



Viking Explorer

Day 1

Depart to Bergen

Today we gather at Orlando International airport for our connecting flight to Bergen, Norway. We will have a shuttle picking us up from our meetup point in Tampa taking us directly to the airport if needed.

Day 2

ARRIVE BERGEN

**Arrive Bergen and self-transfer to the city for check in.
Overnight at Bergen Børs Hotel or similar – 2 nights**



Bergen is a lively city beautifully situated on the fjord & surrounded by 7 mountains, with a long history as a Hanseatic trading port. Walk along Bryggen, the historic old wharf area with timbered houses, formerly the homes and warehouses of merchants, explore the fish and flowers markets and enjoy a meal in one of the many cafes and restaurants of this lovely historic Hanseatic town.

By taking the short ride with the Fløibanen Funicular from the city centre to the top of the **Fløien Mountain** (320 metres above sea level), you have a golden opportunity to view the city, the mountains, the fjords and the sea.

You may then take an easy walk through delightful scenery to bring you back down to the hustle and bustle of the **Bergen Fish Market**. The old wooden houses which still survive and happily snuggle into the hillside, make wandering along the narrow passageways called "smau"!

Day 3

HOP ON / HOP OFF in BERGEN (Mid May to mid Sep)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Note: Remember to bring your Hop On / Hop Off tickets from the Welcome package – Ask front desk for directions to the nearest bus stop for the sightseeing bus. Enjoy a day in beautiful Bergen!



Overnight at Bergen Børs Hotel

DAY 4

BERGEN – VOSS – MYRKDALEN

Breakfast at the hotel and self-transfer to the train station.

Note: meet latest 20 min prior to departure on train station

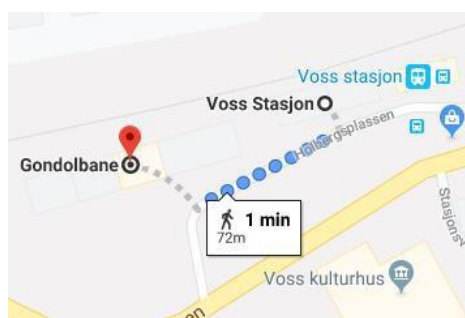
XX:XX Train departure from Bergen – there are several daily departures

Train no: 602 Car no: Seat no:

XX:XX Arrive Voss station.

Leave train station and walk 80 meters over to the Voss Gondol.

Tickets are in your Welcome package.



Voss Gondol is the largest and most modern mountain gondola in Northern-Europe.

Starting at Voss Station and ending at Hangurstoppen (820 metres above sea level), will have 9 cabins with a capacity of 1069 passengers per hour.

At the top station Hangurstoppen (820 masl), areas for recreation and activities is built. During summer, one can go hiking (both short and long hikes), biking and paragliding. A new restaurant is based at the top station where you can enjoy both hot and cold food and drinks, based on local ingredients and suppliers. From Hangurstoppen, you have a great panorama view of the mountains surrounding Voss.

After enjoying the Voss Gondol, you will be transferred to Myrkdalen Hotel by staff from the hotel.

Dinner and overnight at Myrkdalen Hotel – 2 nights

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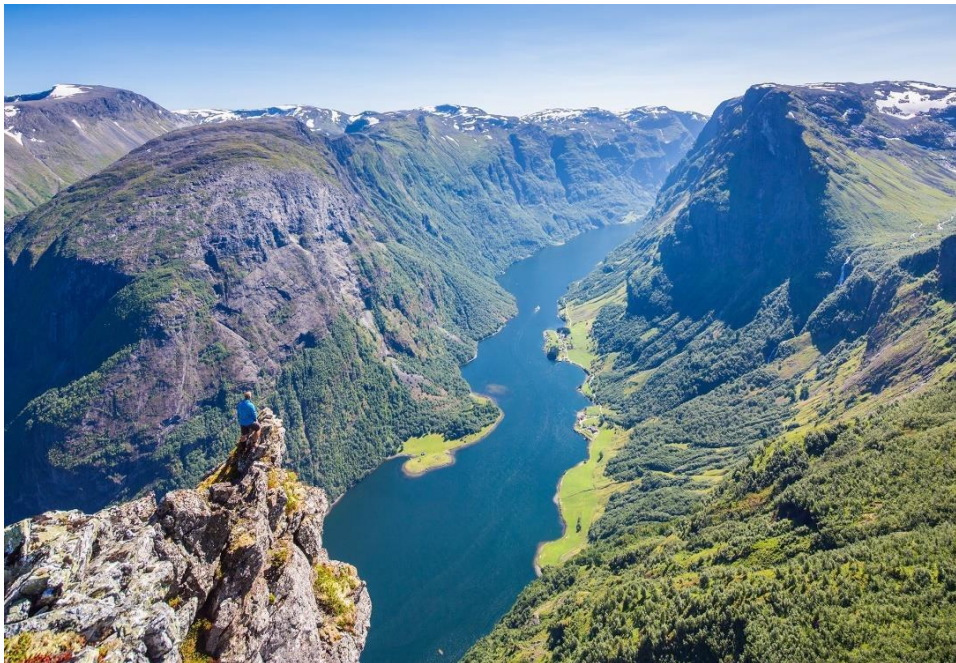
DAY 5

HIKING in MYRKDALEN

Breakfast at the hotel.

Enjoy a 6-8 hrs. guided hiking in the beautiful surrounding in Myrkdalen.

Svolefjell and Finnbunuten are the closest mountains in our area and both hikes can be reached from Myrkdalen Hotel. Finnbunuten is the mountain at the top of the ski resort and the most common way up is along the Kari Traa lift and up the ridge to the top. On a clear day you'll have a beautiful view of well-known glaciers such as Hardangerjøkulen, Jostedalsbreen and Folgefonna.



Enjoy dinner and overnight at Myrkdalen Hotel.

DAY 6

MYRKDALEN – GUDVANGEN – VIKING VILLAGE - FLÅM

Breakfast at the hotel.

09:30 Bus departure from Myrkdalen

10:00 Arrive Gudvangen. Leave bus with your belongings in hand, walk 150 meters over to the entrance of Njardarheim Viking Village.

Note: tickets are in your Welcome package.

VIKING VILLAGE

Viking Valley, Gudvangen - in the heart of the unique UNESCO listed Norwegian fjord landscape - is the setting for the town of Njardarheimr, bringing to life the real history and culture of the Viking age.

In Viking Valley, you will meet the inhabitants of Njardarheim, who will take you 1000 years back in time. In Njardarheimr, you have the opportunity to actively take part in a society where people are very eager to convey the history of the vikings, how they traveled, interesting information about their boats and about how the viking era has affected our modern society.

You will be able to wander around freely and experience the various buildings and activities that Viking Valley has to offer. You will learn more about construction traditions, religion, food and crafts.

However the best way to learn about the viking era is to participate in **"The Viking Experience"**, a 45-minute tour that is included in the entrance fee, and starts every 30 minutes during the summer season.



Note: please meet latest 20 min prior to departure

11:30 Boat departure from Gudvangen

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13:40 Arrive in Flåm. Walk 200 meters over to the hotel for check in.

Dinner and overnight at Flåmsbrygga Hotel, Flåm – 1 night

Tel: +47 57 63 63 00



Enjoy the Viking Plank & Beer Tasting at Ægir!

To bring a distinctive extra dimension to the food, Ægir beer is used in the marinades and sauces, with hops, malt and herbs. Ægir brews flavoursome beers, both light and dark, that compliment everything from fish and game to chocolate.

Ægir Brew Pub is steeped in Viking history, as are the menus on offer. Local ingredients that would have been familiar in Viking times are used in the food, but with flavors to suit the modern plate.

Viking plank included 5 courses local food served on plate and 5 different Ægir beers on a plank – one beer matching each dish to bring out the best taste and flavor both in the food and the beer.



DAY 7 FLÅM – RIB SAFARI – MYRDAL – OSLO

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:40 Meet up at Fjord safari reception in Flåm inner harbor.

09:00 RIB departure on the beautiful Nærøyfjord – enjoy!

The Basic FjordSafari takes you through the Aurlandsfjord and to the entrance of the spectacular Nærøyfjord! This tours turningpoint is next to Sagfossen, a breathtaking waterfall in the heart of the World Heritage site. From here you`ll have a beautiful view into the Nærøyfjord.

10:30 Return to Flåm.



Check out of the hotel and continue by train to Oslo via Myrdal.

Note: please meet 20 min prior to departure.

12:20 Train departure from Flåm to Myrdal – open seating!

13:15 Arrive at Myrdal station. Change train just across the platform.

FLÅM RAILWAY

The Flåm Railway has been named one of the most beautiful train journeys in the world and is one of the leading tourist attractions in Norway. The train runs from the end of Aurlandsfjord, a tributary of the Sognefjord, up to the high

mountains at Myrdal Station. The journey displays the very best aspects of Western Norway's stunning scenery.



National Geographic Traveller Magazine calls the Flåm Railway **one of the top 10 train journeys in Europe** while in 2014 **Lonely Planet Traveller** went even further and named it the **best train journeys in the world**.

The scenic 20-kilometers (12 mi) route between Flam and Myrdal is one of the steepest railway tracks at 1 in 18 (not counting rack railways) in the world and provides some of Norway's wildest and most magnificent scenery.

On the ride you can see rivers that cut through deep ravines, waterfalls cascade down the side of steep, snow-capped mountains and mountain farms cling dizzily to sheer slopes. There are also a few spirals along the route which allow trains to rise on a steady curve until it has completed a loop, passing over itself as it gains height, allowing the railway to gain vertical elevation in a relatively short horizontal distance.

14:06 Train departure from Myrdal

Train no: 602 Car no: Seat no:

19:05 Arrive at Oslo S train station. Walk 200 meter over to the hotel for check in. Ask staff for directions if needed.

Overnight at Clarion Hotel the HUB or similar – 2 nights



Day 8

OSLO DISCOVERY TOUR

Breakfast at the hotel.

10:10 Meet latest at Haakon VII's gate – next to Riktige Leker toy shop. Ask front desk for directions if needed.

10:30 Departure on HMK coach – enjoy a 5 hrs Oslo Discovery tour in!

Five-hour sightseeing tour by bus to several of Oslo's biggest attractions and museums. The tour starts in downtown Oslo before continuing with a walking tour in Vigeland Sculpture Park and a photo stop at the Holmenkollen Ski Jump. You then visit Bygdøy, where you tour the Viking Ship Museum and the Fram Museum. The bus then takes you back to City Hall.



Overnight at Clarion Hotel the HUB.

DAY 9

OSLO – tour ends after breakfast

Transfer to airport