



Fjaerland, The Fjords

The Fjords and Trøndelag



A varied and fascinating region with historic towns, charming rural communities, sandy beaches and some of the most remarkable scenery in Norway.

Whether you have a couple of days or a couple of weeks, this destination cannot fail to impress.



1 The fjords in a nutshell

The Norway in a nutshell tour; the Sognefjord in a nutshell tour and the Hardangerfjord in a nutshell tour can all be pre-booked as a day excursion or as part of a longer tour from Bergen.



2 Waterfalls

As the snow melts in the warming spring sunshine, the waterfalls of the fjords begin to tumble down the mountainsides. Visit Langfossen, Steindalsfossen, Vøringsfossen, Seven Sisters and Batchelor waterfalls.



3 Boat excursions

An express boat connects Bergen to the fjord-side villages of Balestrand and Flåm and Hurtigruten links the Art Nouveau town of Ålesund to Bergen and to the village of Geiranger (summer months).



4 Lysefjord and Pulpit Rock

The Lysefjord is the site of the Preikestolen (Pulpit Rock). Perched atop an almost sheer cliff, the Preikestolen is 604m above the fjord-shore and affords incredible views.

The Southern Fjords

Between Stavanger and Bergen is a jagged coastline of sandy beaches and fishing villages. Inland, are the remarkable waterways of the Lysefjord and Hardangerfjord, a diverse and fascinating region of Norway.

Thon Hotel Maritim, Stavanger

We love the location of the Thon Hotel Maritim in Stavanger. It is in the heart of the city, yet far away from the hubbub of nightlife thus ensuring a quiet stay. In fact, the peacefulness of this hotel comes as some surprise considering it is a mere stones-throw from Breivatnet lake and 5 minutes' walk from the harbour and shopping streets.

Recently renovated, the hotel offers bright and modern accommodation and is an ideal choice for a city break or as part of a longer multi-centre itinerary.

Accommodation: 223 rooms including single, standard, triple, superior and business rooms and a suite.

- Airport: 12km Stavanger Sola
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi

Guide price from **£475 per person***



Ullensvang Hotel, Lofthus

Renowned for its high standard of accommodation and warm hospitality, the Ullensvang Hotel has been owned and managed by the Utne family since 1846.

The Ullensvang Hotel, in our opinion, is the ideal choice for those wishing to experience the charms of this unspoiled corner of the fjords. With a backdrop of the Hardangervidda mountain plateau, uninterrupted views over the tranquil Sør fjord and surrounded by well-maintained gardens, this beautiful and personal property cannot be beaten.

Accommodation: 168 rooms including standard and deluxe rooms, junior suites, one-bedroom suites and a two-bedroom suite.

- Airport: 149km Bergen Flesland
- Complimentary WiFi
- Fjordside location
- Half Board
- Restaurant
- Spa facilities
- Swimming pool (outdoor and indoor)

Guide price from **£1693 per person***

Thon Hotel Sandven, Norheimsund

Built in 1857, the Thon Hotel Sandven sits on the banks of the Hardangerfjord, in Norheimsund. Full of history and charm, the hotel has received the St Olav's Rose award – the hallmark of Norwegian Heritage. Old and new sympathetically merge at the hotel, with artefacts and original features proudly displayed alongside modern design pieces. The guest rooms are either traditional or contemporary in style.

Norheimsund is a convenient base from which to explore the Hardangerfjord region, as well as

Bergen, the 'Gateway to the Fjords'. Across the fjord is the Folgefonna National Park, while in the nearby village of Steine you will find the Steinsdalsfossen waterfall.

Accommodation: 102 rooms including single, standard and superior rooms and suites.

- Airport: 76km Bergen Flesland
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Fjordside location
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£980 per person***



* Guide prices for the Thon Hotel Maritim based on 2-sharing a standard room (3 nights) and flights from London to Stavanger Sola. For the Ullensvang Hotel and the Thon Hotel Sandven the guide price is based on 2-sharing a standard room (7 nights), flights from London to Bergen Flesland and car hire (Group B). Single room supplement and regional flight departures on request.

Bergen and her surroundings

With seven magnificent mountains and the beautiful fjords as a backdrop, the historic city of Bergen is the gateway to the Fjords and has many attractions of its own – the most famous of which are the traditional wooden buildings of the Bryggen Hanseatic Wharf.

Clarion Admiral Hotel, Bergen

This charming, recently renovated hotel enjoys a prime position in the heart of Bergen, overlooking the Vågen bay to the Bryggen. Beyond the harbour the views are to the mountains. In the surrounding streets you will find an abundance of shops, restaurants and cafes as well as the tourist information centre, and the Strandkaiteminalen, from where ferries leave for Stavanger and the Sognefjord, is right next door. The hotel is housed within a former waterfront warehouse dating from 1904. A notable feature of the Admiral

is its terraced restaurant where, weather allowing, breakfast and meals are served to enable guests to make the most of the views.

Accommodation: 210 rooms including single, standard, superior, deluxe and family rooms and suites.

- Airport: 18km Bergen
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£874 per person***



Superior room



Standard room

Clarion Collection Hotel Havnekontoret, Bergen

The Clarion Collection Hotel Havnekontoret occupies an unrivalled position on the heritage quayside of Bryggen in the vibrant and atmospheric centre of Bergen. Surrounded by historic warehouses and one of Bergen's most exclusive streets, Slottsgaten, this elegant hotel boasts a modern and warm interior where attention to detail is paramount. Many guest rooms enjoy views over the Vågen waterway or over the rooftops of the city to the mountains of Bergen.

Accommodation: 116 individually decorated rooms including standard, superior, deluxe and upgraded deluxe rooms, family suites and suites.

- Airport: 18km Bergen Flesland
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Light evening meal included

Guide price from **£863 per person***

Solstrand Hotel and Spa, Osøyro

Solstrand Hotel and Spa, built in 1896 by Christian Michelsen - who went on to become Norway's first prime minister in 1905, has been family-managed for four generations. This elegant waterfront property is ideally located on the spectacular Bjørnefjord, an arm of the Hardangerfjord with excellent views of the Folgefonna glacier (on a clear day) and five small, uninhabited 'holms' (islands).

Nestled in a rich landscape of natural and cultural character, the hotel has been beautifully restored

whilst still maintaining its turn-of-the-century charm.

Accommodation: 135 rooms including standard, fjord view, executive and deluxe rooms, junior suites and suites.

- Airport: 30km Bergen Flesland
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Fjordside location
- Restaurant
- Spa facilities
- Swimming pool (outdoor)

Guide price from **£1,652 per person***



Fjord view room

* Guide prices for the Clarion Admiral Hotel and the Clarion Collection Hotel Havnekontoret based on 2-sharing a standard room (3 nights) and flights from London to Bergen Flesland. For the Solstrand Hotel and Spa the guide price is based on 2-sharing a standard room (7 nights), flights from London to Bergen Flesland and car hire (Group B). Single room supplement and regional flight departures on request.

Sognefjord

The Sognefjord is the longest and deepest fjord in Norway and the surrounding landscape incorporates the winding Stalheimskeiva road, the steepest road in the country with a grade of 20%; the Flåmsbanen, one of the most beautiful rail journeys in the world and the narrow Nærøyfjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Flåmsbrygga Hotel, Flåm

The picturesque town of Flåm, at the head of the narrow Aurlandsfjord, is surrounded by steep mountainsides, roaring waterfalls and lush valleys. It is this awe-inspiring scene, as well as the close proximity to unspoiled nature, that has attracted visitors since the 1800s.

The Flåmsbrygga Hotel offers comfortable guest accommodation in the heart of Flåm. Each room affords a view towards the busy harbour and fjord and, with their pine walls, has a warm and cosy atmosphere. Opposite the hotel, the Flåmstova restaurant

serves traditional cuisine with whilst next door is Ægir, the hotel's micro-brewery and bar.

Accommodation: 41 rooms including standard rooms, family rooms and junior suites.

- Airport: 186km Bergen Flesland
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Fjordside location
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£1,394 per person***



Fretheim Hotel, Flåm

Dating from 1870, the Fretheim Hotel stands on the water's edge in Flåm and affords uninterrupted views of the surrounding landscape. Sympathetically remodelled and expanded over the years, this owner-managed hotel has retained an intimate and welcoming atmosphere, where age old traditions convene with modern amenities.

Fjord cruises, journeys on the Flåm railway, cycling on the Navvies Road, hiking in the Aurland and Flåm valleys and kayaking are just some of the activities available locally.

Accommodation: 121 rooms including standard, historical and America rooms, junior suites and the historic tower suite.

- Airport: 186km Bergen Flesland
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Fjordside location
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£1,177 per person***

Kviknes Hotel, Balestrand

With panoramic views over the Sognefjord and an impressive mountain backdrop, the situation of Kviknes Hotel, in the village of Balestrand, is second to none.

Owner-managed by the Kvikne family since 1877, the property offers a comfortable and relaxed sojourn in historical surroundings. With its long verandas overlooking blue waters, the pale-yellow timber building is one of the largest wooden hotel structures in Norway. Inside atmospheric lounges, an impressive

collection of antique pieces and age-old traditions stand side-by-side with modern amenities.

Accommodation: 190 rooms including standard, historical and historical single rooms and historical junior suites.

- Airport: 210km Bergen Flesland
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Fjordside location
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£1,419 per person***



* Guide prices based on 2-sharing a standard room (7 nights), flights from London to Bergen Flesland and car hire (Group B). Single room supplement and regional flight departures on request.

Geirangerfjord and Ålesund

Measuring just 15km long and with its clear waters, breathtaking waterfalls, fertile mountain ledges and pristine beauty, the Geirangerfjord is one of the most scenically stunning of the Norwegian fjords. The coastal town of Ålesund is the jewel of the fjords and an architectural gem.

Brosundet Hotel, Ålesund

The Brosundet Hotel lies in the heart of the historic centre of Ålesund, surrounded by beautiful, individually designed Art Nouveau buildings and a myriad of turrets and spires. Originally built in 1906 as a warehouse for salted cod, this listed building has been tastefully remodelled, expanded and modernised to create a charming hotel of character. Attention to detail is apparent throughout from the individually decorated bedrooms to the excellent seafood restaurant and attentive service. Recommended.

Accommodation: 132 rooms including standard, superior, deluxe and family rooms, suites and a lighthouse suite.

- Airport: 18km Ålesund Vigra
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£940 per person***



Union Hotel, Øye

The Union Hotel in the village of Øye is a remarkable property that oozes character, charm and history. From the moment you step over the threshold you realise that this is a special hotel with immense potential to become one of the highlights of your Norwegian adventure.

Since 1871 the Union has attracted guests in search of tranquillity and calm. Inside the hotel has retained its original features and its adorned throughout with carefully selected antiques. It is like being transported

to a bygone age. No guest room is the same and all have the power to impress.

Accommodation: 27 individually decorated rooms including standard and superior rooms.

- Airport: 124km Ålesund Vigra
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Fjordside location
- Half Board recommended
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£1,660 per person***

Storfjord Hotel, Skodje

Amid thousands of acres of protected forest, in the village of Glomset and high above the fjord from which it takes its name, is the Storfjord Hotel. Tradition and luxury combine to provide a fairytale stay in one of western Norway's finest handcrafted 'Lafta' hotels.

Inside the hotel is filled with art, antiques, designer furniture and is spacious and comfortable. Outside, the property is surrounded by a picture-postcard landscape of untouched nature, striking fjords,

sensational waterfalls, mountain peaks and foaming rivers.

Accommodation: 23 rooms including standard and superior deluxe rooms, junior suites and a suite.

- Airport: 48km Ålesund Vigra
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Half Board recommended
- Restaurant
- Rural location

Guide price from **£1,980 per person***



* Guide prices based on 2-sharing a standard room (7 nights), flights to Ålesund Vigra and car hire (Group B). Single room supplement and regional flight departures on request.

The Northern Fjords and Atlantic Road

The Atlantic Road zigzags 8274m over 8 low bridges and islets between the fishing village of Bud and the town of Kristiansund, and has been named by the Guardian as one of the best road trips in the world. Inland, the Sunnmøre Alps, Sunndalsfjella mountains and fjords cannot fail to impress.

Union Hotel, Geiranger

Affording superb views of the Geirangerfjord and enjoying a quiet location set back from the harbour front, the position of the Union Hotel, in our opinion, is unrivalled. There has been a hotel on this site since 1891, and since 1899 the residing hotel has been owner-managed by the Mjelva family.

Breathtaking views of the Geirangerfjord can be enjoyed from many of the hotel bedrooms, lounge and panoramic restaurant, and for those wishing to relax and unwind, a well-maintained garden, swimming

pool and outdoor Jacuzzi pool complete the scene.

Accommodation: 197 rooms including standard and deluxe rooms, junior suites, deluxe suites and spa suites.

- Airport: 122km Ålesund Vigra
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Fjordside location
- Restaurant
- Spa facilities
- Swimming pool (indoor)

Guide price from **£1,530 per person***



Angvik Gamle Handelssted, Angvik

At the top of Fjord Norway the Romsdal and Nordmøre regions offer a contrasting natural environment to explore. Here you will find deep fjords and steep mountains sitting side-by-side with a chain of islands and charming coastal and rural communities.

One hour's drive inland from the historical town of Kristiansund is Angvik Gamle Handelssted, a classical hotel idyllically situated on the shores of the Tingvollfjord. Inside the remodelled 16th century wharf, attention to detail is apparent and

the focus is on relaxation, personal service and delicious local produce.

Accommodation: 37 rooms including single and standard rooms and suites.

- Airport: 61 km Kristiansund Kvernberget / 147km Ålesund Vigra
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Fjordside location
- Restaurant
- Swimming pool (indoor)

Guide price from **£1,750 per person***

Smøla Havstuer, Smøla

One hour's drive north from the coastal town of Kristiansund lies the island of Smøla. With a landscape which completely contrasts with the mountain peaks and fjords of the mainland, Smøla offers a gentle moor-like scenery interspersed by rocks and lakes.

Smøla Havstuer is located in the small hamlet of Raket on the west coast of the island. This recently renovated sea house has uninterrupted views of the Atlantic and the archipelago. It's nine, simply decorated guest rooms enjoy a

water view as does the lounge/dining room and outdoor terrace. It is easy to sit here for hours just enjoying the view change with the weather.

Accommodation: 9 rooms, divided between two buildings.

- Airport: Airport: 67km Kristiansund Kvernberget / 224km Ålesund Vigra
- Bed & Breakfast
- Coastal location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£1,522 per person***



* Guide prices for the Union Hotel based on 2-sharing a standard room (7 nights), flights from London to Ålesund Vigra and car hire (Group B). For the Angvik Gamle Handelssted and Smøla Havstuer the guide price is based on 2-sharing a standard room (7 nights), flights from London to Kristiansund Kvernberget and car hire (Group B). Single room supplement and regional flight departures on request.



Mount Fløyen Funicular, Bergen



Naeroyfjord

Price includes

- Return flights to Bergen Flesland airport
- 2 nights at the Clarion Hotel Admiral, Bergen (Bed & Breakfast)
- 2 nights at the Kviknes Hotel, Balestrand (Bed & Breakfast)
- 3 nights at the Fretheim Hotel, Flåm (Bed & Breakfast)
- Public transport transfers as detailed
- 48 hour Bergen Card
- Single room supplement on request

Departures

Daily between May – Sep

Duration

7 nights

Guide price based

on 2-sharing from

£1,328 per person

The Sognefjord: Bergen - Flåm - Balestrand

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

Magnificent fjords, towering mountains, dazzling glaciers and thundering waterfalls set the scene for this admirable region of Norway.

Day One: On arrival at Bergen Flesland airport, self transfer to the Clarion Hotel Admiral in the centre of the city. Overnight at the Clarion Hotel Admiral in Bergen (page 58).

Day Two: Day at leisure in Bergen. Opportunity to explore the UNESCO protected Hanseatic wharf and the fish market which, besides freshly caught fish, also sells flowers, fruit, vegetables, souvenirs and handicrafts. Overnight at the Clarion Hotel Admiral in Bergen.

Day Three: After breakfast, depart Bergen by express boat and cruise along the Sognefjord to the village of Balestrand on the northern shoreline. Overnight at the Kviknes Hotel in Balestrand (page 59).

Day Four: Day at leisure. Why not choose from a variety of self-guided walks surrounding Balestrand? Nature trails take you from the centre of Balestrand to the peaks of Munkeggi (1275m), Tjugatoten (1098m) or Raudmelen (972m). Alternatively, stroll around the small art galleries in the village centre. Overnight at the Kviknes Hotel in Balestrand.

Day Five: After breakfast, transfer by boat to the village of Flåm. Steep mountains and deep valleys in the innermost part of the Aurlandsfjord surround this picturesque port. Overnight at the Fretheim Hotel in Flåm (page 59).

Days Six and Seven: Days at leisure. Flåm is a starting point for many excursions, hiking trails and outdoor activities. Popular activities include cycling the Rallarvegen, an 82km road which runs from Haugastøl to Flam; hiking from Aurland to Prest, a renowned viewpoint with superb views over the fjord and kayaking on the calm waters. Fjord cruises and a visit to Undredal, famous for its

local goat's cheese production and its stave church are just some of the excursions available locally. Overnight at the Fretheim Hotel in Flåm.

Day Eight: After breakfast, depart for Bergen by train. Your journey includes an hour on the famous Flåmsbana, a 20km cog railway that travels 865m up the mountainside to the town of Myrdal passing through 20 tunnels and making up to 8 stops en route. The most spectacular stop is at the Kjosfossen waterfall. On arrival in Myrdal, you will change trains for the journey to Bergen. Self transfer from Bergen train station to Bergen Flesland airport for your return flight home.

A relaxing spa break on the Bjørnefjord

Itinerary: 5 days / 4 nights

There is much to recommend the family-run Solstrand Hotel and Spa as a short break destination but none-more-so than its idyllic location overlooking the Bjørnefjord towards the Folgefonna glacier. This tranquil and natural setting will cause your shoulders drop and your breathing to relax within a mere few minutes of your arrival. On site, the hotel has an exceptional wellness centre and spa, and its restaurant serves the finest local cuisine; and all this within 30km of Bergen.

Day One: On arrival at Bergen Flesland airport, take a taxi to the Solstrand Hotel and Spa on the shores on the Bjørnefjord in the hamlet of Osøyro (payable locally - 32km, c.750NOK). Depending on the hour of your arrival it is also possible to take a boat from Flesland harbour, a short bus ride from the airport, to Os and onwards by taxi to the hotel. Overnight and evening meal at the historical Solstrand Hotel and Spa in Osøyro (page 58).

Day Two: The award-winning spa at the Solstrand Hotel exudes calm, wellbeing and positive energy. It's first-class facilities and design has been recognised

by the Historic Hotels of Norway and is highly praised by Sunvil guests. Natural light floods into the facility bringing with it the pure air of the mountains. Access to the wellness area is complimentary for all guests and includes use of the pools (indoor and outdoor), therapy bath, Finnish sauna, steam room and gym.

Spend today pampering yourself or relaxing beside the pool or at the fjord-side pier. An extensive list of treatments is available (payable locally) including body wraps, massages, facials and Solstrand's own bathing ritual experience - Advance booking recommended. Overnight and evening meal at the historical Solstrand Hotel and Spa in Osøyro.

Days Three and Four: Days at leisure on the Norwegian fjords. Kayaks, bikes and wooden rowing boats are available for hire from the hotel. Alternatively, take the bus or boat from to Bergen for a day in Norway's second city, or use the Hardangerfjord express boat excursion 'Explore the fjords and village of Rosendal Baroniet'. Overnight and evening meal at the historical Solstrand Hotel and Spa in Osøyro.

Day Five: After breakfast, self transfer to Bergen Flesland airport for your return flight to the UK.



Price includes

- Return flights to Bergen Flesland airport
- 4 nights at the Solstrand Hotel and Spa, Osøyro (Half Board)
- Single room supplement on request

Departures
Daily

Duration
4 nights

Guide price based on 2-sharing from
£978 per person





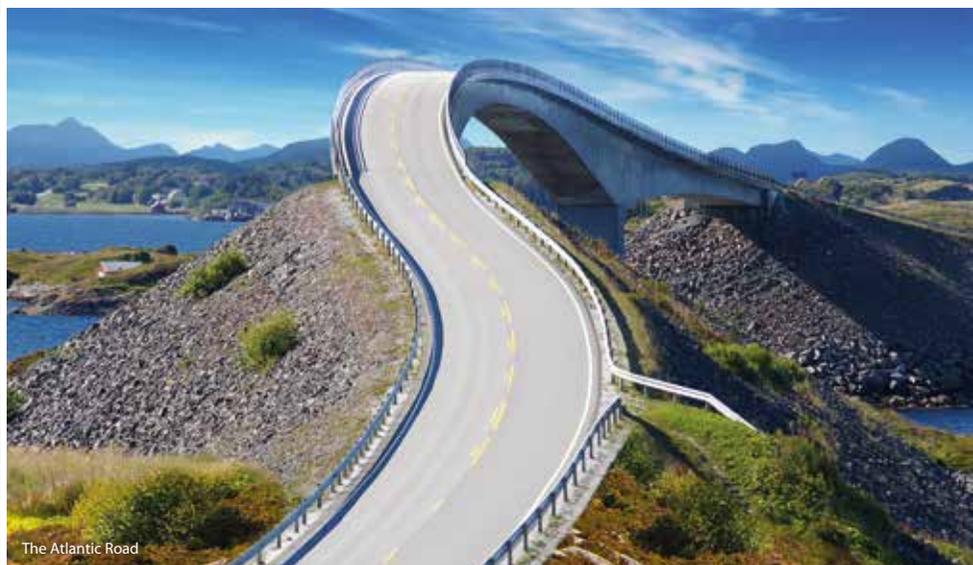
Price includes

- Return flights to Ålesund Vigra, via Oslo Gardermoen
- 2 nights at the Storfjord Hotel, Skodje (Bed & Breakfast)
- 3 nights at the Smøla Havstuer, Smøla (Bed & Breakfast)
- 2 nights at Angvik Gamle Handelssted, Angvik (Bed & Breakfast)
- 8 days car hire (Group B)
- Single room supplement on request

Departures
Daily

Duration
7 nights

Guide price based on 2-sharing from
£1,540 per person



The Atlantic Road

The hidden gems of the Northern Fjords

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

This 7-night itinerary is a combination of three small, characterful accommodations in the northern fjord region. The properties are surrounded by charming communities, unspoiled scenery and are within a short drive of the primary attractions of the area: Ålesund, the Atlantic Road, the Geirangerfjord, Molde and Kristiansund. Discover an authentic part of the fjords that will not fail to impress.

Day One: On arrival at Ålesund Vigra airport, collect your hire car and drive to the Storfjord Hotel in the rural community of Skodje. This is a delightful grass-roofed property that oozes charm and character. There are comfortable lounge areas with fireplaces, antique pieces and book-filled alcoves; an excellent restaurant and gardens with far-reaching views. Overnight at the Storfjord Hotel in Skodje (page 60).

Day Two: Day at leisure. Take the opportunity to visit Ålesund, a picturesque town with much to offer

visitors. Start your tour at the Jugendstilsenteret which tells the story of 23 January 1904, when a fire ripped through the town and destroyed 800 homes. After the fire, Ålesund rose like a phoenix from the flames and is today regarded as one of the most impressive Art Nouveau towns in the world. Overnight at the Storfjord Hotel in Skodje.

Day Three: After breakfast, travel to the island of Smøla. En route stop at the coastal towns of Molde and Kristiansund and take a drive along the Atlantic Road. The Atlantic Road is a combination of 8 low bridges, which cross the Atlantic, connecting an array of small islets between Bud and Kristiansund. Overnight at the locally-owned Smøla Havstuer on Smøla (page 61).

Days Four and Five: Days at leisure on the island of Smøla. Largely undiscovered by international tourists, the island - with its moor-like scenery and rocky skerries - stands in complete contrast to the mountainous mainland that forms its backdrop. Overnight at the Smøla Havstuer on Smøla.

Day Six: After breakfast, drive inland to another hidden gem. Your accommodation is a historic timber-trading house that has been transformed into a boutique hotel of the highest standard. The location, on the shores of the Tingvollfjord, is tranquil and the fjord views, uninterrupted and calming. Overnight at Angvik Gamle Handellsted in Angvik (page 61).

Day Seven: Day at leisure. Opportunity to enjoy and experience the Tingvollfjord, a quiet and lesser-explored part of the fjord region. Overnight at Angvik Gamle Handellsted in Angvik.

Day Eight: After breakfast, drive to Ålesund Vigra airport for your return flight to the UK.

Ålesund and the Geirangerfjord by public transport

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

The region of Ålesund and Sunnmøre is a land where the mountains and fjord meet the ocean. It is the land of your dreams - towering mountain peaks stretching high into the sky interspersed with sapphire blue waterways. Here is also the town of Ålesund, rebuilt in an Art Nouveau style in 1904, the bird sanctuary island of Runde and lush, green valleys.

This seven night itinerary combines three contrasting destinations: Ålesund, Geiranger and Øye, and will immerse you in the region's natural and historical highlights.

Day One: On arrival at Ålesund Vigra airport, self transfer to the Brosundet Hotel. On the banks of a canal in the centre Ålesund and surrounded by all of the town's beauty, the Brosundet is a welcoming, recently refurbished property full of character. Many say that Ålesund is the most beautiful town in Norway. See for yourself and let us know what you think. Overnight at the Brosundet Hotel in Ålesund (page 60).

Days Two and Three: Free time in Ålesund. Within a short stroll of your hotel is the Jugendstilsenteret (Art Nouveau Museum), the Fisheries Museum as well as many of the colourful, preserved Art Nouveau

buildings for which the town is renowned. Cafes and restaurants are in abundance, including a number of establishments serving exquisite seafood.

Surrounding Ålesund are the Sunnmøre Alps. Take a walk in the countryside today and immerse yourself in the region's natural beauty. One of our favourite hikes follows a marked trail to Sukkertoppen viewpoint (c.2 hours). From the summit there is a 360° panorama over Ålesund and the fjord - breathtaking. Overnight at the Brosundet Hotel in Ålesund.

Day Four: Depart Ålesund after breakfast and sail on board Hurtigruten to the Geirangerfjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This leisurely journey will cruise along the s-shaped, 100km fjord passing small rural communities; picturesque, yet abandoned, mountain farms and flowing waterfalls - find a space on deck for the best views. On arrival in Geiranger, you will be met and transferred the short distance to the Union Hotel. Overnight and evening meal at the Union Hotel in Geiranger (page 61).

Days Five and Six: Days at leisure on the Geirangerfjord. You could easily spend all of your time relaxing at the Union Hotel and absorbing the splendour of your surroundings, and you would not leave disappointed. The view from the hotel's lounge, spa and outdoor Jacuzzi stretches for miles around.

If you do decide to leave the hotel, you could join an excursion to the Dalsnibba viewpoint and the Skywalk platform, or a fjord cruise to a mountain farm returning to Geiranger on foot. Hiking trails are in abundance and kayaks can be rented locally. Geiranger has a fascinating fjord centre that warrants a visit. Overnight and evening meal at the Union Hotel in Geiranger.

Day Seven: Today, you will travel by local ferry from Geiranger to Hellesylt before taking the local bus through the Norangsdalen valley to Øye. Your journey will stop at Lyngstøylvatnet (lake) where you can view the sunken remains of a summer farm.

At Øye is the Union Hotel a charming, unique and historical property and your accommodation for the evening. The Union Hotel has been receiving guests since 1891 and a stay here, we are sure, will be one of the highlights of your trip. Overnight and evening meal at the Union Hotel in Øye (page 60).

Day Eight: After breakfast, take the boat from Øye to Ålesund and then self transfer to Ålesund Vigra airport for your return flight to the UK.

Price includes

- Return flights to Alesund Vigra, via Oslo Gardermoen
- 3 nights at the Brosundet Hotel, Ålesund (Bed & Breakfast)
- 2 nights at the Union Hotel, Geiranger (Half Board)
- 2 nights at the Union Hotel, Øye (Half Board)
- Transfers as detailed
- Single room supplement on request

Departures

Daily from 01 Jun – 30 Sep

Duration

7 nights

Guide price based on 2-sharing from
£1,624 per person

