

# Over the Roof of Norway

Combine the attractions of Oslo and Bergen with one of the world's most spectacular rail journeys. The scenery gets ever more dramatic as you head for the fjords, and you will marvel not just at the nature, but also at the engineering skills that have made this journey possible. If time permits you can break your journey at Voss, or change trains at Myrdal, taking the mountain railway down to Flam, then the Express Boat to Balestrand. After a couple of days beside the Sognefjord you continue to Bergen on the Express Boat.

Extra nights can be added in any centre, or the trip can make an excellent start to a holiday in the fjords, or a Coastal Voyage.

**Oslo**  
Norway's capital city offers an excellent range of museums reflecting its rich seafaring past – from Viking Ships to the polar ship 'Fram' and the Kon-tiki raft. Other attractions include the amazing Vigeland Sculpture Park – a celebration of human life and emotions.

**Bergen**  
Beautiful Bergen is framed by majestic mountains, with a lovely harbour, quaint wooden houses, colourful Fish Market, and Bryggen – the old Hanseatic wharf. Don't miss a ride on the Funicular Railway to the top of Mount Fløyen, or a visit to Trolhaugen, the home of Edward Greig. Excursion possibilities include the popular 'Norway in a Nutshell' tour and boat trips into the fjords.

**Voss**  
An attractive lakeside village, about 70 miles from Bergen, and mid-way between Sognefjord and Hardangerfjord. There are excursion possibilities to both, including the 'Norway in a Nutshell' tour. You can take the cable-car to the top of Mount Hangar for superb views and pleasant mountain walks, or take a gentle stroll around the lake or to the nearby gorge. Other activities include cycling, fly-fishing, para-gliding, white-water rafting, and sea-plane trips over the glacier.

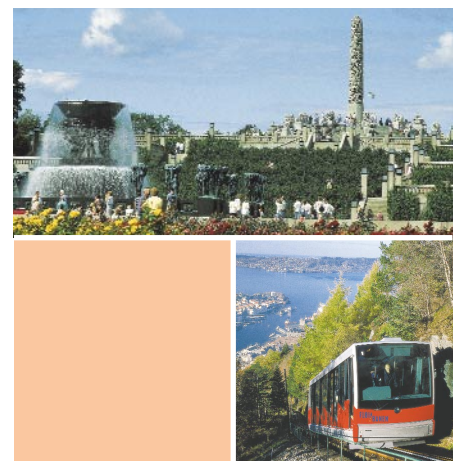
**Balestrand**  
This well-known resort has been attracting tourists for over a hundred years. Situated on the Sognefjord it is an excellent base from which to explore this mighty fjord. There are many lovely walks in the surrounding area.



Above: Bergen railway; right: Bryggen, Bergen.

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4 NIGHTS		Ref. OB5		6 NIGHTS		Ref. OVB7	
<b>DEPARTURE DATES:</b> Daily 1 April – 31 October				<b>DEPARTURE DATES:</b> Daily 1 April – 31 October			
<b>ITINERARY</b> DAY 1. Morning flight to Oslo. <b>Two nights Bed and Breakfast – Hotel Continental, Oslo</b> DAY 3. 08.11 train to Bergen, arriving 14.52. <b>Two nights Bed and Breakfast – Clarion Admiral Hotel, Bergen</b> DAY 5. Fly home from Bergen.				<b>ITINERARY</b> DAY 1. Morning flight to Oslo. <b>Two nights Bed and Breakfast – Hotel Continental, Oslo.</b> DAY 3. 08.11 train to Voss, arriving 13.43. <b>Two nights Half-board – Fleischers Hotel</b> DAY 5. Train to Bergen (about 75 mins). <b>Two nights Bed and Breakfast – Clarion Admiral Hotel, Bergen.</b> DAY 7. Fly home from Bergen.			
<b>PRICES</b> in £s per person departing from: HEATHROW or GATWICK.				<b>OSLO, BALESTRAND &amp; BERGEN</b>			
Tour Ref	Accommodation	Twin	Single	6 NIGHTS		Ref. OKB7	
OB5	2 nights Continental, Oslo 2 nights Admiral, Bergen	895	1195	<b>DEPARTURE DATES:</b> Daily 1 May – 24 September			
OVB7	2 nights Continental, Oslo 2 nights Fleischers, Voss 2 nights Admiral, Bergen	1125	1375	<b>ITINERARY</b> DAY 1. Morning flight to Oslo. <b>Two nights Bed and Breakfast – Hotel Continental, Oslo.</b> DAY 3. 08.11 Depart Oslo by train for Myrdal, thence by mountain railway to Flam and Express Boat to Balestrand, arriving 16.55. <b>Two nights Half-board – Kviknes Hotel, Balestrand.</b> DAY 5. 07.55 Depart Balestrand on Express Boat to Bergen arriving 11.40. <b>Two nights Bed and Breakfast – Clarion Admiral Hotel, Bergen.</b> DAY 7. Fly home from Bergen.			
OKB7	2 nights Continental, Oslo 2 nights Kviknes, Balestrand 2 nights Admiral, Bergen	1250	1515	<b>Price includes:</b> Bed and Breakfast in Oslo and Bergen. Half Board at Voss or Balestrand. Return Scheduled flights. Departure taxes. 2nd class rail travel inc seat reservations. Express Boat travel on tour OKB7.			
<b>FLIGHT SUPPLEMENTS</b>							
MANCHESTER		£30	BIRMINGHAM			£40	
ABERDEEN		£30					

**Norway in a Nutshell**  
The popular 'Norway in a Nutshell' excursion departs daily from Bergen. You travel by train to Voss then join a coach for the descent into the spectacular Stalheim Gorge to Gudvangen. From here you take a boat-trip on the beautiful Nærøyfjord to Flam. There you have time to relax before joining the Flam Mountain Railway for the scenic ascent to Myrdal, from which you return on the main line to Voss and Bergen. The tour is also possible in reverse. Tickets can be bought at Tourist Offices or stations, and the cost is around £100pp from Bergen and £70pp from Voss.



Top: Vigeland Sculpture Park, Oslo; bottom: Funicular Railway, Bergen.

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