

The Scenic Fjords and Coastline of Norway: A Focus on Sustainability

From **30/6/2021**
to **7/7/2021**

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From **Bergen**
to **Oslo**



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Norway is at once a land of history and natural beauty, and a world leader in sustainability. On this voyage along the shores of the North Sea, we explore both.

We begin in Bergen, once the center of Hanseatic trade, and call in ports along the way that resonate with the historical and legendary past: the reconstructed Iron Age village and Viking heritage in **Stavanger** and the Art Nouveau city of **Ålesund**. Stunning landscapes and seascapes seem to appear around every corner. Crystal clear lakes, alpine peaks, stunning waterfalls, massive glaciers—these are the core elements of the fjords we will navigate, from the UNESCO World Heritage **Geirangerfjord** in the north to **Lysefjord** in the south.

In **Bergen**, **Arendal**, and **Göteborg**, Sweden, we have the opportunity to meet with locals working at the forefront of conservation and sustainability efforts for both land and sea.

To further enhance your experience, this sailing will feature discussions devoted to the topic of sustainability and will include the participation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History*, Elizabeth Kolbert.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

BERGEN

Embarkation 30/6/2021 from 16h00 to 17h00
Departure 30/6/2021 at 21h00

Located at the end of Byfjord, Bergen was the capital of Norway in the 12th and 13th Centuries and has preserved some very beautiful monuments from the time when it was home to royalty. Wandering through Bergen's streets means going back in time, in search of the hidden treasures that have been listed as World Heritage Sites by UNESCO. A veritable openair museum, Bergen is home to a thriving artistic community of painters, potters, jewellers. The Bergen cable car offers you a splendid panorama over the port and the surrounding fjords. Do not miss the visit to the old quarter with its narrow streets, a testimony of the power of the hanseatic League that controlled trade in Northern Europe at the end of the Middle Ages.

OLDEN

Arrival 1/7/2021 midday
Departure 1/7/2021 late afternoon

With its two wooden churches, one red and the other white, plus its breathtaking view of the mouth of the river Oldeelva, **Olden** looks just like a picture post card. Located a few kilometres from the Jostedalsgreen park, home to one of the last **glacier polar icecaps**, this little village is a definite must for exploring the blue languages of the **Briksdal** or Kjønnalen **glaciers**. Make sure you find some time to visit the Norwegian Glacier Museum. Absolutely amazing. Another gem is lake Lovatn and its turquoise waters inviting you to quiet contemplation.

HELLESYLT

Arrival 2/7/2021 early morning
Departure 2/7/2021 mid morning

Hellesylt is a small village located 20 kilometres from the Geiranger site. Here, you'll get a taste of a traditional Norwegian village. Colourful houses, wooden walkways, rustic stalls where you can have a refreshment before heading off to discover more of the local colour. The surroundings are simply magnificent with cliffs, mountains and lakes with peaceful waters. The village is crossed by a river whose charming cascade tumbles into the fjord waters.

GEIRANGER

Arrival 2/7/2021 midday

Departure 2/7/2021 early evening

A must-see stopover in Norway, located halfway between Bergen and Trondheim, **Geiranger** offers the stunning beauty of a natural decor, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The splendour of the sheer cliffs, dark rock and crystalline water are the stars of the show here. The sides of the fjord offer many possibilities for hiking: the **Eagle's Road** takes you up to a steep stretch offering a gorgeous panoramic view. A visit to **Geiranger** village will immerse you in the rhythm of life in the little local community.

ALESUND

Arrival 3/7/2021 early morning

Departure 3/7/2021 late morning

Surrounded by a multitude of islands, fjords and majestic mountains, the town of **Ålesund** surprises many visitors. In fact, it is internationally renowned for its **Art nouveau architecture**. After the terrible fire of 1904 which reduced a large part of the town to ashes, Norwegian architects inspired by the Art nouveau style contributed to its reconstruction, with a very picturesque result. Not far from Ålesund, you will also discover **Giske**, the native island of Rollon, the great Viking leader who commanded the Norse expeditions to Normandy, or the beautiful island of Godoy and the village of Alnes, which offers a grandiose panorama over the Atlantic Ocean and the surrounding islands.

STAVANGER

Arrival 4/7/2021 early morning

Departure 4/7/2021 early afternoon

At the far end of the country, stands the harbour town of Stavanger, with its warm, friendly atmosphere. A friendliness you'll notice in the little old town cobbled streets, which has some **170 old wooden houses**, as well as in its modern city centre, always bustling.

SAILING IN LYSEFJORDEN

Arrival 4/7/2021

Departure 4/7/2021

You will sail into the heart of one of Norway's most breathtaking fjords, its marvellous décor dominated by pristine nature, between vertiginous granite cliffs, crystal-clear waters and luxuriant vegetation. Very close to Stavanger, the quiet waters of **Lysefjorden** stretch out over around forty kilometres, beneath impressive rocks. Admire the world-famous site of **Preikestolen** (Pulpit Rock), a majestic cliff in the shape of a pulpit that rises to more than 600 metres above the waters. A bit further on, **Flørli**, from the top of its 4,444 steps, is the world's longest wooden stairway, whereas the Kjerag, with its mythical boulder wedged between two rock faces, provides an unusual and unforgettable spectacle.

ARENDAL

Arrival 5/7/2021 midday

Departure 5/7/2021 late afternoon

This **port town** located on the south coast of Norway is considered to be the locality with the best climate in the entire country. **Arendal** was long reputed for its **iron mines** from which, in the 19th century, it was able to produce a particularly strong earthy iron ore.

GÖTEBORG (GOTHENBURG)

Arrival 6/7/2021 early morning

Departure 6/7/2021 early afternoon

A lively harbour town, Göteborg is located on the west coast of Sweden, at the crossing of the Göta älv river and the bay of Cattégat. In the **old Haga district**, you can peruse hippy-chic fashion boutiques and bohemian cafés in the ground floors of traditional wood houses. On the majestic **Gustave-Adolphe square**, you'll see elegant neoclassical buildings. Not far from here is the municipal museum dedicated to the town's history. In addition, you will be able to sail along Göteborg's numerous canals. As for eating, it's the **fish and shellfish** which make the gastronomic reputation of this beautiful stopover.

OSLO

Arrival 7/7/2021 early morning

Disembarkation 7/7/2021 at 07h00

Capital of Norway, **Oslo**, is a green city. Its many parks and gardens make it the reputedly pleasant city it is. The 80 hectares of **Vigeland** sculpture parks and its 212 open air exhibitions, the **Munch Museum** dedicated to the life and works of the Norwegian artist Edvard Munch, plus the **Akershus fortress** which symbolises **Oslo's** rich history, are both must-sees. For culture, the national gallery shelters the largest Norwegian collection of paintings, drawings and sculptures open to the public. And, for sports enthusiasts, the **Holmenkollen** district with its Ski museum and famous ski jump offer the most stunning, all-encompassing view of the city.