

# DISCOVER NORWAY with HALLINGLAG OF AMERICA

August 11 - 21, 2022

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

### Oslo, Gol, Flå, Nesbyen, Ål, Geilo, Hol, Rjukan, Voss, Flåm and Bergen

Explore your Norwegian roots in Hallingdal! Along the way visit Villa Fridheim, Hallingdal Folk Museum, Ål Cultural Center, Torpo Stave Church and Hol Gamle Kirke. Share your love of ancestral research with local genealogists as well as others on the tour!



## ITINERARY | 11 DAYS



### DAY 1 THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

**Mpls/St. Paul—Oslo:** Depart on your transatlantic flight. To request alternate dates or for estimated airfare supplements from other US cities, please note on application.

### DAY 2 FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

**Oslo:** Arrive at Oslo Gardermoen Airport. Transfer to hotel. Balance of day free to relax and adjust to time change. Welcome dinner and overnight at the Thon Bristol Hotel.

### DAY 3 SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

**Oslo:** Morning sightseeing tour of Oslo includes a visit to Vigeland Sculpture Park and a stop at Holmenkollen Ski Jump offering a magnificent view of the area. Balance of day free. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 4 SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

**Oslo—Flå—Gol:** Drive to Jevnaker. Opportunity to purchase Norwegian glass/crystal at reduced prices at Hadeland Glassworks and learn about the process of blowing glass. Lunch at Hadeland. Continue to Villa Fridheim, Norway's only fairy tale museum, where we enter the world of fairy tales and learn about Asbjørnsen and Moe, Norway's collectors of folklore. This timber house built in Swiss style around 1900 is the tallest and best preserved building of its kind in Norway. Afternoon tea prior to departure. Drive to Flå. Visit the Flå Church and cemetery. Continue the drive up the Hallingdal Valley to Gol. Dinner and overnight at Pers Hotel.

### DAY 5 MONDAY, AUGUST 15

**Excursion to Nesbyen:** Proceed to Nesbyen, site of the Hallingdal Folk Museum. This open-air museum is one of the oldest in Norway with 30 buildings, including a log house from Hatton, ND and approximately 30,000 objects from the area. Return to Gol for dinner and overnight.

### DAY 6 TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

**Gol—Ål—Geilo:** Morning tour of the Torpo Stave Church, the oldest and only original stave church left in Hallingdal. Tour Ål Cultural Center, as well as meetings with genealogists and/or farm visits for Gol, Ål, Hemsedal and Hol (as per local arrangements). Lunch on own. Afternoon program at Ål Cultural Center. Drive to Hol. Tour the Hol Gamle Kirke, first referenced in a document from 1328. Drive to Vestlia Resort in Geilo for dinner and overnight.

### DAY 7 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

**Geilo—Hol—Rjukan:** Drive to Rjukan. Lunch on own in Rjukan. Tour Vemork, the hydroelectric power plant, where the Nazis produced "heavy water" for their atomic bomb experiments. Learn about the German occupation of Norway during World War II. Dinner and overnight at Gaustablikk Høyfjellshotell. Evening lecture from local artist on the art of making silver jewelry.

### DAY 8 THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

**Rjukan—Voss:** Morning visit to the local jeweler. Proceed to Hardangervidda National Park Center. Learn about the thousands of wild reindeer roaming the Hardangervidda plateau through a variety of interactive exhibits. Drive across the plateau to Hardanger, the heart of Norway's cherry, apple and pear orchards. Proceed to Voss for dinner and overnight at Fleischer's Hotel.

### DAY 9 FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

**Voss—Flåm—Bergen:** Depart from Voss on board the famed Oslo/Bergen Railway. At Myrdal change to the Flåm Line, deemed by some as the most fantastic train ride in Europe. Within 13 miles, descend 2800 feet to the village of Flåm, nestled at the head of the fjord. Lunch on own. Cruise the dramatic Aurlandfjord and Nærøyfjord to Gudvangen. Meet your coach and continue to Bergen. Overnight at the Scandic Hotel Norge.

### DAY 10 SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

**Bergen:** Morning sightseeing tour (9:00am-noon) with local guide includes a walking tour of the Hanseatic Wharf and a visit to Troidhaugen, home of Norway's internationally-known musician, the late Edvard Greig. Lunch on own. Afternoon free. Farewell dinner at hotel.

### DAY 11 SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

**Bergen—Depart:** Transfer to airport for return flight. Longer stays may be requested upon registration for a minimum charge of \$150.

## ITINERARY INCLUDES

- Roundtrip airfare from Mpls / St. Paul, including taxes, fees & fuel surcharge
- 9 nights accommodations, double occupancy, with private facilities
- Daily breakfast [B], 1 lunch [L] and 7 dinners [D]
- Afternoon tea at Villa Fridheim
- 1st-class touring coach, train & ferries per itinerary
- City sightseeing in Oslo and Bergen
- Entrance fees to all sites including: Holmenkollen Ski Jump, Villa Fridheim, Hallingdal Folk Museum, Torpo Stave Church, Hol Gamle Kirke, Norsk Industriarbeidermuseum, Hardangervidda National Park Center and Troidhaugen
- Luggage handling at hotels for 1 suitcase (subject to availability)
- Tour Directors for Days 2 - 11

## TOUR PRICING

### Price with air/taxes/fuel..... from \$4595

Price is based on a minimum of 30 passengers. Price includes airfare from Mpls/St. Paul plus taxes/fees and fuel surcharge. Fuel and all taxes are subject to change and if needed, will be re-assessed in your statement prior to final payment. Inquire about airfare from your home city.

### Land Only..... from \$3495

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