

NORWAY & ICELAND

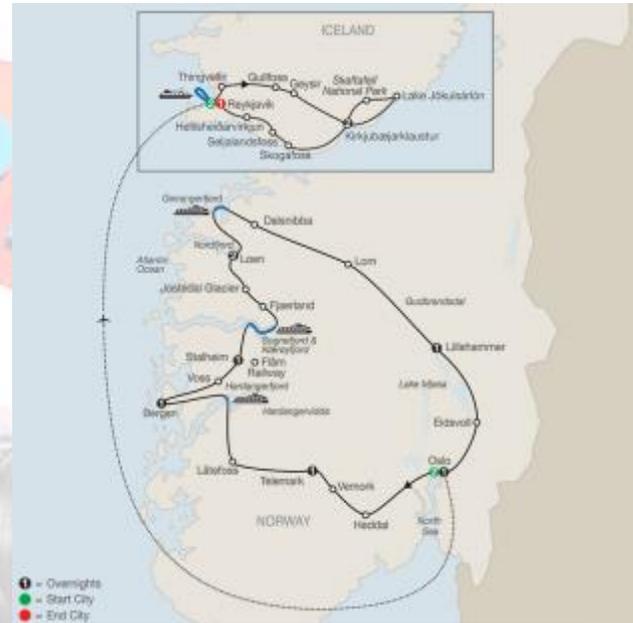
15 DAYS - OSLO TO REYKJAVIK

JUNE 21 – JULY 6, 2018

Experience amazing alpine peaks, lakes, and fjords woven into a landscape of mammoth glaciers, waterfalls, and geologic wonders that are waiting to be discovered. Cruise past the famous Seven Sisters – the most photographed waterfalls in Norway’s Geirangerfjord. You’ll also visit Norway’s longest fjord, Sognefjord which, with Nærøyfjord, radiate from Jostedal Glacier and the thundering Låtefoss waterfall. Enjoy unforgettable highlights of a ferry to the Hardangervidda mountain plateau to see Northern Europe’s largest stock of reindeer. Your guided Norway tour also includes trips to the Oslo and Bergen, as well as the Telemark region to see Norway’s largest medieval wooden churches. Travel through the Gudbrandsdal Valley with its landscapes and folklore that inspired Ibsen.

From Norway, you’ll embark on an escorted tour of the spectacular gems of Iceland. From whale-watching to mighty waterfalls, your guided tour of Iceland will awaken the senses and spark the

imagination. Your escorted Iceland tour begins in Reykjavik and its surrounding geologic and geothermal areas. You’ll visit the Geysir hot springs, the giant Gullfoss Waterfall, and Lake Jökulsárlón in the national park at Skaftafell. You’ll also see the largest glacier in Europe – the Vatnajökull.



ITINERARY

- OSLO
- TELEMARK
- LÅTEFOSS WATERFALL
- HARDANGERFJORD
- BERGEN
- SOGNEFJORD & NAERØYFJORDFJAERLAND
- JOSTEDAL GLACIER LOEN
- GEIRANGERFJORD
- LILLEHAMMER
- REYKJAVIK
- THINGVELLIR
- SKAFTAFELL
- LAKE JÖKULSÁRLÓN
- SKOGAFOSS & SELJALANDSFOSS
- HELLISHEIDARVIRKJUN

What’s included

- Round-trip airfare from Burlington, VT
- Traveler’s insurance
- Full-time tour manager
- 27 Superb meals
- Walk through Frogner Park and visit City Hall, Norwegian Glacier Museum, Jostedal Glacier Leon Skylift, boat cruise, panoramic view at Dalsnibba lookout, Malhaugen Open-Air Museum, whale watching, walk through the rift valley, Geysir hot springs, Gullfoss waterfalls, Largest glacier in Europe at Lake Jokulsarlon, Skogafoss & Seljalandsfoss waterfalls, Hellisheidarvirkun geothermal heat & electric station

What’s not

- Airport meals, Lunch
- Gratuities (Tour Manager)

\$11,099 Triple/person
\$11,499 Double/person
 \$12,799 Single/person

*20 deposit at booking
 *Balance due February 23, 2018



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15 DAY TOUR NORWAY TO ICELAND *

JUNE 21 – JULY 9, 2018



DAY 1 DEPART BURLINGTON, VT AIRPORT

DAY 2 ARRIVE IN OSLO, NORWAY

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

DAY 3 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, residence of Norwegian monarchs since 1849. 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 🍷 Dinner

DAY 4 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 🍷 Dinner

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DAY 5 TELEMAR–LÅTEFOSS–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.

☕ Breakfast 🍴 Dinner

DAY 6 BERGEN–VOSS–STALHEIM

There is 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 🍴 Dinner

DAY 7 STALHEIM–SOGNEFJORD–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 🍴 Dinner

DAY 8 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 🍴 Dinner



DAY 9

LOEN–

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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 🍴 Dinner

DAY 10 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 🍴 Dinner

DAY 11 OSLO–REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Reykjavik, Iceland. 🍴 Dinner

DAY 12 REYKJAVIK

An early morning optional excursion is available to the Blue Lagoon. In the afternoon, embark for an unforgettable experience: watch whales in their natural habitat. Departures January 7 - April 1 & October 7 - December 9 include an excursion to see the Northern Lights (weather permitting) instead.

☕ Breakfast 🍴 Dinner

DAY 13 REYKJAVIK–THINGVELLIR–GEYSIR–GULLFOSS–KIRKJUBÆJARKLAUSTUR

After a drive through pretty Reykjavik, continue to Thingvellir, a geological paradise. Here, walk through the rift valley that marks the separation between the North American and European

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tectonic plates. Next, stop at the hot springs at Geysir for a real treat: meet the chef of the Geysir restaurant in the geothermal areas. Taste freshly baked bread, which is cooked using the heat from the hot springs, with Icelandic butter, boiled eggs and herring, and a glass of geysir schnapps, served at freezing point. Marvel at the mighty Gullfoss waterfall.

 Breakfast  Dinner

DAY 14 KIRKJUBÆJARKLAUSTUR. EXCURSION TO SKAFTAFELL NATIONAL PARK & LAKE JÖKULSÁRLÓN

Drive through the national park at Skaftafell and stop at Lake Jökulsárlón, where some of the most spectacular scenes of the James Bond movie Die Another Day were filmed. Watch how the largest glacier in Europe, Vatnajökull, flows into the lake, forming icebergs. An exciting optional boat trip through the icebergs is available before returning to your hotel.

 Breakfast  Dinner

DAY 15 KIRKJUBÆJARKLAUSTUR–SKOGAFOSS–SELJALANDSFOSS–HELLISHEIÐARVIRKJUN–REYKJAVIK

Enjoy a spectacular drive along Skogafoss and Seljalandsfoss waterfalls on your way to Hellisheiðarvirkjun, where you will visit the geothermal heat and electric POWER STATION. Return to Reykjavik and tonight, enjoy a special farewell dinner at one of the city's fine restaurants to celebrate the success of your Icelandic vacation.

 Breakfast  Dinner

DAY 16 REYKJAVIK

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

