

# ESCORTED GROUP TOUR - SCENIC NORWAY 2019

## 7 NIGHTS €2395 PER PERSON SHARING (flights extra from €185 pp incl. tax)

### Guaranteed Departure Dates 2019:

**Tuesdays** – May 28; June 4, 11\*, 18\* & 25\*; July 2\*, 9\*, 16\*, 23\* & 30\*; August 6 & 13  
 (\* option to add Stockholm and extend tour to 9 nights on these dates)

**Sundays** – July 21 & 28



**DAY 1: Arrive Oslo (D).** Transfer from airport to hotel. Dinner and accommodation at the centrally located **Radisson Blu Plaza**. Your tour manager will meet you at 7.45pm (before dinner) in the hotel lobby.

**Day 2: Oslo - Ulvik (B,L,D).** After breakfast you will visit the world-famous Viking Ships. Afterwards, depart from Oslo on a beautiful cross-country trip by coach. Drive to the tourist resort town of Gol for lunch. After lunch cross the wild Hardanger mountain plateau to Fossli, stopping to view the highest waterfall in Norway, Vøringsfoss. Dinner and accommodation in a fjord view room at **Brakanes Hotel**, on the banks of the fjord.

**Day 3: Ulvik - Bergen (B,L).** A scenic tour along the beautiful Hardangerfjord arriving in Bergen around midday. Lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon take a 2-hour tour of Bergen, including a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bryggen Harbour. Ride on the funicular to Mt. Fløien for the best views of the city and fjords below. Accommodation at the **First Hotel Marin**, a centrally located hotel. Dinner - own arrangements in Bergen.

**Day 4: Bergen - Flåm - Balestrand (B,D).** Drive to the fjordside village of Voss. Board a train to Myrdal and experience the amazing Flåm Railway to the fjord side village of Flåm. Then take a 2-hour cruise taking in the Nærøyfjord (the narrowest fjord in Europe, included on UNESCO's World Heritage List) and the Aurlandsfjord, both branches of the Sognefjord, the longest and deepest fjord in the world. After disembarking in Gudvangen continue to Vangsnæs, for the short ferry crossing to the beautiful town of Balestrand. Dinner and accommodation in a fjord view room at **Kviknes Hotel** on the banks of the fjord.

**Day 5: Day free in Balestrand (B,D),** giving you the opportunity to enjoy the outstanding beauty and nature of the fjords. Options include visiting the local aquarium and art gallery, renting a bike or rowing boat from the hotel, walk in the mountains or a guided tour of the village of Balestrand, with its historic buildings and other interesting sites. Dinner and accommodation at **Kviknes Hotel**.

**Day 6: Balestrand - Geiranger (B,L,D).** Depart from the hotel by ferry along the scenic northern side of Sognefjord to Sogndal. The tour continues by road to Fjærland passing under the Jostedal Glacier, the largest in Europe. Descend to the beautiful Nord Fjord making a stop at the famous Briksdal Glacier. The journey up to the glacier will be made in open cars to give you the best views. After a typical Norwegian lunch continue to the picturesque village of Hellesylt. Then join a ferry for a one-hour cruise into the UNESCO World Heritage listed Geirangerfjord, voted the best of all National Heritage Sites worldwide by National Geographic Traveller Magazine in 2006. During the cruise you will pass close by some magnificent waterfalls, such as the Bridal Veil and the Seven Sisters. Dinner and accommodation at the **Union Hotel**, overlooking the Geirangerfjord.

**Day 7: Geiranger - Oslo (B,L,D).** Travel cross country from the fjords via the village of Lom with its 14<sup>th</sup> century stave church and then on to the magnificent Gudbrands Valley to the town of Lillehammer where we stop for lunch. The journey continues alongside Lake Mjøsa, Norway's largest lake and on to Oslo. Dinner and accommodation at the **Radisson Blu Plaza**.

**Day 8: Depart Oslo (B).**

*Subject to availability & exchange rates. Prices correct at time of print (Sep 2018). E&OE.*

#### Price Includes:

- 6 nights half-board accommodation, 1 night B&B plus 4 x lunches on days 2, 3, 6 & 7.
- Visit to Oslo's Viking Ships.
- Guided tour of Bergen including a ride on the funicular.
- Bergen and Flåm Railways (Voss-Myrdal-Flåm) trip.
- Approx 2-hour cruise on the Aurlands and Nærøy fjords and 1-hour cruise on the Geirangerfjord.
- Excursion in open car to the Briksdal Glacier.
- All visits as described in itinerary & all ferry crossings.
- Luggage assistance at all hotels.
- English speaking tour manager throughout.
- Transportation by modern deluxe coach.
- Transfers to/from Oslo Gardermoen Airport.

#### Not included:

- Personal Expenses. Travel Insurance & Gratuities.

#### Options:

- International flights from Ireland from €185 pp including tax.
- Single supplement €498.
- Additional nights in Norway before / after tour dates.
- Extend tour via coach to Stockholm, 2 nights at Clarion Hotel Sign, plus 4 hour city tour for €495 pp. Single supplement €167. Only offered on dates above marked with \*.

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