

NORWAY

COPENHAGEN - BERGEN - OSLO



Day 1, ARRIVAL COPENHAGEN

Arrive by flight on own. Meet driver at the arrivals hall and **group transfer by coach from Copenhagen Kastrup Airport to your hotel** in Copenhagen city centre.

Copenhagen, the capital city of the kingdom of Denmark since 1417. Copenhagen is one of Europe's oldest capitals with a royal touch - the monarchy in Denmark is the oldest in the world! Copenhagen is a place where old fairytales blend with flashy new architecture and world class design. Copenhagen is also considered one of the world's most environmentally friendly cities and one of the world's leading cycle cities.

**At 17:30 welcome reception at the hotel with wine & cheese (heavy Hors D'oeuvres including 2 glasses of wine per person)
Accommodation at Imperial Hotel, centrally located**

Day 2, COPENHAGEN

Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00 meet guides at the hotel and start **2½ hour city tour by foot (split up into two sub groups)**. During the tour you will pass sights such as Tivoli, Christiansborg Palace (seat of the Danish Parliament), Hans Christian Andersen's statue, the Amalienborg Palace, and many other popular sights.



Both groups will terminate in Nyhavn (end of guide service), from where you will start a **1 hour canal tour**:

A lovely canal tour around the harbour and through the idyllic canals where you will hear stories about Copenhagen's beautiful churches, castles, listed houses, modern architecture and many other sights. During the tour you will pass: the old harbour of Nyhavn The Opera House, the Little Mermaid, Amalienborg Palace, Amalievehen, Christianshavn, Our Savior's Church, the Black Diamond, the National Museum, Gammel Strand, Christiansborg Palace, Holmen's Church, The old Stock Exchange, the National Bank
Languages: Live guided in Danish & English

At 13:00, after ended canal cruise, transfer by coach back to your hotel.

Enjoy the rest of the day free at your leisure. We warmly recommend a visit to Tivoli. The Tivoli Gardens opened in 1843, and is the second oldest amusement park in the world. Apart from the various attractions (roller coasters, carousels etc.) there are many restaurants within the park, a pantomime theater, concert halls, etc. In the summertime, the park is decorated with a multitude of flowers. *Please note on Fridays in the summer season there are free rock-concerts on the open-air stage – mainly with Danish artists (here the entrance fee is higher than other days).*

Accommodation at Imperial Hotel, centrally located

Day 3, COPENHAGEN

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy the day free for your leisure.

Accommodation at Imperial Hotel, centrally located

Day 4, COPENHAGEN – STAVANGER

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out.

At 11:00, coach transfer from your hotel to Copenhagen Kastrup Airport.

Flight Copenhagen-Stavanger SK1872 14:05-15:15, arranged on own.

Arrive in Stavanger Airport. Meet driver at the arrivals hall and transfer to your hotel in the city centre.

Stavanger is Norway's fourth largest town which is situated on a peninsula

jutting out into the North Sea in a landscape of jagged coastline, sheltered by a screen of islands, typical of the Norwegian west coast.

17:00 meet guides (Davis & Lars) at the hotel and start **2 hour city tour by foot (split up into two sub groups)**. Stavanger is known as a trading centre for petroleum refinery and the building of oil platforms. In the city centre, close to the harbour and the cathedral, you will find the original Stavanger with its narrow streets and white framehouses

Accommodation at Clarion Hotel Stavanger, centrally located

Day 5, STAVANGER

Breakfast at the hotel. Bring a **lunch box** from the hotel before departure for today's excursion.

09:30 transfer by private coach hotel-pier.

10:00-12:10 start regular boat tour on the beautiful Lysefjord, whose sheer rock walls rise as high as one kilometer in places. Experience idyllic islands, the mighty *Preikestolen* (the Pulpit Rock), waterfalls, the vagabonds cave and all the time magnificent nature.

In Oanes your boat is corresponding with the **regular bus to Prekestolen Mountain Lodge 12:15-12:40**, from where a **hiking tour to the Pulpit Rock starts**. The Pulpit Rock is an awesome flat rock formation standing out almost 600 meters above the Lysefjord. Hiking up to the Pulpit Rock gives you an astonishing view of the Lysefjord from 600 metres above sea level.

From the Mountain Lodge the hike takes roughly 2 hours each way and is a trek without guide. *Please note route is very steep so do not forget to bring solid hiking footwear and outdoor apparel plus food and water.*

Estimated **return to the Mountain Lodge and departure by regular bus at 16:30 to Tau.**

- *In case you return later, the next busses depart: 17:15 / 18:50 / 20:20.*

Ferry Tau-Stavanger 17:15-17:55.

Please note the ferry ticket is not included – this ticket is sold on board the ferry (60 NOK/pax)

- *Later departures corresponding with later busses from Tau at 18:00 / 19:30 / 21:00. Duration of crossing to Stavanger is approx. 40 minutes*

Disembark in Stavanger. **At 18:00, transfer by private coach back to your hotel.**

- *In case you return to Stavanger later than scheduled, please advise the bus company ASAP!*

Accommodation at Clarion Hotel Stavanger, centrally located

Day 6, STAVANGER – BERGEN

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Meet driver at the hotel in the morning. **Full day transfer Stavanger-Bergen.**

At 08:15 leave Stavanger by coach to Randaberg. Pass the tunnel, and **from Mortavik take the ferry to Arsvågen 09:30-09:55**. Proceed driving north. Pass under the tunnel Valevåg-Skjersholmane and continue along the coast on the island Stord to **Sandvikvåg for ferry crossing to Halhjem 12:15-12:55**. Disembark and short drive to **Bjørnefjorden Gjestetun in Os for lunch at 13:00**.

After lunch, proceed to Bergen, capital of western Norway and gateway to the fjords. Check in to your hotel and enjoy the evening free at your leisure.

Bergen is called '*the city between seven mountains*' because of the many mountains surrounding it. At 624 metres, Mount Ulriken is the tallest of them. Bergen was one of the major hanseatic cities in Europe and it has been a great centre of trade throughout the ages. Fish was exported from Bergen, while grain was the main import. The first German merchants came to the city already in 1270, and the powerful Hanseatic League existed until 1784, when it was disbanded. The Hanseatic merchants operated in the Bryggen area, which is now included on UNESCO's World Heritage List

Accommodation at Bergen Børs Hotel, centrally located

Day 7, BERGEN

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 start of 6 hours sightseeing by coach with local English speaking guide. A guided tour of the city, including a visit to the famous Fish and Flower Market, the old Bryggen Harbour with its gabled packhouses, the popular Hanseatic Quarter and the ancient Maria Church. Proceed outside the city for a visit to **Fantoft Stave Church (entrance)**. The original Fantoft Stave Church was built in Fortun in Sogn in 1150 and moved to Fantoft in 1883. The church was totally destroyed by fire June 6, 1992 but has been rebuilt as it was before the fire.

Continue by coach to **Troldhaugen (entrance)**, which was the home of famous Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg and his wife Nina. The Villa was built in 1885, and the couple lived there the last 22 summers of Edvard Grieg's life. Troldhaugen became a museum in 1928 and includes Grieg's Villa, the composer's hut and the Grieg couple's gravesite as well as a modern museum building and the concert hall Troldsalen, a chamber music hall seating 200 people. Troldsalen is the centre of the museum's extensive concert activities and has excellent acoustics. **At 13:00 enjoy ½ hours piano play** in Troldsalen. After the performance return to Bergen city centre. End of guide and coach service by **restaurant Bryggeloftet at 14:00. Lunch.**

After lunch walk back to your hotel (300 meter)

In the afternoon half of the group will enjoy a ride with the Fløi Funicular to Mt. Fløien for an amazing view of Bergen and the fjord

- 1 voucher will be exchanged for all 24 tickets, valid all year

Accommodation at Bergen Børs Hotel, centrally located

Day 8, BERGEN

Breakfast at the hotel. The day is free at your leisure. During the day the other half of the group will enjoy the ride with the Fløi Funicular to Mt. Fløien for an amazing view of Bergen and the fjord.

Accommodation at Bergen Børs Hotel, centrally located

Day 9, BERGEN – DRAGSVIK

06:45 breakfast at the hotel and check out. **Meet your long distance coach driver, who will stay with you until arrival in Oslo day 12.**

At 07:30 depart from your hotel in Bergen and drop of the 13 guests at the pier, who are going to Balestrand by boat.

- **13 PAX: express boat Bergen-Balestrand 08:00-11:50**
(please see supplement for this boat)

The rest of the group continues by coach and route to Oppedal. **From Oppedal take the ferry to Lavik 10:10-10:30**, crossing the well-known Sognefjord, the longest and deepest fjord in Norway. Continue driving along the Sognefjord for route to Balestrand. Along the route you can enjoy the spectacular scenery of cascading waterfalls, sheer mountain cliffs, snow-clad peaks, and a variety of wildlife.

In Balestrand meet up with the guests, who went by boat Bergen-Balestrand.

At 12:00 lunch for the whole group at Kvikne's Hotel in Balestrand before proceeding by coach to your hotel in Dragsvik.

19:00 dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation at Dragsvik Fjordhotell

Day 10, DRAGSVIK – FLÅM RAILWAY & CRUISE – DRAGSVIK

Breakfast at the hotel and in the morning depart for a full day excursion. **Ferry Dragsvik-Vangsnes 09:00-09:35**, and proceed by coach across the Vika Mountains. Arrive in Voss and take the **train on the Bergen Railway to Myrdal, 11:20-12:06.**

- Please exchange your voucher into train tickets (Voss-Myrdal) in advance. We recommend doing this in Bergen (at Bergen railway station, approx. 600 meter from your hotel)



In Myrdal enjoy **lunch at Café Rallaren** (the café is located on the same platform as the train from Voss comes in and as the next train to Flåm departs from).

13:27-14:25 proceed the tour on the amazing Flåm Railway. The Flåm Railway is a masterpiece of engineering descending 2,838 feet in less than an hour. The ride offers opportunities for photo shoots of exciting waterfalls and mountain scenery.

Down in Flåm there is time to visit the shops, the museum or simply enjoy the charm of Flåm, before **the tour proceeds by express boat from Flåm at 15:30 to Balestrand** – an approx. 1½ hours peaceful tour on the Auerlandfjord and the Sognefjord. Disembark in Balestrand and meet your coach for a short transfer to your hotel in Dragsvik.

19:00 dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation at Dragsvik Fjordhotell

Day 11, DRAGSVIK - FJÆRLAND & GLACIERS - DRAGSVIK

At 07:00 breakfast at the hotel followed by a short transfer to Balestrand.

At 08.00-09:40: Take the ferry from Balestrand to Fjærland (pax only - the bus will drive around the fjord, through ferry Dragsvik-Hella and meet the group in Fjærland). Meet the driver at the pier in Fjærland and proceed by coach to the **Norwegian Glacier Museum (entrance)**, which reveals more than you ever wanted to know about the flowing ice and how it has sculpted the landscape, the fjords and mountains. There is a stunning multi-screen presentation on Jostedalsglaciaren, the largest glacier on the European continent (the presentation is 18 minutes, and starts every half hour – they start the film as the first thing when groups come in with the boat). After visiting the museum proceed by coach to the glaciers. Start with a stop at the Supphelle Glacier and afterwards proceed to the Bøya Glacier, where you have lunch too.

Supphelle Glacier: This is the lowest lying glacier in Southern Norway, only 60 m a.s.l. The glacier is kept alive by ice avalanches from Flatbreen, some 800 m higher. Yearly so much ice is coming down to the valley floor that if we put the ice on a football ground it will be a layer of ice 230 m thick. Easy access by car/bus, approx. 10 km from Fjærland

Bøya Glacier: Outlet glacier from the Jostedalsglaciaren. The ice in the icefall is moving down the mountain side with a speed of 2 m a day. Easy access with car/bus, only 10 km away from Fjærland

At 12:00 lunch at Brævasshytta, located under the Bøya Glacier.

Return to Dragsvik by coach. En route pass Sogndal, proceed along the Sognefjord and take the ferry from Hella to Dragsvik (no specific departure – choose the one that suits the duration of your day; departures from Hella every half hour).

19:00 dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation at Dragsvik Fjordhotell

Day 12, DRAGSVIK – OSLO

At 07:00 breakfast at the hotel and check out. Take the **ferry Dragsvik-Hella 08:10-08:20** and proceed route along the Sognefjord, pass Sogndal and take the **ferry Mannheller-Fodnes 09:40-09:55**. Pass Lærdal and make a stop to visit the well preserved **Borgund Stave church (entrance)**, from around 1100. Route through the Hemse Valley to Gol and enjoy **lunch at Storefjell Resort Hotel at 13:00**. Proceed through the Halling Valley and driving past the beautiful Tyri Fjord until you reach Oslo. Oslo is situated at the northernmost point of the 100 kms long Oslo Fiord and has since 1814 (then: Kristiania), when Norway was declared independent of Denmark, been the capital of Norway.

Arrive to your hotel late afternoon and check in. End of long distance coach service.

Accommodation at Scandic Victoria Oslo, centrally located

Day 13, OSLO

Breakfast at the hotel. **09:30 meet guide at your hotel and short walk to the bike rental shop** (500 meter, max 10 minutes walk). **At 10:00 start of 3 hours panoramic city tour by bike.** *The group will split up in 2 sub groups of 12 pax each.* During the tour you will pass sights such as the Akershus Fortress, the City Hall, the Royal Palace and the Palace Gardens, Vigeland Sculpture Park, Tjuvholmen, Aker Brygge and many other popular sights. Terminate the tour at the bike shop and walk back to your hotel.

Afternoon free at leisure.

Oslo is the Viking city, the culture city, the winter capital, the city of rolling green hills and spectacular fjords and the capital city of Norway. Since 1814 (then: Kristiania), when Norway was declared independent of Denmark, Oslo has been the capital. The city is situated at the northernmost point of the 100 kms long Oslo Fiord

At 17:30 farewell reception at the hotel with wine & cheese (heavy Hors D'oeuvres including 2 glasses of wine per person)

Afterwards, short walk to the pier (450 meter, max 10 minutes walk). **At 19:00 start of 3 hour cruise** on board a traditional wooden sailing ship, passing through a maze of green islands, the Opera House and the fortress. A **Norwegian prawn buffet is included** on board.

Accommodation at Scandic Victoria Oslo, centrally located

Day 14, OSLO DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

At 11:30, group transfer by coach from your hotel to Oslo Gardermoen Airport.

- *Please note! A new regulation in Oslo (to lower traffic in the city centre) now allows busses to park MAX 10 minutes in front of this hotel. All guests must therefore be ready for departure OUTSIDE the hotel and wait for the bus to arrive, and then they have max 10 minutes to board the bus and depart towards the airport.*

REFUND per person ferry Tau-Stavanger (paid on spot): **EUR 7,-**

1 tour leader is free of charge in single room with minimum 21 paying pax. If no single room has been booked the free place goes to ½ a double/twin.

Tour includes:

- 13 night's accommodation including breakfast
- 1 x Hors D'oeuvres including 2 glasses of wine per person day 1 at Imperial Hotel
- 1 x lunch box (day 5)
- 6 x lunch (day 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12)
- 3 x dinners at hotel in Dragsvik (day 9, 10, 11)
- Day 1, coach transfer Copenhagen airport-hotel in city
- Day 2, guided walking tour Copenhagen 2½ hours, 1 hour canal cruise, coach transfer pier-hotel
- Day 4, coach transfer hotel in Copenhagen city-Copenhagen airport
- Day 4, coach transfer Stavanger airport-hotel in city
- Day 4, guided walking tour Stavanger 2 hours
- Day 5, coach transfer hotel-pier and pier-hotel + unescorted cruise & hike to the Lysefjord and the Pulpit Rock, approx 8 hours in total, including cruise Stavanger-Lysefjord-Oanes, bus Oanes- Preikesolhytta, bus Preikesolhytta-Tau and ferry Tau-Stavanger
- Day 6, coach transfer Stavanger-Bergen including ferry crossings Mortavik-Arsvågen and Sandvikvåg-Halhjem
- Day 7, coach+guide 7 hours for tour of Bergen and surrounding area incl. entrance Fantoft Stave Church and Troidhaugen incl. ½ hour piano play
- Day 8, Fløi Funicular ticket
- Day 9-12, coach hire full day services Bergen-Dragsvik-excursion 2 days-Oslo including domestic ferries all days
- Day 10, full day excursion including train Voss-Myrdal, Flåm Railway Myrdal-Flåm and express boat Flåm-Balestrand
- Day 11, full day excursion including ferry Balestrand-Fjærland and entrance Norwegian Glacier Museum
- Day 12, entrance Borgund Stave Church
- Day 13, coach transfer hotel-bike shop-hotel + bike rental + guided bike tour 3 hours
- Day 13, evening 3 hours boat tour incl. Norwegian prawn buffet
- Day 14, coach transfer hotel in Oslo city-Oslo Gardermoen Airport

ADDITIONAL:

EXPRESS BOAT BERGEN – BALESTRAND DAY 9, booked for 13 pax

- **Supplement per person: EUR 78,-**

HORS D'OEUVRES OSLO DAY 13, booked for the whole group

- **Supplement per person: EUR 45,-**