

# 17 DAY UNCOVER NORWAY WITH NORTHERN LIGHTS

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<b>Australian Company Owned</b>	<b>Adventure Style Travel</b>	<b>Escorted Itinerary</b>
<b>7 Day Change Of Mind</b>		

## Day by Day Itinerary

Bergen, Balestrand, Skjerjehamn, Tromso

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Comfortable small group tours from 10 – 20 people**
- Explore the awe-inspiring landscape of Norway's western coastline
- Experience one of Europe's most beautiful train rides from Bergen to Flam
- Scenic cruises through the Naeroyfjord
- Witness the breathtaking Northern Lights and meet the local reindeer
- Domestic flight from Bergen to Tromso
- Daily breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- Experienced 16-nights at 3-star and 4-star hotel accommodation in central locations.
- Airport transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Experienced local English speaking tour guide
- All the sightseeing entrance fees as mentioned in the itinerary
- 24 hours, 7 day support

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Bergen Arrival

Velkommen! Welcome to Norway! As you land at Bergen Airport, our team will greet you and help you get to your hotel smoothly for check-in. Take this first day and evening to relax. You can chill out at the hotel or explore Bergen, the starting point for Norway's wild western coast. It's up to you!

**Meal:** In-flight meals.

**Accommodation:** Scandic Torget Bergen 3\* or similar

### Day 2: Bergen

Your day begins with a scenic cruise up the Osterfjord. You'll sail through steep mountains until the fjord narrows, leading you into the Mostraument strait. Prepare to sail right up to a waterfall where you can feel the ice-cold mountain water! After that, you'll head back the same way, enjoying the beauty from a different angle. The boat has sundecks and kiosks where you can grab refreshments! Once you're back in Bergen, the afternoon and evening are yours to explore!

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Scandic Torget Bergen 3\* or similar

### **Day 3: Bergen - Flam - Gudvangen - Balestrand**

You will start the day with a train journey from Bergen to Myrdal, where you will change to the Flamsbana railway line, one of the most scenic journeys in Europe. The railway line starts in Myrdal high in the mountains. You will journey down the mountain, where you will see breathtaking views of waterfalls and the valley below. The train will stop at the bottom of the valley in Flam, at the edge of Naeroyfjord. As you disembark the train, be sure to take in the panoramic view of the mountains and water. If it has been raining, look out for the newly formed waterfalls running down the side of the mountain.

You will then have lunch at the Aegir Viking Restaurant, designed to replicate Norse Mythology. Be sure to yell "Skal" as you raise your drinks and enjoy your meal. Afterward, you will embark on a cruise through the Naeroyfjord that will be an unforgettable experience, regardless of the season. Every season leaves its own unique touch on the fjord landscape: frosty colors, white mountain peaks, and ice-covered waterfalls during winter; blooming deciduous trees and birds chirping during the spring; green trees and long, bright nights during the summer; and a golden terrain with fresh and clear air during the autumn.

Upon arrival in Gudvangen, you will be transferred to Balestrand to check into your hotel and enjoy a delicious 3-course seasonal meal.

**Meal:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Kviknes Hotel 4\* or similar

### **Day 4: Balestrand**

Today you will have a free day where you can soak up and enjoy a day at leisure on the fjords! We suggest you follow the hiking trail for a couple of hours from the Church of St.Olaf (part of the Church of England) to the Swiss style villas. This gentle walk will take you through the town, giving you a chance to discover its history while admiring beautiful views of the fjord.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Kviknes Hotel 4\* or similar

### **Day 5: Balestrand - Skjerjehamn**

You will embark on a catamaran boat transfer to Skjerjehamn, an enchanting coastal village. Located on the shores of a pristine fjord, Skjerjehamn captivates visitors with its picturesque surroundings. The hotel provides a front-row seat to the mesmerizing views of the fjord, where the azure waters meet towering cliffs, creating a scene of unparalleled natural beauty.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Skjerjehamn Hotel 4\* or similar

### **Day 6: Skjerjehamn**

After breakfast, you will have the morning to yourself before you embark on a visit to the Gulating – Western Norway's parliament and court for 400 years. You will travel there by an RIB boat along the fjord! Once there you will learn about the history of the Gulating legislative assembly, the Gulating laws and the system of conscription for naval warfare – Norway's first organized system of defense. In Eivindvik, you'll also hear about Dean Dahl, and Henrik Wergeland, who visited the village in 1832 and wrote the poem "Eivindvik". You will then return back to the hotel where the afternoon and evening are yours to explore at your own leisure.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Skjerjehamn Hotel 4\* or similar

### **Day 7: Skjerjehamn - Bergen**

After breakfast, you will be transferred back to Bergen. Upon arrival you will check in and have the afternoon and evening to yourself!

If you are the adventurous type, be sure to visit Mount Ulriken where you will get panoramic views of Bergen. You can walk up the 1333 Sherpa steps, built by the Nepalese sherpas over several years! Or, take the cable car up and enjoy the views that way.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Norge 4\* or similar

### **Day 8: Bergen**

After breakfast, you will visit Mount Floyen. One of the seven mountains of Bergen and easily accessible from the city center! The funicular takes you from downtown to the top in just six minutes, ascending 320 meters on merely

850 meters of rail.

This funicular railway is one of Norway's most visited attractions, and the trip up the hillside is a thrilling experience by itself. From here you can enjoy stunning views of the city, harbour, surrounding mountains, islands and the ocean. Be sure to take the opportunity for a leisurely hike on the mountain's many and varied trails.

If you are feeling athletic, you could walk up (or down) along the charming footpaths that zigzag all the way from the city center to the top of Mount Fløyen. Frequently used by the locals, this walk takes approximately 40 minutes, and is highly recommended as an alternative to riding the funicular. After Mount Floyen, the afternoon and evening is yours to experience at your own leisure.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Norge 4\* or similar

#### **Day 9: Bergen**

Today is a free day. Relax and enjoy everything that Bergen has to offer.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Hotel Norge 4\* or similar

#### **Day 10: Bergen - Tromsø**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport, where you will take a flight to Tromsø, deep in the Arctic Circle and home to the natural phenomenon of the Northern Lights. After checking into your hotel, you will be met by a local guide for a city tour of Tromsø! You will learn why Tromsø is nicknamed "The Gateway to the Arctic." The tour will take you through time, starting at the end of the Ice Age, jumping to the 1800s, and ending with contemporary life in Tromsø. You will be guided around the city center on foot as we visit Tromsø's most iconic places, hear stories about famous Arctic explorers, and see statues, memorials, architecture, and historical buildings. After the tour, the evening is yours to spend at your leisure.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Clarion Hotel The Edge 4\* or similar

#### **Day 11: Tromsø**

After breakfast, you will go on a dog-sledding adventure! You will be transferred to Breivikeidet, situated in a picturesque valley along the coastline. Do not worry; you do not need any prior experience for this! You will be shown what to do and have the opportunity to experience the life of a dog musher, with opportunities to be both a driver and a passenger. You will drive along open fields and inside forest trails. Be sure to bring a camera because the scenery will be truly breathtaking!

After the dog sledding, you will be invited into a Lavvo (a traditional Sami tent) where you will enjoy a hot drink and cake around the campfire. In the evening, you will go on a Northern Lights dinner cruise. You will cruise through the darkness of the Tromsø fjord in search of the Northern Lights. At the same time, you will be served a 3-course dinner from one of the best restaurants in Tromsø. After this, you will be transferred back to your hotel.

**Meal:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Clarion Hotel The Edge 4\* or similar

#### **Day 12: Tromsø**

Today, the day is yours until the evening when you will go and chase the Northern Lights at private aurora camps! You will be picked up and taken to one of the many Aurora camps. The one you will go to will depend on the weather forecast. Upon arrival, you will have dinner in one of the Lavvus. After you have eaten, you will be taken to where the Northern Lights are dancing. The guides are photographers themselves, so they can assist you with any photography tips to make sure you capture the sheer beauty in the sky. After this, you will be transferred back to your hotel in Tromsø. Be sure to pack your warmest clothes, as it will be freezing!

**Meal:** Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Clarion Hotel The Edge 4\* or similar

#### **Day 13: Tromsø**

Today, you will have a free day to explore Tromsø at your own leisure!

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Clarion Hotel The Edge 4\* or similar

#### **Day 14: Tromsø**

After breakfast, you will visit the Arctic Reindeer Camp. Here, you will be able to go reindeer sledding; the sleigh ride will venture through the valley and along the coast. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to feed 300 of these beautiful animals before entering the Gamme for a hot traditional meal cooked over the fire, where you will learn about Sami Culture. After all of this, you will be transferred back to your hotel, where the afternoon and evening will be yours to spend as you wish.

**Meal:** Breakfast & Lunch

**Accommodation:** Clarion Hotel The Edge 4\* or similar

#### **Day 15: Tromso**

After breakfast, you will visit the Tromsø Ice Domes, situated high in the mountains in the beautiful Tamok Valley. These ice domes are built every year when the winter season starts. You will be escorted through the domes where you can marvel at the incredible ice sculptures and snow carvings. You will also learn about the construction process of the domes and the impact the snow has on all life in the Arctic. After the tour, you will be served a traditional Norwegian stew. The main ingredients are vegetables with meat or fish. It will be served with bread, coffee, tea, and water. You will have some free time after you eat to explore the areas surrounding the domes. Be sure to say hello to the reindeer that are herding next door! You will also have some time to relax by the fireplace before you are transferred back to the hotel. In the evening, you are free to explore at your own leisure.

**Meal:** Breakfast & Lunch

**Accommodation:** Clarion Hotel The Edge 4\* or similar

#### **Day 16: Tromso**

Today, you will have a free day to explore Tromso at your own leisure!

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Clarion Hotel The Edge 4\* or similar

#### **Day 17: Tromso - Home**

Today is your final day. We hope you enjoyed your time in Norway and fell in love with its natural beauty as much as we did! After check-out, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home!

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** NA

## **INCLUSIONS**

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- 03 boat tickets
- 01 train ticket from Bergen to Flam
- 01 domestic flight from Bergen to Tromso
- 3\* & 4\* hotel accommodations in central locations.
- Daily breakfasts, three lunches & three dinners
- All entrance fees and sightseeing as mentioned in the program.
- Water bottles during tours.
- Transportation by air-conditioning vehicles.
- Airport transfers

## **EXCLUSIONS**

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- Returned international flight from Australia
- Tour guide escort between destinations
- Meals and drinks that are not mentioned in the program
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (we strongly recommend you hold a valid travel insurance policy for all domestic and overseas travel)
- Trip delay or interruption by airline schedule change
- Extra cost or missing tour caused by flight delay or cancel

- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program

## DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN AU\$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
<b>Friday</b> 20 Dec 2024	<b>Sunday</b> 05 Jan 2025	AU\$10,249	Christmas in Norway	<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 03 Jan 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 19 Jan 2025	AU\$9,899		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 24 Jan 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 09 Feb 2025	AU\$9,899		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 07 Feb 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 23 Feb 2025	AU\$9,899		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 21 Feb 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 09 Mar 2025	AU\$9,899		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 07 Mar 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 23 Mar 2025	AU\$9,899		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 21 Mar 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 06 Apr 2025	AU\$9,899		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 04 Apr 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 20 Apr 2025	AU\$9,899		<a href="#">Book</a>
<b>Friday</b> 18 Apr 2025	<b>Sunday</b> 04 May 2025	AU\$9,899		<a href="#">Book</a>

## OPTIONAL TOURS

### FINE PRINT

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION

This is a **land only** package.

This package does not include international airfares. If you would like to add flights to your booking, please select from the city departure or might contact us to get the best quote for your preferred flights.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

##### Physical Requirements:

A moderate level of fitness is required. You will be outdoors and spending a lot of time on your feet. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights, and climbing steps. If you choose to do some hiking, then that is an optional part of the tour.

##### Tipping:

Tipping in Norway is not compulsory; however, it is much appreciated, especially as a reward if guests feel someone has delivered good service. Tips and gratuities are not included in this package and are discretionary.

##### Accommodation:

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding

configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences; however, any changes are beyond our control.

**Northern Lights:**

Please note that the Northern Lights are a natural phenomenon and cannot be guaranteed. The dates provided will offer you the best chance of hopefully viewing the lights during your trip. However, Asia Vacation Group will not be liable for any departures that, unfortunately, do not see the Northern Lights during their trip.

**Single Supplement:**

Single supplement is **\$2,795** in addition to the twin share price.

**Paired Solo Traveler:**

Not available.

**Triple Share:**

Not available.

**Group Size:**

10-20 people.

**Travel Insurance:**

Travel insurance is recommended to protect yourself against the unexpected. In addition to the support that a policy may provide, you may be asked to present a copy of your travel insurance documentation while traveling. We have partnered with NibTravel Insurance to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book Comprehensive or Essentials cover for your domestic, international, or multi-trip journeys simply with us.

**Visa & Passport Information:**

It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

Norway is a part of Europe's Schengen area. Australian and New Zealand passport holders can travel visa-free in the Schengen Area for up to 90 days in a 180-day period.

**Children:**

Children must be 5 years old or above and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

**Tour Documentation:**

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

**Tour Length:**

The total length of the tour in days does not include time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent on land.

**HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY**

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

**Pre Tour Accommodation**

\$425 per room, per night based on double/twin room share

**Post Tour Accommodation**

\$ 425 per room, per night based on double/twin room share

Please select the number of extra nights required in the 'Additional Nights Accommodation' field when making your purchase. The additional cost for these arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

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