# Scenic Norway - Majestic & Vibrant



## July 18 – 28, 2019 Hosted by Pat & Jack Converse

#### Day 1 – July 18 – Depart for Oslo Norway

#### Day 2 – July 19 – Arrive in Oslo Norway

Welcome to Oslo! At 6 pm, meet your traveling companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel. (Dinner)

#### Day 3 - July 20 - Oslo

Sightseeing with a Local Guide features the National Theater, considered the home for Ibsen's plays; the unique Storting building, seat of Parliament; and the Royal Palace. Stroll through magnificent FROGNER PARK with Gustav Vigeland's extraordinary sculptures; and visit the CITY HALL, where the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony is held each year. Afterwards, an optional excursion is available to see relics of Norway's glorious seafaring past—including 1,000-year-old Viking ships! (Breakfast)

#### Day 4 – July 21 – Oslo-Heddal-Vemork-Telemark

Start your tour of the land of fjords, lakes, mountains, thundering waterfalls, and gleaming glaciers with a visit of HEDDAL STAVE CHURCH, the largest of the country's remaining medieval wooden churches. Follow the narrow Rjukan Valley via Lake Tinnsjø, where saboteurs sank a ferry loaded with heavy water, dashing Nazi hopes of winning the race for the atomic bomb. Next is VEMORK, scene of the daring sabotage action celebrated in The Heroes of Telemark and recently registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Learn all about the dramatic events of 1943 from your Local Guide, and gain an insight into the technology of hydroelectric power generation, one of the pillars of Norway's economy. Arrive in rustic, unspoiled Telemark. (Breakfast and Dinner)





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#### Day 5 – July 22 – Telemark-Latefoss-Bergen

Enjoy scenic delights: the wild Hardangervidda mountain plateau, where Fridtjof Nansen prepared for his polar expeditions, and the thundering Låtefoss twin-waterfall. Then, drive through the orchards along Sørfjord, whose tranquil splendor inspired Grieg's Morning Mood, and cross Hardangerfjord by FERRY. Meet the family that has owned the STEINSTØ FRUIT FARM for eight generations and hear all about their history, while you taste home-made apple juice and cider. Continue to Bergen, known for its associations with the Hanseatic League. (Brkfst & Lunch)

#### Day 6 – July 23 – Bergen-Voss-Stalheim

Time this morning to explore the narrow lanes of ancient Bryggen on your own and discover the colorful Bergen fish market. Later, travel via the popular lakeside resort of Voss to Stalheim. Why not join an exciting optional Flåm train ride? (Breakfast and Dinner)

#### Day 7 – July 24 – Stalheim-Sogenfjord-Fjaerland-Loen

This morning, enjoy a CRUISE on spectacular Sognefjord and Nærøyfjord. Next, visit Fjaerland's excellent NORWEGIAN GLACIER MUSEUM and watch a thrilling 5-screen film. Then see Bøyabreen, one of the branches that radiate from Jostedal Glacier into the surrounding valleys, and enjoy the rugged mountain scenery as you approach the tunnel underneath Europe's mainland largest glacier. After pristine Lake Jølster and the Våtedalen Valley, follow the shoreline of the innermost branch of Nordfjord and arrive in peaceful Loen. (Breakfast and Dinner)

#### Day 8 – July 25 – Loen

Prepare for Norway's latest spectacular tourism project: the LOEN SKYLIFT, a cable car that brings you from the fjord to the top of Mount Hoven (over 3,300 feet high) in just minutes. Time to enjoy the breathtaking views of Lake Lovatnet, Mount Skåla, Jostedal Glacier, and the Nordfjord, or follow one of the hiking trails on your own. Balance of the day at leisure. (Breakfast and Dinner)

#### Day 9 – July 26 – Loen-Geirangerfjord-Dalsnibba-Lom-Lillehammer

Head north via Lake Hornindal to Hellesylt to embark for a leisurely CRUISE on Geirangerfjord past the famous Seven Sisters cascade. Then, climb above the tree line to 5,000 feet for panoramic views from the GEIRANGER SKYWALK, Mount Dalsnibba's new platform above the fjord. Continue to Lom and take pictures of its lonely stave church. Drive through the wide Gudbrandsdal Valley, the lush dairy and timber land of Ibsen's drama, Peer Gynt. Arrive in Lillehammer, proud host of the 1994 Winter Olympics. (Breakfast and Dinner)

#### Day 10 - July 27 - Lillehammer-Eidsvoll-Oslo

Start your day with a picture stop at the Olympic ski jump, followed by a guided walking tour of the unique MAIHAUGEN OPEN-AIR MUSEUM, an encounter with Norway's culture and history and a fascinating collection of houses and farmyards. Enjoy a comfortable drive along lovely Lake Mjøsa to Eidsvoll, where the country's democratic constitution was signed in 1814, before returning to Oslo. Tonight, celebrate the success of your journey with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (Breakfast and Dinner)

#### Day 11 - July 28 - Oslo

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (Breakfast)



## **TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

**TOUR DIRECTOR:** A professional Tour Director will be provided throughout trip.

**MEALS:** Full Scandinavian breakfast daily, 1 lunch and 7 three-course dinners with wine

## **QUALITY HOTELS:**

Oslo – Radisson Blu Scandinavia Telemark – Rauland Hogfjellshotell Bergen – Scandic Ornen Stalheim – Stalheim Leon – Alexandra Lillehammer – Scandic Lillehammer Oslo – Scandic Victoria

SIGHTSEEING: Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary with special features

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

## TOUR HOST:

Please feel free to contact Pat Converse with any questions you may have 320-762-1544 or 888-762-1545 or <u>patc@burschtravel.com</u>

## TOUR PRICE:

Land only tour cost \$2846.00 through November 27, 2018. Reservations made after November 27, 2018 land only tour cost \$3162.00. Price based on two people in a room. Air not included and will be advised at a later date when it becomes available. Estimated flight price is \$1000.00 - \$1300.00 per person. Single supplement is \$493.00. Pre- and post-tour accommodations are available at an additional cost.

## **RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT:**

Early registration is recommended. A deposit of \$250.00 per person, plus insurance, along with the completed reservation form, is required to confirm your trip. The balance will be due May 8, 2019.

## TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE:

Optional trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended. Price is \$299.00 per person. Purchase insurance at the time of deposit to be eligible for waiver of pre-existing conditions.

## CANCELLATION:

Cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellation Fees: Deposit of \$250.00 is nonrefundable. 45-22 days prior to commencement of services 20% of total price; 21-8 days prior to commencement of services 30% of total price; 7-1 days prior to commencement of services 50% of total price; departure day 100%.

## DOCUMENTATION:

A valid passport is required for the trip. Passports can take up to 2 months, please allow ample time for processing. Check your current passport validity. Passports expiration must not be less than 6 months from date of return.

## NOT INCLUDED:

Items of personal nature, such as long-distance phone calls, room service, laundry, meals except as noted in itinerary, and tips. Round trip transfers to and from airport.

## OTHER:

We reserve the right to make changes to the itinerary should it be deemed necessary. If a price adjustment becomes necessary due to foreign currency exchange and/or additional fuel/security taxes, you will be notified immediately.

## **RESPONSIBILITY:**

All reservations are accepted with the specific condition that Bursch Travel, operator of this tour, acts only as an agent of the hotels, sightseeing contractors, bus operators, airlines and others who provide the actual arrangements, and is not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage, or nonperformance occurring in connection with these arrangements.

## Scenic Norway Registration ~ July 18 - 28, 2019

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