

Viking Trip to Norway, June 2018

Day 1, Monday June 4: Depart for overnight flight to Oslo, Norway

A charter bus will pick up the group at Tampa Intl. Airport with transfer to Orlando Intl. Airport (MCO). Departure from Orlando for an overnight flight to Oslo, Norway with Norwegian Airlines.

Day 2, Tuesday June 5: Arrival in Oslo

When we arrive in Oslo at 4.40 pm our guide will meet us at the airport. En-route to our hotel, we'll do a little mobile sightseeing and then check in to the hotel.

The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure with a Welcome Dinner at the hotel this evening.

Overnight at _____ Hotel – Oslo.

Day 3, Wednesday June 6: Oslo

After breakfast, a local English-speaking guide will escort us on a half day of sightseeing in Oslo. You'll visit Vigeland Sculpture Park where impressive bronze sculptures can be viewed. You'll also see City Hall, the waterfront, and enjoy a visit to the Viking Ship Museum. At the **Viking Ship Museum**, an impressive collection of 1000-year-old ships and ornate sledges and carriages makes history come alive.

We will also visit the **Holmenkollen Ski Jump Museum**, the oldest of its kind in the world, presenting over 4,000 years of skiing history and Norwegian polar exploration. The new modern Ski Jump is an Oslo landmark and the observation deck offers panoramic views of Oslo.



Overnight at _____ Hotel – Oslo.

Day 4, Thursday June 7: Railroad to Flaam/Gudvangen

Starting from Oslo in the morning, you first set out on a westbound train journey through scenic mountain terrain on the Bergen Railway. Upon arrival in Myrdal, you disembark and change trains to the legendary Flåm Railway. The Flåm Railway offers spectacular panoramic views to some of the wildest and most magnificent nature in the Norwegian fjord landscape. Enjoy the evening and night in Viking construction inspired Gudvangen Fjordhotel and its local Viking Village. Gudvangen means “Gods place by the water”.



Overnight at Gudvangen Fjordhotel - Gudvangen.

Day 5, Friday June 8: Haugesund/Avaldsnes

After breakfast, we leave Gudvangen and embark on a bus ride through beautiful scenery and board for an enjoyable ferry ride to get to Haugesund, close to Avaldsnes where the Viking Festival is held. This afternoon and evening are at your leisure.



Overnight at _____ Hotel – Haugesund or Avaldsnes.

Day 6, Saturday June 9: Bergen – Haugesund/Avaldsnes

This day we spend at Avaldsnes, the seat of King Harald Fair Hair who united Norway into a single kingdom in 872 AD following his win in the Naval battle at Hafsrfsjord! Here you will meet passionate enthusiasts of battle re-enactments, traders, craftspeople making anything from clothes to Viking ships to tools and weapons and much more. Eat wonderful traditional meals and drink the drinks of the Norsemen and -women made from locally grown plants and ingredients. Party with the best of the Vikings brothers and sisters!

Overnight at _____ Hotel – Haugesund or Avaldsnes.

Day 7, Sunday June 10: Haugesund/Avaldsnes

Today we roar like the Vikings all day long and explore the fantastic and popular Viking Festival in Avaldsnes outside of the more modern town Haugesund. Avaldsnes was long, due to its strategic location, the home of many Viking chieftains and the seat of King Harald Fair Hair. Join in with the axe throwers and archers, the weavers or metal smiths, the farmers and shipbuilders, the story tellers, the chefs, the dancers and the musicians and seriously enjoy the day!



Overnight at _____ Hotel – Haugesund or Avaldsnes.

Day 8, Monday June 11: Haugesund/Avaldsnes Transfer to Kristiansand

Having (perhaps?) exhausted our Viking Energy we leave Haugesund this morning, take the ferry across the Boknafjord to Stavanger, Norway's Oil Capital. From Stavanger we go to Hafersfjord where Harald Fair Hair fought his decisive naval battle and see magnificent Swords in the Rocks monument celebrating the battle that united West-Norway and likely the whole country!

We continue along the coast to Kristiansand, the Southernmost city in Norway and located in a part of the country where Norwegians themselves choose to go on vacation. A walk around the city center to stretch our legs after we check into our hotel is a good way to spend the late hours of the day. Part of the trip to Kristiansand goes by ferry and has stunning views!



Overnight at Hotel Norge – Kristiansand.

Day 9, Tuesday June 12: Kristiansand to Lillesand to Toensberg

This morning we take a short drive to Lillesand where we are going to experience more of local life, food and drink and sit down and chat with a Norwegian family in their home while learning about local and Norwegian history. From the South-Western parts of Norway, a lot of Norwegians emigrated to the USA and the way in which they speak of their family in the USA is striking.

From Lillesand we drive to Toensberg, the oldest city in the Scandinavia with roots back to the early 800s AD. The famous and very popular dock area in Toensberg is also home to a replica of the well-known Oseberg ship which we will get onboard tomorrow to enjoy a Viking Ship Ride.



Overnight at Hotel Klubben – Toensberg.

Day 10, Wednesday June 13: Kristiansand to Toensberg

The Midgard Historical Center in Borre lies next to Northern Europe's largest assembly of monumental grave mounds and is our focus this morning. Findings displayed there from graves in Kaupang in the southern part of Vestfold show us that the Vikings were in close contact with today's Central Europe, England, France, Ireland and the areas around the Mediterranean. Several coins found in Vestfold originate from Kufa in Iraq. The Vikings were very fashion orientated, they didn't just bring anything back home, but they shopped luxury items abroad and equipped themselves with the latest within weaponry.



In the afternoon, if the weather is good we take to the water for a ride in a Viking Ship!

Overnight at Hotel Klubben – Toensberg.



Day 11, Thursday June 14: Toensberg/Borre

This morning we enjoy a hearty breakfast and get ready for our journey back home.

We transfer to the airport for an afternoon flight and land in Orlando (MCO) around 9 pm.

[Our Group Leader](#)



Eric Hovland

He will take care of you!