

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.



You can never travel far before having to stop for a photograph.

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.

Clarion Hotel Stavanger, Stavanger

The quaint and compact city of Stavanger has much to offer the visitor. At its heart is 'Gamle Stavanger', a charming district with pretty white-washed houses adorned with colourful flower boxes, cobbled streets, excellent shopping opportunities and independent cafés and restaurants.

Situated on a hill, just 600m from Gamle Stavanger, the Clarion Hotel affords scenic views over Stavanger. The atmosphere at the hotel is relaxed and informal and there is plenty of space in which to relax at the end of the day. The guest rooms are well decorated and many have city views.

Accommodation: 249 rooms including standard, superior, deluxe and family rooms and junior suites.

- Airport: 15km Stavanger Sola
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Prices from £630 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 and today, the fourth and fifth generations of the family welcome guests.

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 Sørfjord 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)

Prices from £1,546 per person*



Thon Hotel Sandven, Norheimsund

Built in 1857, the historic 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. Consisting of two wings, the historic wing retains its original features and all rooms vary in style, whilst accommodation in the new wing has a modern decoration.

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 one of the country's most visited and photographed natural attractions, the Steinsdalsfossen.

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

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

Prices from £765 per person*

* Guide prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room (3 nights) and flights from London to Stavanger Sola for the Clarion Hotel Stavanger. Guide prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room (7 nights) and flights from London to Bergen Flesland and car hire for the Ullensvang Hotel and Thon Hotel Sandven. Regional airports and single room supplements on request. Please visit our website for further information on these and other featured properties.

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.

Augustin Hotel, Bergen

Centrally located by the harbour and main shopping area, the Augustin Hotel is an ideal base for those wanting to explore Bergen and its attractions.

Originally built in 1909 in an Art Nouveau style, and owned by the Smørås family since 1919, the Augustin is Bergen's oldest family-run hotel. Having undergone extensive expansion works and modernisation throughout the years, the property offers guests a comfortable stay in the heart of the city.

Accommodation: 130 rooms including single, standard and deluxe rooms and junior suites.

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

Prices from £561 per person*



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**

Prices from £718 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)**

Prices from £1,123 per person*



Sognefjord

The Sognefjord is the longest and deepest fjord in Norway and the surrounding landscape incorporates the winding Stalheimskleiva 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**

Prices from £1,037 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, divided between the original timber building (historical wing) and a modern wing, including standard rooms, historical rooms, historical single rooms and historical junior suites.

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

Prices from £1,336 per person*



Tørvis Hotel, Marifjøra

The small village of Marifjøra sits on the Lustrafjord, the innermost arm of the Sognefjord - the largest and well known fjord in Norway. Once an old trading post for its neighbouring villages, Marifjøra has seen many changes throughout the years and today offers visitors an abundance of outdoor activities, from guided kayak trips and fishing to mountain walking, glacial hiking and ski-ing.

The Tørvis Hotel, built on the site where a 17th century small guest house once stood, faces the Lustrafjord, allowing for glorious views whilst providing a relaxed stay in a quieter and peaceful

part of the fjord. Inside, the hotel is a mix of old and new whilst its restaurant boasts affluence in producing fresh produce, fine wines and a vibrant atmosphere.

Accommodation: 28 rooms including standard and superior rooms.

- **Airport:** 259km Bergen Flesland
- **Bed & Breakfast**
- **Complimentary WiFi**
- **Fjordside location**
- **Half Board recommended**
- **Restaurant**

Prices from £1,390 per person*

* Guide prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room (3 nights), flights from London to Bergen Flesland and a 48 hour Bergen Card for the Augustin Hotel and the Havnekontoret Hotel. Guide prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room (7 nights), flights from London to Bergen Flesland and car hire for the Solstrand Hotel and Spa. Regional flights and single room supplements on request. Please visit our website for further information on these and other featured properties.

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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 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: 47 rooms including single and standard rooms, junior suites, a two bedroom suite and a lighthouse suite.

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

Prices from £1,256 per person*



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.

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

Prices from £1,150 per person*



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
- Fjordside location
- Restaurant
- Spa facilities
- Swimming pool (indoor)

Prices from £1,299 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: 61km Kristiansund Kvernberget / 147km Ålesund Vigra
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Fjordside location
- Restaurant
- Swimming pool (indoor)

Prices from £1,065 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

Prices from £1,459 per person*



Scandic Hotel Nidelven, Trondheim

In the heart of Trondheim stands the Scandic Nidelven, a modern hotel widely regarded as offering the best breakfast's in the country. There is surely no better way to start your day than with an extensive buffet.

Throughout the hotel, light neutral colours have been used to create a calming and relaxing atmosphere. The spacious lounge and bar are inviting, especially after a day's exploration, and enjoy a view over to Solsiden, one of Trondheim's most popular districts with restaurants and bars.

This is a modern hotel and a convenient base from which to explore Trondheim.

Accommodation: 343 rooms including standard, superior, superior extra, superior plus and family rooms, junior suites and suites.

- Airport: 31km Trondheim Vaernes
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Prices from £1,083 per person*



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* Guide prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room (7 nights), flights from London to Kristiansund Kvernberget and car hire for Smøla Havstuer and Angvik Gamle Handelssted. Guide prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room (3 nights), flights from London to Trondheim Vaernes. Regional airports and single room supplements on request. Please visit our website for further information on these and other featured properties.

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

The Sognefjord: Bergen - Flåm - Balestrand

Departures:

Daily between May – Sep

Duration: 7 nights

Prices from: £1,336 per person

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 Augustin Hotel in the centre of the city.

Overnight at the Augustin Hotel in Bergen (page 48).

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 Augustin Hotel in Bergen.

Day Three:

After breakfast, depart Bergen by train and travel to Myrdal. Change onto the 20km cog railway which journeys down the mountainside to Flåm. In less than one hour the Flåmsbana (Flåm Railway) descends 865m passing through 20 tunnels and making up to

8 stops. The most spectacular stop is at the Kjosfossen waterfall.

On arrival at Flåm, walk c.5 minutes to the Flåmsbrygga Hotel, your overnight accommodation (page 49).

Day Four and Five:

Days at leisure. Steep mountains and deep valleys in the innermost part of the Aurlandsfjord surround the village of Flåm.

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 Flåm; 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 Flåmsbrygga Hotel in Flåm.

Day Six:

After breakfast, transfer by boat to the village of Balestrand on the northern shores of the Sognefjord. On arrival in Balestrand, walk to the Kviknes Hotel (adjacent to the pier).

Overnight at the Kviknes Hotel in Balestrand (see page 49).

Day Seven:

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 Eight:

After breakfast, depart from Balestrand by express boat and travel to Bergen along the Sognefjord. On docking in Bergen, self transfer to Bergen Flesland airport for your return flight home.

Price includes:

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

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

The hidden gems of the Northern Fjords

Departures:

Daily

Duration: 7 nights

Prices from: £1,482 per person

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 50).

Days 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 51).

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 51).

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 airport for your return flight to the UK.

Price includes:

- Return flights to Ålesund with Norwegian Airlines
- 8 days car hire (Group A)
- 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)
- Single room supplement on request