

WELCOME TO NORWAY AND A CHARMING TOUR IN A BEAUTIFUL WILD NATURE

# AUTUMN IN NORWAY

## COLOURFUL BERGEN, HARDANGER AND SOGN FJORD

Including cruise on the most amazing fjords in Norway

- Stunning Aurland Fjord
- Sogn Fjord – longest and deepest fjord in Norway

Including local experiences

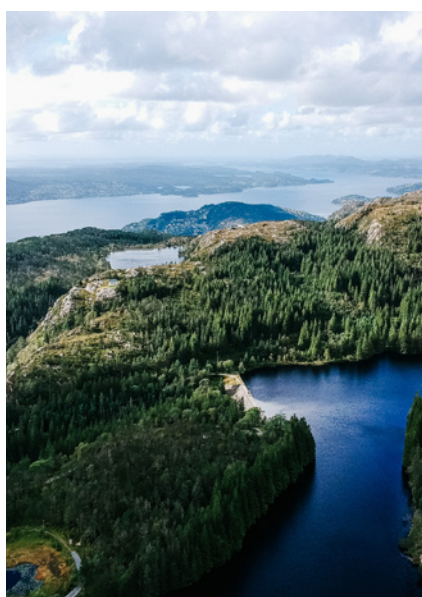
- Cultural farm visit
- Fruit orchards and farm visit with tasting



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### Colourful Bergen, Hardanger and Sogn Fjord



#### **Day 1: ARRIVAL BERGEN** (D)

Arrive in Bergen at own arrangement and check in to your hotel in the city centre.

At 19:00 meet with tour leader in the hotel lobby. Together you will walk to Bryggen for a **delicious 3 courses welcome dinner at local restaurant**. During the dinner you will get introduction to the tours and your fellow travelers.

**Accommodation at Bergen Børs Hotel**, centrally located near Bryggen, the Fish market and shopping options

#### **Day 2: BERGEN – ROSENDAL – LOFTHUS** (B, L, D)

After buffet breakfast at the hotel, short walk to the pier. At 08:50 depart by express boat towards the Hardanger Fjord. The boat will take you through some of western Norway's most striking scenery. **Reach the Hardanger Fjord, famous for its many fruit orchards. In September/October** the trees turn yellow and red, the leaves start falling off the trees creating a splendid and dazzling color in autumn. The landscape is draped in golden colors and along the fjords it is harvest time. Autumn also hunting season with traditional game introduce and you can taste the best meat during this time.

Disembark in Rosendal at 10:45 and visit **Baroniet Rosendal Manor House & Gardens**. Step back in time during a tour of the house, dating back to 1665, and enjoy a walk through the beautiful flowering renaissance garden and landscape park.

**Lunch**. Short drive to Ænes for a **visit to the recreational farm retreat Gygratun**. Enjoy a guided tour of the farm with animals and get to learn more about traditional Norwegian farm lifestyle.

Proceed by coach under the Folgefonna glacier and continue past the Sandvevatnet Lake for **beautiful view of the Folgefonna Glacier** and further on to **the thundering rich Låtefossen**.

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Hereafter the route goes north, passing Odda and Tyssedal – both industrial towns from 1900th century until today. As you are driving **the Scenic Route along the Sør fjord, an arm of the Hardanger Fjord, you will enjoy amazing views of colourful and ripe fruit trees ready to be harvested.**

Arrive to your hotel in Lofthus late in the afternoon. This unique family owned hotel dates back to 1846, and today the hotel has found the perfect balance between rich traditions and modern facilities.

Enjoy a **rich buffet dinner** at the hotel's dining room "Spisesalen", well known for their impressive range of dishes, which is mainly home made from local produce.

**Accommodation at Hotel Ullensvang, in beautiful room facing the orchards on the mountain slopes.**

*Optional upgrade to fjord view facing room.*



### **Day 3: LOFTHUS – ULVIK – FLÅM – AUERLAND FJORD - BALESTRAND** (B, L, D)

*We recommend packing an overnight bag for your upcoming night in Balestrand (for you to avoid having to carry suitcase in and out of ferries, the large suitcases will be transferred straight to your hotel in Bergen)*

After buffet breakfast depart from your hotel by coach. The route goes north past Kinsarvik and into Eidfjord before stopping to **view the thundering Vøringsfoss Waterfall** with a vertical drop of 180 m. Cross the Hardanger Bridge, which is among the longest suspension bridges in the world, and drive to Ulvik. Here you will **visit the Hardanger Juice and Cider Factory, a traditional apple orchard that produces apple juice, cider and liquor.** You will get to see the farm and production facilities and also taste the different products, before enjoying **lunch** in the restaurant with panoramic windows to the fjord below.

After lunch, the tour proceeds through Voss and Gudvangen until you reach Flåm, located at the most inner part of the Aurland Fjord. From Flåm you will board the **express boat to Balestrand, a 1½ hours peaceful tour on the stunning Aurland Fjord and the Sogn Fjord, the longest and deepest fjord in Norway.** From the sun deck of the comfortable lounge, you can enjoy the spectacular scenery of cascading waterfalls, sheer mountain cliffs, snow-clad peaks, and a variety of wildlife.

Disembarkation is right in front of your hotel, superbly located on the banks of the fjord and surrounded by mountains. Check in and enjoy a few hours at your leisure to soak in to this historical hotel, which dates back to 1752. The hotel has been in the Kvikne family since 1877, and they restored and kept this pearl for generations, and today it is a modern hotel with old-world charm and atmosphere, and adorn with an extensive collection of artworks and antiques.

In the evening enjoy **buffet dinner** in the hotel's romantic restaurant with view to the Sogn Fjord.

**Accommodation at Kvikne's Hotel, in mountain facing room.**

*Optional upgrade to fjord view facing room.*



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#### **Day 4: BALESTRAND – SOGN FJORD – BERGEN** (B, D)

After an early breakfast in the hotel's stunning restaurant with view to the Sogn Fjord from your table, you **depart by express boat at 07:50 for a cruise along the spectacular Sogn Fjord, the longest and deepest fjord in Norway, before heading south along the Norwegian west coast.** From the sun deck or the comfortable lounge, you can enjoy the magnificent scenery of cascading waterfalls, mighty mountain cliffs, snow-clad peaks, and a variety of wildlife.

Return to Bergen at noon and short walk to the hotel with your overnight bag and lunch on your own. In the afternoon your tour leader will take you on a short **introduction tour of Bergen by foot** including highlights, such as the famous Fish and Flower Market, the old Bryggen Harbour with its gabled pack houses, which has been listed by UNESCO World Heritage side, the popular Hanseatic Quarter and the ancient Maria Church, which was built in 1130-1170.

This evening you will **enjoy a farewell dinner in cosy local restaurant close to your hotel.**

#### **Accommodation at Bergen Børs Hotel**

#### **Day 5: DEPARTURE BERGEN** (B)

Buffet breakfast at your hotel.

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#### Tour map:



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#### The package includes the following services:

- English speaking tour manager from day 1 to day 5

#### Hotels:

- 2 night's accommodation in standard room including breakfast at modern superbly located hotel in Bergen
- 2 night's accommodation in standard room including buffet dinner and breakfast at first class historical hotels in the fjords
- Luggage assistance at all hotels while with the group

#### Meals:

- 3 courses welcome and farewell dinner at local restaurant in Bergen
- Buffet dinner at fjord hotels x 2
- 2 x lunch (2 courses) in local farms/cafes
- Wonderful Norwegian tap water for all meals

#### Visits:

- Entrance to Baroniet Manor House
- Local farm retreat visit with Norwegian traditions and animals
- Local fruit farm visit including tasting of homemade juice

#### Transportation:

- Modern deluxe coach with reclining seats and seatbelts
- Toll fee Hardanger Bridge
- All ferry crossings as per program

#### Magnificent cruises by ferries:

- 4 hour cruise by express boat Bergen-Rosendal
- 1½ hours cruise by express boat Flåm-Balestrand along Aurland Fjord and into the Sogn Fjord
- 4 hours cruise by express boat Balestrand-Bergen along the Sogn Fjord and south along the Norwegian coast

#### Services not included:

- All services not mentioned specifically in the tour program and above included list
- Use of minibar
- Laundry
- Tips for driver (recommended approx. 1,5-2 EUR/day)
- Tips for tour manager (recommended approx. 4-6 EUR/day)
- Arrival and departure transfers