



SCENIC NORWAY

September 8 - 16, 2012

Starting from \$2,259.00 per person/ land only

Escorted by AL & EILEEN WALSETH with minimum participation

Day 1 Arrive in Oslo, Norway

Welcome to the land of fjords, lakes, mountains, thundering waterfalls, and gleaming glaciers. Time to rest or start exploring lively Oslo. At 6 pm, meet your traveling companions for a welcome drink hosted by your Tour Director.

Day 2 Oslo–Lillehammer

After a picture stop at Eidsvoll, where the country's democratic constitution was signed in 1814, proceed along lovely Lake Mjosa to Lillehammer, proud host of the 1994 Winter Olympics. Time here for lunch and in the afternoon, enjoy a guided walking tour of the unique MAIHAUGEN OPEN-AIR MUSEUM (from end-May onwards). (Breakfast & Dinner Included)

Day 3 Lillehammer–Loen

Drive through the wide Gudbrandsdal Valley, the lush dairy and timber land of Ibsen's drama Peer Gynt. Take pictures of the lonely stave church of Lom, then climb above the tree line to 5,000 feet for a breathtaking panoramic view from the Dalsnibba lookout above Geirangerfjord. In the afternoon, enjoy a one-hour CRUISE past the famous "Seven Sisters" cascade. Dock at Hellesylt and head south via Lake Hornindal to peaceful Loen. (Breakfast & Dinner Included)

Day 5 Stalheim–Bergen

This morning, see the popular lakeside resort of Voss before arriving in pretty Bergen. During your orientation tour, hear about its 11th-century origins and its association with the Hanseatic League. Afternoon at leisure. Stroll through the colorful fish market and the narrow lanes of ancient Bryggen, and ride the funicular up to Mount Floyen. (Breakfast Included)

Day 6 Bergen–Telemark

Cross Hardangerfjord by FERRY and drive through the orchards along Sorfjord, whose tranquil splendor inspired Grieg's Morning Mood. More scenic delights: thundering Latefoss and the wild Hardangervidda mountain plateau, where Fridtjof Nansen prepared for his polar expeditions. Next is rustic, unspoiled Telemark. (Breakfast & Dinner Included)



Your Itinerary Continues

Day 7 Telemark–Oslo

Focus on VEMORK, scene of the daring sabotage action celebrated in The Heroes of Telemark. . Before returning to Oslo in the afternoon, admire HEDDAL STAVE CHURCH, the largest of the country's remaining medieval wooden churches. (Breakfast Included)

Day 8 Oslo

Sightseeing with a Local Guide features the National Theater, Parliament, and the Royal Palace. Stroll through magnificent FROGNER PARK. In the afternoon, an optional excursion to see relics of Norway's glorious seafaring past is available. Tonight, celebrate the success of your journey with a farewell dinner at your hotel. (Breakfast & Dinner Included)

Day 9 Oslo

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (Breakfast Included)

INCLUDED FEATURES

Oslo: Welcome drink; guided sightseeing, walk through Frogner Park and visit the City Hall; farewell dinner

Lillehammer: Guided walking tour of the Maihaugen Open-Air Museum (from end-May onwards)

Geirangerfjord: Boat cruise

Jostedal Glacier

Fjaerland: Visit the Norwegian Glacier Museum and watch a five-screen film

Sognefjord: Boat cruise

Bergen: Orientation Hardangerfjord: Ferry crossing

Ltefoss Waterfall

Telemark: Guided visits of Vemork and the Heddal Stave Church

Oslo: Guided sightseeing, walk through Frogner Park and visit the City Hall; farewell dinner

MEALS: Full Scandinavian breakfast; 5 three-course dinners, including a welcome drink and a farewell dinner in Oslo.

SUPERIOR HOTELS - (F) First-Class

Oslo Clarion Royal Christiania (F), Lillehammer Radisson Blu (F), Loen Alexandra (F), Stalheim Stalheim (F), Bergen First Marin (F), Telemark Rauland Hogfjellshotell (F) at Rauland

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