

Independent Fjord Tours

Norway's very efficient public transport network offers an excellent way to explore the fjords. Two of our most popular itineraries are detailed below, but there are many variations that can be tailor-made as you please. The places that we feature offer superb walking and excursion possibilities, and some of the finest hotels on the fjords.

Fjord Favourites and Flam Railway

This leisurely 7-night tour features two of Norway's best-loved fjords – the beautiful Hardangerfjord and dramatic Sognefjord, linked with a spectacular journey that includes the Flam Railway. It would make a fine introduction to Norway, or would combine very well with a Coastal Voyage for a real Norway experience. It is also possible to shorten the tour to just Bergen and Balestrand if time is limited.

Fjord Explorer

A longer tour taking you on a scenic journey from Bergen to the lovely town of Ålesund, with time to enjoy all the spectacular fjords en route. Extra nights are of course possible wherever you wish.

Ulvik

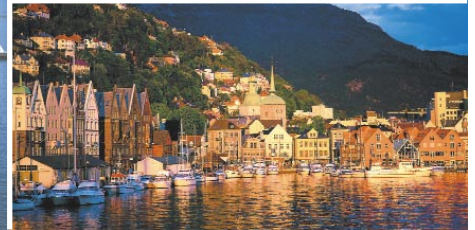
The small village of Ulvik enjoys an idyllic location at the head of one of the innermost arms of the Hardangerfjord. In summer the Express Boats offer excursion possibilities across to Eidfjord and the Voringfoss Waterfall, or to the picturesque village of Utne and the Hardanger Folk Museum. There are many delightful walks, and the 'Norway in a Nutshell' excursion is also possible.

Balestrand/Loen – see next page

Ålesund

Devastated by fire in 1908, Ålesund has been totally rebuilt in Art Nouveau style, and is best explored on foot to appreciate the detail. The Town Museum tells the whole story, while the fascinating Sunnmøre Open-air Museum gives an insight into the culture of the surrounding area. Ålesund also has a splendid Aquarium, and boat-trips are available to the 'puffin island' of Runde. There are excellent excursion possibilities taking you to the famous Geirangerfjord, and to the wild and beautiful Hjørundfjord. Mount Aksla – the local viewpoint, offers stunning views and lovely walks.

Short breaks to Ålesund are also possible, starting at £650 per person for a 3-night break. Alternatively you may choose to start your holiday in Oslo and travel to Ålesund by train on the scenic Rauma Line, then proceed to Bergen on the Coastal Voyage. Further details on request.



Above: Kviknes Hotel, Balestrand; top right: Flam Railway; bottom right: Bergen – view from Admiral Hotel.

FJORD FAVOURITES AND THE FLAM RAILWAY

7 NIGHTS

Ref. FF8

DAY 8. 08.00 Express Boat to Bergen arriving 11.40. Fly home from Bergen.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily 1 May – 24 September.

ITINERARY

DAY 1. Morning flight to Bergen

1 night Bed and Breakfast – Clarion Admiral Hotel, Bergen

DAY 2. Afternoon train to Voss and bus transfer to Ulvik.

3 nights Half-board – Brakanes Hotel, Ulvik.
DAY 5. 09.00 bus to Voss then train to Myrdal, where you change onto the Flam Railway for the spectacular descent to Flam. Express Boat transfer along the Aurlandsfjord and into the mighty Sognefjord to Balestrand.

3 nights Half-Board – Kviknes Hotel, Balestrand.

PRICES in £s per person departing from: HEATHROW or GATWICK

Tour Ref	Twin	Single
FF8	1500	1750

Price includes:

Accommodation at hotels as indicated. Train, bus and Express Boat transfers. Return scheduled flights to Bergen. Departure Taxes.

FLIGHT SUPPLEMENTS

MANCHESTER	£30	BIRMINGHAM	£30
ABERDEEN	£30	EDINBURGH	£30

FJORD EXPLORER

10 NIGHTS

Ref. FE11

DAYS 7 & 8. At leisure in Loen.
DAY 9. Afternoon bus to Ålesund.

DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily 1 May – 24 September.

ITINERARY

DAY 1. Morning flight to Bergen

2 nights Bed and Breakfast – Clarion Admiral Hotel, Bergen.

DAY 2. At leisure in Bergen to explore the city or take a boat-trip into Hardangerfjord.

DAY 3. Morning departure by train for Myrdal, then change trains for the spectacular journey down to Flåm. From Flåm you travel by Express Boat along Aurlandsfjord and Sognefjord to Balestrand.

3 nights Half-Board – Kviknes Hotel, Balestrand.

DAYS 4 & 5. At leisure in Balestrand.

DAY 6. Morning bus to Sogndal, then onwards through stunning scenery to Loen.

3 nights Half-Board – Hotel Alexandra, Loen.

2 nights Bed and Breakfast – Scandic Hotel, Ålesund.
DAY 10. At leisure in Ålesund.
DAY 11. Late afternoon homeward flight via Oslo.

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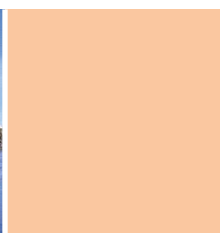
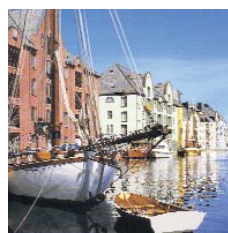
Tour Ref	Twin	Single
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Price includes:

Accommodation at hotels as indicated. Return Scheduled flights. Departure taxes. Train, bus and Express Boats as indicated.

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Above: Ålesund; right: peaceful reflections on Nordfjord.