veil, and the Suitor as they plunge off towering cliffs
- Keep an eye out for abandoned mountain farms and marine wildlife, like playful porpoises

$\textbf{Lillehammer} \rightarrow 1 \text{ night}$

Day 9: Transfer to Lillehammer & sightseeing tour

Included meals: breakfast, dinner
Stop in the town of Lom, the gateway to the
Jotunheim Mountains, and enjoy free time to
explore the area. Then, continue on to the resort
town of Lillehammer, home of the 1994 Winter
Olympics.

- Follow your Tour Director through the town of Lillehammer, which is situated on picturesque Lake Mjøsa
- Walk along the main pedestrian street, which is lined with wooden houses, boutiques, and restaurants

Tonight, sit down for an included dinner at a local restaurant with your group.

Oslo \rightarrow 1 night

Day 10: Oslo via Maihaugen & Lysgårdsbakkene Ski Jumping Arena

Included meals: breakfast, beer tasting, farewell dinner

En route to Oslo, stop to visit some of Norway's most famous sites.

- Visit Maihaugen, an open-air museum featuring with more than 200 historic homes showing how residents lived throughout history
- Enter the Garmo Stave Church, which dates back to the 1200s
- Take a chairlift to the top of the Lysgårdsbakkene Ski Jumping Arena, where the 1994 Olympic ski jumping took place
- Enjoy breathtaking views of Lillehammer and Lake Mjøsa

Then, continue on to Oslo and enter the Beer Academy. You'll enjoy a tasting of Norwegian beer while learning about the history of the drink and it's importance to the country's culture. Celebrate your trip with your group during tonight's farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Flight Home

Day 11: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)
Transfer to the airport for your flight home.