
Classic Fjords of Norway – Fjords, Railways & Coastal Cities

7 Days | Oslo – Flåm – Hardangerfjord – Bergen

“Our most popular first-time Norway journey”



Executive Summary

This journey is Norway’s most iconic route—refined into a seamless and thoughtfully paced experience.

Over seven days, you will travel from the vibrant capital of Oslo to the historic coastal city of Bergen, experiencing the country’s most celebrated landscapes along the way. The itinerary combines world-renowned scenic railways, UNESCO-listed fjords, tranquil fruit-growing regions, and charming villages—each offering a different perspective on Norway’s natural and cultural identity.

What makes this program stand out is not just the route itself, but how it unfolds. You begin in a modern Nordic capital, transition into dramatic fjord landscapes via some of the world’s most scenic train journeys, and continue through quieter, more intimate regions before arriving in Bergen.

This is Norway at its most essential—perfect for first-time visitors, yet designed with enough depth and flexibility to feel personal and enriching.

Day 1 – Arrival in Oslo: A soft introduction to Norway

Arrive in Oslo, a city that blends modern Scandinavian design with easy access to nature and a relaxed urban atmosphere. After arrival and check-in at your hotel, the remainder of the day is yours to settle in and begin exploring at your own pace.

Oslo does not overwhelm—it invites you in gradually. You might start with a walk along the revitalized waterfront at Aker Brygge, where cafés and restaurants line the harbor and locals gather to enjoy the long Nordic evenings. From here, continue toward the Opera House, where the architecture itself becomes an experience—you can walk on the roof and take in views across the fjord.

Alternatively, take a quieter approach and explore neighborhoods like Frogner or Grünerløkka, where independent boutiques, galleries, and cafés give a sense of everyday life in the city.

This first day is intentionally unstructured. After travel, it allows you to adjust, explore gently, and begin connecting with the atmosphere of Norway without pressure or time constraints.

Day 2 – Oslo: Culture, exploration & fjord evenings

Today is dedicated to discovering Oslo more fully.

You may choose to explore independently, or enhance your experience with an optional guided tour that brings together the city’s most important cultural and historical highlights. A typical route includes a visit to the Bygdøy peninsula, easily reached by local ferry—a short journey that offers beautiful views of the harbor and surrounding islands.

On Bygdøy, you can visit the Fram Museum, home to the world’s strongest wooden ship, and the Kon-Tiki Museum, which tells the story of daring ocean voyages and human curiosity.

Back in the city center, a guided walk may include landmarks such as the Royal Palace Oslo, the Oslo Opera House, and Karl Johans gate, Oslo’s main boulevard.

Alternatively, if you prefer a slower day, Oslo offers excellent museums, parks, and waterfront walks that can easily fill the day at your own pace.

In the evening, enjoy a memorable cruise on the Oslofjord, where you can experience the city from a completely different perspective. As the boat moves between islands and along the coastline, a traditional shrimp buffet is served on board—a relaxed and social dining experience that many guests find to be a highlight of their stay in Oslo.

Day 3 – Scenic rail journey: Oslo to Flåm via the mountains

Today marks the beginning of one of the most iconic travel experiences in Norway.

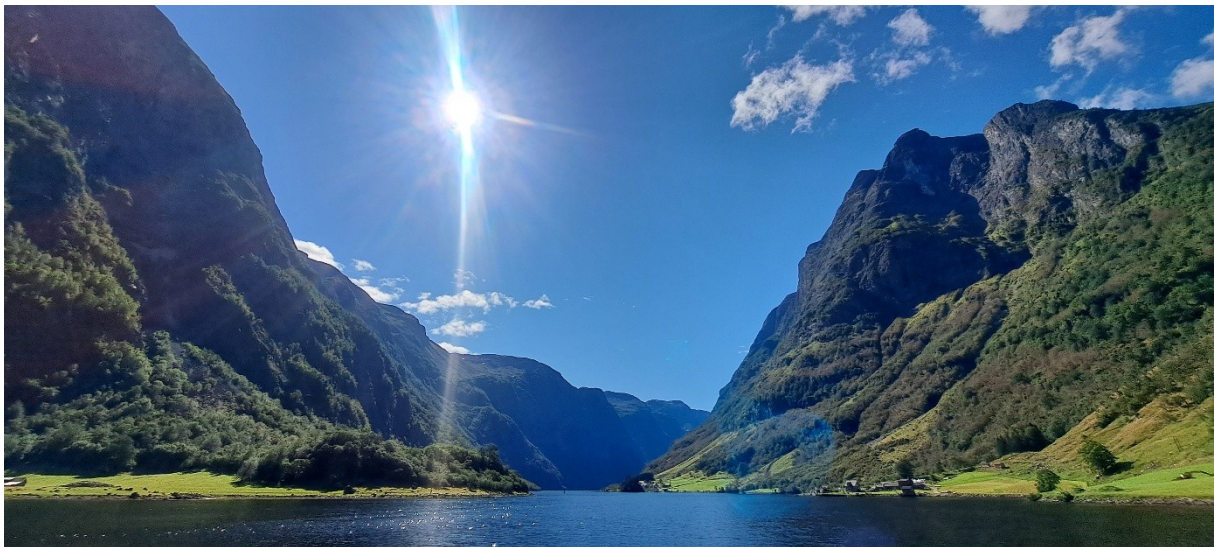
Board the Bergen Railway, traveling from Oslo toward the high mountain plateau. As the train climbs, the landscape gradually transforms—forests thin out, terrain becomes more rugged, and expansive views open across lakes and valleys.

At Myrdal, you change trains to the famous Flåm Railway. This remarkable line descends nearly 900 meters from mountain to fjord, offering dramatic views of waterfalls, steep cliffs, and deep valleys along the way.

The journey itself is as important as the destination. Large windows and a slow pace allow you to fully absorb the scenery, making this one of the most photographed train rides in the world.

Arrive in Flåm, a small village nestled at the innermost part of the Aurlandsfjord. After check-in, the afternoon is yours to explore. You might walk along the fjord, visit local shops, or simply relax and take in the stillness of the surroundings.

Flåm offers a striking contrast to Oslo—quiet, intimate, and entirely shaped by nature.



Day 4 – Nærøyfjord & Hardanger: From dramatic fjords to orchard landscapes

Today's journey takes you through some of Norway's most celebrated natural scenery.

Begin with a fjord cruise through the UNESCO-listed Nærøyfjord, widely regarded as one of the most beautiful fjords in the world. As you glide through its narrow passage, steep cliffs rise dramatically on either side, waterfalls cascade down from above, and small farms appear in places that seem almost impossible to reach.

Arriving in Gudvangen, you continue by bus through scenic valleys toward the Hardanger region, eventually reaching Ullensvang.

Here, the landscape changes once again. The dramatic intensity of the fjords gives way to softer slopes lined with fruit orchards, creating a more pastoral and welcoming atmosphere.

In the afternoon, join a cider farm visit and tasting. Hardanger is known as Norway's orchard, and local producers have developed a reputation for high-quality cider. The experience offers insight into both tradition and innovation, with tastings that reflect the unique conditions of the region.

This day stands out for its contrast—moving from some of Norway's most dramatic landscapes into one of its most tranquil.



Day 5 – Rosendal & coastal journey to Bergen

Travel onward to Rosendal, a small and picturesque village set along the Hardangerfjord.

Here, visit the historic Barony Rosendal, the only barony in Norway. Surrounded by mountains and fjord, the manor house and its gardens offer a peaceful and refined setting for exploration. Enjoy lunch here, taking time to appreciate the calm and beauty of the surroundings.

In the afternoon, continue your journey by boat toward Bergen. Traveling by water offers a unique perspective, passing islands, small communities, and ever-changing coastal scenery.

Arriving in Bergen in the late afternoon, you immediately sense a shift in energy. After days in quieter landscapes, the city feels vibrant yet still closely connected to nature.



Day 6 – Bergen: History, views & coastal culture

Today is dedicated to exploring Bergen, one of Norway's most historic and atmospheric cities.

You may explore independently or join an optional guided tour. A typical experience begins with the Fløibanen, taking you to the top of Mount Fløyen for panoramic views across the city, fjord, and surrounding mountains.

Back in the city center, walk through the UNESCO-listed Bryggen, where colorful wooden buildings line the harbor. These structures date back to Bergen's time as a major trading hub and still retain their historic character.

Continue to the Fish Market Bergen, a lively area where local life and tourism meet. Here, you can sample local specialties or simply enjoy the atmosphere.

For those who prefer independent exploration, Bergen offers countless opportunities—small galleries, hidden alleyways, and waterfront walks that reveal the city's charm at a slower pace.

Day 7 – Departure

After breakfast, depart from Bergen.

While this journey may be relatively short, it offers a complete introduction to Norway—combining city life, fjords, mountains, and coastal culture in a way that feels both seamless and memorable.

For many travelers, this itinerary becomes more than just a trip—it becomes the starting point for a deeper connection with Norway.

Why choose this tour

- Combines Norway's most iconic experiences in one seamless route
- Includes the world-famous Bergen Railway and Flåm Railway

- Balanced pacing with both guided options and free time
 - Ideal introduction to fjords, cities, and Norwegian culture
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Best for / Who this suits

- First-time visitors to Norway
 - Couples or small groups wanting a well-paced overview
 - Travelers who prefer a mix of structure and flexibility
 - Guests with limited time who still want the “full Norway” experience
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Upgrade options

- Private guide in Oslo and Bergen
- Upgrade to 5-star hotels (Hotel Continental, Opus XVI, Ullensvang premium rooms)
- Extend with Lofoten or Arctic Norway