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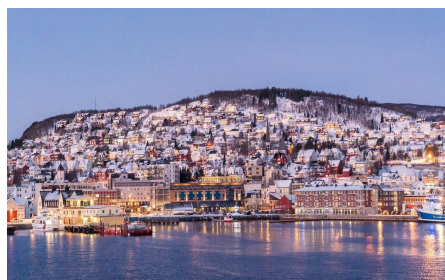
NORTHERN LIGHTS & NORDIC FJORDS



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Monday to Friday 09:00 - 18:00
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JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

Level 2

DESTINATION:

Northern Lights & Nordic Fjords

DURATION:

9 days / 8 nights

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Please arrange your flights to arrive into Bergen Airport [BGO] on Day 1 and depart from Tromsø Airport [TOS] Day 9

PICKUP LOCATION:

Bergen Airport [BGO]

OVERVIEW

Feb 02 - 10, 2027

Enjoy Norway's spectacular fjords and mountain landscapes by train and by boat, before chasing the elusive Northern Lights!

Have you ever dreamed of seeing the Aurora Borealis or sailing down a spectacular Norwegian fjord? Join us on this trip of a lifetime to Norway and make those dream come true!

This escorted journey starts in the coastal town of Bergen - gateway to the fjords. It then heads inland by train to Voss and then on to a fjord cruise to Flåm. Your winter adventure continues onboard the scenic Flåm Railway to Oslo, Norway's capital, passing through wild and beautiful mountain scenery with frozen waterfalls and steep mountain sides. After visiting artistic Oslo, we fly north to the Arctic Circle and the city of Tromsø. Heading out on a dog sled ride and driving a snowmobile, you will get to discover the breath-taking scenery and learn of the local customs! And as darkness falls, we will head out in search of the elusive, night-time spectacular - the Northern Lights, dancing and whirling across the expansive skies of the Arctic, a truly memorable experience!

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAY 1 - Welcome to Bergen, Gateway to the Fjords

DAY 2 - Discovering Bergen

DAY 3 - Into the Fjords to Flåm

DAY 4 - The Flåm & Bergen Railways to Oslo

DAY 5 - Sámi National Day & Exploring Oslo

DAY 6 - Tromsø, the Arctic Capital

DAY 7 - Sledding with Huskies & Chasing the Northern Lights

DAY 8 - Reindeer Races & Arctic Toasts

DAY 9 - Depart Norway

FULL ITINERARY

DAY 1 - WELCOME TO BERGEN, GATEWAY TO THE FJORDS

Upon arrival at Bergen Airport, you will be warmly greeted by our local representatives and transferred to your hotel.

Take some time to settle in and enjoy your new surroundings. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner at the hotel — a perfect opportunity to get to know the group and begin your Norwegian adventure.

Included meals: Welcome Dinner

Accommodation: Radisson Blue Royal Hotel, Bergen

DAY 2 - DISCOVERING BERGEN

Bergen, Norway's second-largest city, is often called the Gateway to the Fjords and the Capital of the West. With its rich seafaring history and status as a UNESCO World Heritage City, Bergen is full of charm and culture waiting to be discovered.

This morning, we set out on a guided walking tour to take in some of Bergen's most iconic sights, including the vibrant Fish and Flower Market and the historic Bryggen Hanseatic Wharf — a colourful reminder of the city's trading past. We'll also visit the Bryggens Museum to delve deeper into Bergen's fascinating heritage.

After our morning of exploration, we'll enjoy lunch together as a group.

In the afternoon, we ascend Mount Fløien aboard the famous Bergen Funicular. At the top, take in breathtaking panoramic views of Bergen's rooftops, surrounding mountains, and nearby fjords — a highlight of any visit.

We then return to the city by funicular, where the rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Whether you choose to stroll through cobbled streets, visit one of Bergen's many museums, or relax in a cosy café, the city offers plenty to discover at your own pace.

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: Radisson BLU Royal Hotel Bergen

DAY 3 - INTO THE FJORDS TO FLÅM

After breakfast, we check out and begin our scenic journey across Norway. A short transfer brings us to Bergen Station, where we board the renowned Bergen Railway — considered one of the most beautiful train rides in the world. As we travel inland to Voss, enjoy panoramic views of mountains, forests, and remote villages unfolding beyond your window.

From Voss, we continue by coach to Gudvangen, a picturesque village nestled at the head of the Nærøfjord. Here, we board a fjord cruise through one of the most spectacular stretches of water in all of Norway. The dramatic Nærøfjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is flanked by towering cliffs, cascading waterfalls, and quaint hamlets — a truly unforgettable experience.

Our cruise ends in the charming village of Flåm, surrounded by breathtaking scenery. A short walk takes us to our hotel, where we settle in before enjoying dinner together in the evening.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Fretheim Hotel, Flåm

DAY 4 - THE FLÅM & BERGEN RAILWAYS TO OSLO

After breakfast at the hotel, we check out and make the short walk to Flåm Station to begin one of Norway's most iconic travel experiences. We board the renowned Flåm Railway — considered one of the most beautiful and steepest standard-gauge railway lines in the world. With over 80% of the journey running on a gradient of 5.5% or more, this remarkable ride climbs through stunning mountain scenery, past waterfalls, and remote farms, offering breathtaking views at every turn.

Upon arrival at Myrdal Station, perched high in the mountains, we change trains and continue our journey on the famous Bergen Railway. This spectacular route takes us across dramatic highland plateaus and serene valleys, gradually descending towards Oslo — Norway's vibrant capital city.

Once in Oslo, we walk the short distance to our hotel. The evening is yours to enjoy at leisure, whether you'd like to relax or begin exploring this lively and cultural city.

Included meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Thon Hotel Opera, Oslo

DAY 5 - SÁMI NATIONAL DAY & EXPLORING OSLO

Today, we are fortunate to be in Oslo during Sámi National Day, celebrated every year on 6th February. This special day honours the culture and heritage of the indigenous Sámi people of Northern Europe. Keep an eye out for festive parades, traditional markets, colourful costumes, music, and cultural displays throughout the city — a unique opportunity to witness an important part of Norway's living heritage.

We begin our day with a visit to the renowned Vigeland Sculpture Park, home to over 200 expressive sculptures by artist Gustav Vigeland. Set in beautiful landscaped gardens, this is one of Oslo's most iconic and moving attractions.

Following lunch, the afternoon is free for you to explore Norway's capital city at your own pace. Oslo, situated at the head of the Oslofjord, is a wonderful mix of nature, culture, and striking architecture. Your Tour Director will be on hand with maps and suggestions to help you make the most of your time.

Highlights you may wish to explore this afternoon include:

- Holmenkollen Ski Museum & Tower
- Akershus Fortress
- National Gallery
- Viking Ship Museum
- Fram Museum
- Norwegian Museum of Cultural History (Folk Museum)

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: Thon Hotel Opera, Oslo

DAY 6 - TROMSØ, THE ARCTIC CAPITAL

After breakfast at the hotel, we transfer to Oslo Gardermoen Airport for our flight north to Tromsø, the gateway to the Arctic. Located 350 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle, Tromsø is the largest city in Northern Norway and a hub for Arctic culture, science, and adventure.

Upon arrival at Tromsø Airport, we will meet our coach and begin our exploration with a visit to the city's most iconic landmark — the Arctic Cathedral. Known for its striking modern architecture and peaceful interior, the cathedral is a must-see in this northern city.

We will enjoy a light lunch before continuing to the Fjellheisen Cable Car. Ascend to the mountaintop viewing platform for breathtaking panoramic views of Tromsø, the surrounding fjords, and the snow-covered Arctic landscapes — a perfect photo opportunity.

Later, we transfer to our hotel in Tromsø and enjoy a relaxing group dinner together.

In the evening, prepare for a magical experience as we set out on a Northern Lights chase. Our expert local guide will take us to the best possible locations based on weather and aurora forecasts. They'll also share photography tips to help you capture this bucket-list phenomenon on camera.

NB: Sightings of the Northern Lights are not guaranteed, as they are dependent on weather and solar activity. However, we'll do our best to maximise your chances of seeing them.

Included meals: Breakfast, Light Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Radisson BLU Hotel Tromsø

DAY 7 - SLEDDING WITH HUSKIES & CHASING THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

This morning, we head out for an unforgettable Arctic experience — a husky sledding adventure across the stunning mountain landscapes of Kvaløya. Sit back and take in the scenery while an experienced musher guides your sled, pulled by a team of energetic Alaskan huskies. It's a

truly unique and exhilarating way to explore the snowy wilderness.

After your ride, you'll have the chance to meet some of the 300 friendly huskies back at the camp — a highlight for animal lovers!

We'll then gather around an open fire in a traditional Sami "gamme" hut, where you'll enjoy hot drinks and a warm lunch of "Bidos", a hearty reindeer stew prepared the traditional Sami way.

Following lunch, we return to Tromsø for a few hours of rest and dinner at the hotel.

Later in the evening, we set out once again to chase the Northern Lights. Our expert local guide will take us to the best spots based on the weather and aurora forecasts, helping you make the most of this magical opportunity. They'll also offer tips on how to capture the Northern Lights with your camera.

NB: Sightings of the Northern Lights are dependent on weather and solar activity and therefore cannot be guaranteed.

Included meals: Breakfast, Light Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Radisson BLU Hotel Tromsø

DAY 8 - REINDEER RACES & ARCTIC TOASTS

This morning, we experience the thrill of traditional Reindeer Racing — a unique and exhilarating event that offers insight into the deep-rooted Sami culture of the Arctic. This once-in-a-lifetime experience brings you closer to the heritage and traditions of Northern Norway.

Afterwards, we return to Tromsø, where the afternoon is at leisure for you to enjoy lunch at your own pace and explore the local shops, cafés, or perhaps visit one of the city's museums.

In the evening, we gather for a special farewell dinner to celebrate our unforgettable week in Norway.

Following dinner, we head to the magical Ice Bar for a memorable final experience. Wrapped in a warm poncho and gloves, enjoy a drink served in a glass made entirely of ice, while admiring stunning ice sculptures that depict famous explorers and scenes of Arctic life — a perfect ending to your Arctic adventure.

Included meals: Breakfast & Farewell Dinner

Accommodation: Radisson BLU Hotel Tromsø

DAY 9 - DEPART NORWAY

Enjoy breakfast this morning before being transferred to Tromsø Airport for your flight home.

Included meals: Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- One-way flight: Oslo Airport [OSL] - Tromsø Airport [TOS]
- Meet & Greet at Bergen Airport on arrival
- Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers/touring and excursions in air-conditioned deluxe motor vehicles
- All entrances, English-speaking guides and visits as indicated in the programme.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Return international flights to Bergen Airport [BGO] and returning from Tromsø Airport [TOS]
- Drinks
- Gratuities
- Luggage handling
- All entrance fees to non-stipulated and optional additional attractions
- Visas, travel or medical insurance
- Any personal items and anything not mentioned under included in price above
- Any meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Any optional activities offered
- Increases in government taxes or fuel surcharges
- Any COVID tests or related entry & exit requirements

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Flights:** International flights to/from your chosen destination are not included in this package. The Big Journey Company will be happy to provide a quotation for your flights—please contact us for further details.
- **Vaccinations & Health:** Vaccinations may be recommended depending on your destination. Please consult your doctor or travel clinic for the most up-to-date medical advice.
- **Visas & Entry Requirements:** Entry requirements vary by destination, and a visa may be required. Please refer to the travel tips section for full details. It is your responsibility to ensure you have the necessary travel documentation prior to departure.
- **Medical Needs:** Please inform The Big Journey Company prior to travel of any medical conditions or medications you take that we should be aware of to help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.
- **Accommodation Check-in/Out:** Unless otherwise stated in your itinerary, check-in is after 2–3pm and check-out is before 10am. Please note that hotels may be subject to change to the same or similar standard due to availability.
- **Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations made within 90 days of departure are subject to a 100% cancellation fee. Deposits are non-refundable, and balance payments are due 14 weeks prior to departure. It is your responsibility to ensure adequate travel insurance is in place to protect against the need to cancel your holiday.
- **Minimum Numbers:** The Big Journey Company host will accompany the tour should minimum guest numbers be met. We will confirm this closer to the departure date.
- **Terms & Conditions:** Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Journey Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation. This does not affect your statutory rights. All offers are subject to availability and space is limited.

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