

**Land of the Vikings
8 days – 7 nights
Oslo, Geilo, Hardangerfjord, Bergen, Sognefjord, Beitostølen, Geirangerfjord, Ålesund, Troll Route,
Vinstra, Lillehammer
Nature, Discovery, Culture, History**

**This program may be operated for individual or for groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize**

Discover the sumptuous fjord region and its capital, Bergen, but also the Norwegian countryside to Ålesund, an Art Nouveau city. Immerse yourself in the heart of Viking culture and marvel at the immensity of the fjords, on the mini-cruises included in the program ...

Day 1: Oslo

Arrive in Oslo by flight. Welcome to Norway! A private car will meet you in the arrival hall and take you to your hotel in the city. Check in your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [D]

Day 2: Oslo, Geilo

Morning dedicated to a guided tour of the Norwegian capital: Karl Johan Street, the Royal Palace, the town hall, the new opera house... (approx. 3 hrs). You will visit the Viking Ship Museum containing the best-preserved long ships in the world. You will also walk through Frogner Park where nearly 200 sculptures by Gustav Vigeland are on display. Free time for lunch. Depart from the shores of the great Tyrifjord lake which inspired many legends and cross the green Hallingdal valley. Dinner and overnight at the hotel [B/L/D]

Day 3: Geilo, Hardangerfjord, Bergen

This morning, cross the Hardangervidda high plateau, the largest in Europe. Admire the Vøringfoss waterfall (597 feet high) before reaching the shores of Hardangerfjord, Norway's orchard. Lunch and stop at the Steindalsfoss waterfall where you can enjoy a unique point of view while passing behind the falling water! Drive through the mountains to reach Bergen the fjords' capital. A guided tour of around 2 hours will take you through the fish market, the quays and Bryggen, Hanseatic quarter with colorful houses... Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 4: Bergen, Sognefjord, Beitostølen

Drive to the village of Voss, between the Hardangerfjord and the Sognefjord, the two largest fjords in the country. Continue to Gudvangen where we stop for lunch. Departure for a 2-hour long mini-cruise on the Sognefjord, the longest and deepest in Norway. Sail in the heart of the Nærøyfjord, listed on UNESCO's list of sites. Then, continue to the pretty village of Lærdal and its wooden houses and follow the Lærdal river famous for its salmon. Stop in Borgund to contemplate the exterior architecture of the best-preserved stave church in the country. Continue through the Filefjell mountains to the Valdres region to arrive in Beitostølen. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 5: Beitostølen, Geirangerfjord, Ålesund

Drive along the Jotunheimen National Park to Lom. You can admire the magnificent exterior architecture of its stave church. Continuation to Geiranger and lunch. You will embark on an unforgettable mini-cruise in the heart of Norway's most impressive fjord, the Geirangerfjord (approx. 1 hour). Dominated by huge rock faces flowing with magnificent waterfalls, this fjord is inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Continue to Ålesund, a charming port town in Art Nouveau style for dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 6: Ålesund, Troll Route, Vinstra

Drive to Åndalsnes and descend the impressive Trolls Route that encompasses over 13 miles, 11 switchbacks and a drop of 2,790 feet. Contemplate vertiginous waterfalls that descend these sheer slopes and stop to enjoy this astonishing panorama. After lunch drive through the Romsdal valley

through which the Rauma river flows, known to be full of fish. Arrive in the mountainous region of Otta, home to many winter sports resorts. Stop to admire the outer beauty of the charming Ringebu stave church. It is located on the path that once led pilgrims from Oslo to Trondheim. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 7: Vinstra, Lillehammer

Departure to discover Lillehammer, a picturesque small town famous for having organized the Olympic Games of 1994. Overview of the lively city center with its pedestrian streets, cafes and shops. The low wooden houses, topped with a triangular gable, give it all its charm. Climb to the heights of Lillehammer where you will admire the 2 impressive ski jumping hills which dominate the city. After lunch, drive to Oslo by the shores of Lake Mjosa. Arrival in the heart of the capital and free time. This evening join you guide for a farewell dinner. Night at the hotel. B/[L/D]

Day 8: Oslo, USA

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel. At the appointed time, transfer to Oslo Airport to board your flight back to the USA. [B]



[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA-Oslo
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 7 nights' accommodation
 - Oslo 2 nights
 - Geilo 1 night
 - Bergen 1 night
 - Beitostøl 1 night
 - Alesund 1 night
 - Vinstra 1 night
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 6 lunches
 - 7 dinners
- Sightseeing of Oslo
- Vøringfoss waterfall
- The Hardangerfjord
- Steindalsfoss waterfall
- Tour of Bergen
- Cruise the Sognefjord and the Nærøfjord
- See the wooden houses of Lærdal
- The stave churches of Borgund, Lom and Ringebu

- Cruise the Geirangerfjord
- Discover Alesund
- Ride on the Trolls Road
- Discover Lillehammer
- Lillehammer ski jumping hills
- The Viking Ship Museum
- Private transportation for transfers & tours
- English speaking guide
- All local taxes

Tour does not include:

- Taxes or surcharges related to airline tickets
- Visas
- Travel Insurance
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Tips to driver and guide

Recommended hotels in your Tour:

Location	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
First Class		
Oslo	Christiania Teater	4.5
Geilo	Havsdalsgrenda	4.5
Bergen	Thon Hotel Orion	4.5
Beitostølen	Radisson Blu Resort, Beitostolen*	3.5
Alesund	Hotel Brosundet	4.5
Vinstra	Herangtunet Boutique Hotel	5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking | *Best in town

Tour Prices:

From: \$1,405 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

• **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

• **Program**

You may add or remove;

- o Trip days
- o Cities and sites
- o Meals

• **Other options**

- o The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- o If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

• **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- The options suggested in the itinerary will be quoted at time of booking
- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote

with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.

- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.