

Land of the Fjords – Escorted

If you prefer to be looked after all the way then sit back and enjoy Norway's most magnificent fjords on this top quality escorted tour. Starting in Bergen and finishing in Oslo, the well-planned itinerary takes you through some of Norway's most stunning scenery. The tour includes cruises on both the Sognefjord and the Geirangerfjord, as well as a relaxing two-night stay in the idyllic resort of Balestrand and a ride on the spectacular Flam Railway.

Operated by our colleagues Robinson Scandinavia, with guaranteed weekly departures throughout the Summer, the tour features first class hotels and includes all excursions, luggage handling and most meals, not forgetting the services of a competent, friendly tour-manager. Extra nights can be added at either end. This tour can be combined with other arrangements, and would work particularly well preceded by a full or southbound Coastal Voyage. We will be happy to discuss the options and quote accordingly.

Longer escorted tours are also available, including a 7-night Fjords of Norway tour, starting/finishing in Oslo and travelling by way of the Hardangerfjord. This itinerary can also be combined with a Four Capital Tour featuring Stockholm, Helsinki, Copenhagen and Oslo, making a 14-night holiday. Details on request.

Radisson Blu Hotel Norge, Bergen

A comfortable four-star hotel in the heart of Bergen, within easy walking distance of all attractions. Facilities include restaurant, lounge, bars and fitness centre with swimming-pool, sauna, solarium and gym.

Kviknes Hotel, Balestrand

Owned and managed by the Kvikne family since 1887 this superior hotel has elegant lounges, bar, and an attractive restaurant situated in the original hotel – built in 'Swiss Chalet' style. Bedrooms are mainly in the newer wing.

Union Hotel, Geiranger

A magnificent hotel – family owned and run since 1891 – with stunning views over the Geirangerfjord. Facilities include a fine restaurant, lounges, bar, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, sauna, solarium, and spacious gardens.

Thon Hotel Opera, Oslo

A modern, centrally-located, four-star hotel, close to the Oslo Fjord and new Opera House. Facilities include restaurant, bar and fitness room.



Above: Nærøyfjord; middle: Briksdal Glacier; right: Geirangerfjord.

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5 NIGHTS (escorted) Ref. RLF6

DEPARTURE DATES:

16, 23, 30 June. 7, 14, 21, 28 July.
4, 11, 18 August.

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DAY 1. Morning flight to Bergen. Transfer to Radisson Blu Hotel Norge. Join your tour escort and fellow-travellers for dinner.

1 night Half-board –

Radisson Blu Hotel Norge, Bergen.

DAY 2. After breakfast you depart by coach for Voss, and the descent into the Nærøy Valley, passing the famous Stalheim Canyon to the fjordside village of Flam. From there you ascend 2,838 feet in less than an hour on the amazing Flam Railway to Myrdal. On the descent back to Flam there will be photo opportunities with magnificent waterfalls and mountain scenery. From Flam you join the m.v. Lady Elizabeth for a 2-hour cruise on the narrow Aurlands and Nærøy Fjords – both branches of the Sognefjord – the longest and deepest fjord in the world. Relax on the sun deck or in the comfortable lounge and enjoy the breathtaking scenery. You will disembark in Gudvangen, at the head of the Nærøyfjord and rejoin your coach for the onward journey over the Vik mountains to Vangsnes, for the short ferry trip to the beautiful resort of Balestrand.

2 nights Half-board –

Kviknes Hotel, Balestrand

DAY 3. A day at leisure to enjoy the beauty and nature of the fjords. Relax on the terrace, visit the lovely Church and Art Gallery, hire a bicycle or rowing boat, or take a walk and enjoy the fresh mountain air. A walking tour of Balestrand with its historic buildings and other interesting sites is also possible.

DAY 4. Depart hotel by ferry for a one-hour cruise along the fjord to Fjærland. Continue by

coach to the lovely Nordfjord, with a detour at Olden to visit the Briksdal Glacier. The journey up to the Glacier is made in open cars, to give you the best views. A typical Norwegian lunch will then be served in sight of the glacier. Your journey then continues to Hellesylt, where you board the ferry for a one-hour cruise on the spectacular Geirangerfjord, passing some magnificent waterfalls.

1 night Half-board –

Union Hotel, Geiranger.

DAY 5. Ascend the famous serpentine road with amazing views of the fjord below, before crossing the rugged Grotli mountains to Lom, and thence descending through the Gudbrandsdal Valley to Lillehammer, for lunch. After lunch the journey continues alongside Lake Mjosa – Norway's largest lake, to Oslo.

1 night Half-board –

Thon Hotel Opera, Oslo.

DAY 6. Morning at leisure before transfer to Oslo airport for homeward flight.

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

Tour Ref	Twin	Single
RLF6	1650	1865

Price includes:

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast at hotels indicated.
Lunches Days 4 & 5.
Deluxe coach travel including all tours and excursions as detailed in itinerary.
English speaking tour escort throughout.
Luggage handling at all hotels.
Scheduled flights as indicated.
Departure taxes. Airport transfers.

FLIGHT SUPPLEMENTS

MANCHESTER	£30	BIRMINGHAM	£40
ABERDEEN	£30		



Geirangerfjord.