

Norwegian fjords

From **17/7/2023**
to **24/7/2023**

Ship: **LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE**

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



Set sail with PONANT on an exceptional itinerary and discover **the beauty of the Norwegian fjords**. Come aboard *Le Dumont-d'Urville* for an **8-day cruise** and sail along the Norwegian coastline, whose vertiginous cliff faces have been sculpted by the wind and the sea, giving rise to many unspoiled fjords.

From **Bergen**, famous for its Hanseatic wharf that still carries a few traces of the rich historic past of the city founded by the Vikings, you will set sail for **the small town of Alesund**, where you will be able to admire magnificent examples of Art Nouveau architecture.

From **Olden**, a charming village, located a few kilometres from Jostedalsgreen National Park and home to one of the last ice caps in Europe, you will have the opportunity to admire the magnificent **Briksdal glacier**.

Le Dumont-d'Urville will then sail towards the delightful city of **Sandnes**. During your cruise, you will have the privilege of sailing in the famous '**Lysefjord**' (fjord of light), flanked by granite cliffs. **Arendal**, once known as the Venice of the North because of its canals, will be an utterly charming port of call.

On the final leg of your trip you will call at **Gothenburg**, in Sweden. The country's main port, the city can be discovered via its pretty canals, cultural treasures and emblematic districts.

Your cruise will end in **Oslo**, the Norwegian capital, a city with a unique energy.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

BERGEN

Embarkation 17/7/2023 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Departure 17/7/2023 at 8:00 pm

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.

ALESUND

Arrival 18/7/2023 midday

Departure 18/7/2023 evening

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.

HELLESYLT

Arrival 19/7/2023 early morning

Departure 19/7/2023 mid afternoon

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.

OLDEN

Arrival 20/7/2023 early morning

Departure 20/7/2023 midday

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 Kjennalen **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.

SANDNES

Arrival 21/7/2023 early morning

Departure 21/7/2023 early afternoon

In the south-west of Norway, nestling at the head of the **Gands Fjord**, **Sandnes** lies surrounded by nature. Known as the “pottery town” of Norway due to its significant ceramics industry resulting from the presence of readily-available clay in the region, Sandnes offers a combination of plains and peaks.

SAILING IN LYSEFJORDEN

Arrival 21/7/2023 mid afternoon

Departure 21/7/2023 mid afternoon

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 22/7/2023 midday

Departure 22/7/2023 early evening

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 23/7/2023 early morning

Departure 23/7/2023 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 24/7/2023 early morning

Disembarkation 24/7/2023 at 8:00 am

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.