



Day 0: Thursday August 6, 2020 Minneapolis

Evening departure from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Terminal 1 on Delta flight DL 164 departing at 9:47pm to Amsterdam arriving at 1:00 pm on August 7, 2020.

Day 1: Friday August 7, 2020 Bergen – Arrival (D)

In Amsterdam, change to KL 1189 to Bergen, Norway departing at 3:10 pm and arriving in Bergen at 4:50 pm. Magne will meet you at the airport. Transfer by private motor coach to Bergen and check into hotel. Afternoon/evening free to relax or explore the city.

Hotel: BW Plus Hotel Hordaheimen.

Dinner at hotel:

Day 2: Saturday August 8, 2020 Bergen. Tour Historic Bergen (B)

Morning Activity: Guided 3 hour bus tour of historic Bergen, founded over 900 years ago. See the city highlights including a walk on the Bryggen wharf and old quarters.

Afternoon: At your leisure. Explore the fish market or wander the narrow picturesque cobblestone streets that lead to small cafes and shops. Recommend a ride on the funicular to top of Mount Fløien for spectacular views of the entire city!

Dinner on your own.

Day 3: Sunday August 9, 2020 Depart Bergen for “Norway in a Nutshell” (B, D) – to Stalheim

After breakfast, depart Bergen and enjoy the drive along Sörfjord, past towns and villages to Voss. Catch the train in Voss and travel up the Raundalen Valley with high mountains on both sides to Myrdal – a little station in the “wild” mountains.

Disembark and walk across the platform and board the Flåm Railway train for a most spectacular journey down the Flåm valley with impressive views at all angles. The Flåm railway is one of the steepest railway lines in the world, with 80% of the journey having a gradient of 5.5%. The train will make a stop at the Kjosfossen waterfall where the passengers can get off to admire the cascading water.

Upon arrival in the small village of Flåm, board a boat for a 2 hour scenic cruise through the dramatic Aurlandfjord and Nærøyfjord (listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site) to Gudvangen.

Hotel: Upon arrival in Gudvangen, the private motor coach will pick you up and take you to Stalheim Hotel for check in.

Dinner: at hotel.



Day 4: Monday August 10, 2020 Stalheim (B, D)

After breakfast start driving down Stalheims kleiva 13 hairpin turns once considered the steepest main highway in Europe. Stalheims kleiva is today one way down only. Drive on highway E16 towards Gudvangen and then continue past Flåm continue driving on Highway E16 towards Lærdal. Once through Lærdals tunellen, continue on Highway E16 east to Borgund and see the Borgund Stavkirke. Borgund Stavkirke is replicated in the 50 year old Chapel in the Hills in Rapid City South Dakota. A visit here would cause you to backtrack a little. After the visit at Borgund Stavkirke, drive back through the Lærdals tunellen to Aurland for a possible trip Stegastein viewpoing. After the viewpoint, continue on Highway E16 to Flåm and eventually Gudvangen. Half way between Flåm and Gudvangen you could take road 601 for just a short trip to Undredalen and see the Undredalen Stavkirke.

Note: If time permits in Gudvangen, optional visit to the very interesting new Viking Valley – especially interesting for the young ones. During the time you will be there, there will be about 250 “Vikings” on site. See: www.vikingvalley.no.

Return to Stalheim Hotel or the evening. Dinner at hotel.

Day 5: Tuesday August 11, 2020 Stalheim to Fossli (B, D)

After breakfast, your Norwegian adventure continues, driving to Voss and across the hills to Hardangerfjord. Cross the newly constructed Hardangerbrua (bridge) and continue along the fjord to Eidfjord then up the hairpin turn road and tunnels to Fossli where we check into the famous Fossli Hotel, situated at the innermost part of the Hardanger Fjord with majestic views of Vøringfoss Waterfall, one of the highest waterfalls in Europe. Optional stop at the Nature Centre at Øvre Eidfjord; a well worth visit.

Dinner at hotel.

Day 6: Wednesday August 12, 2020 Fossli to Haugesund (B)

After breakfast at the hotel, leave and drive along the beautiful Hardangerfjord past Ullensvang to Odda. From here continue to Skare. Here turn left along the Åkrafjord passing many farms and little towns before arriving in Haugesund.

Check in at the Scandic Hotel Maritim, situated in the center of town. www.scandichotels.no
Or Check in at the Thon Hotel Saga, situated in the center of town. See www.thonhotels.no

Time free to explore the town.
Dinner on your own

Day 7: Thursday August 13, 2020 Haugesund to Stavanger (B)



The morning will start with a visit to Haraldshaugen located in the northern sub-burb of Haugesund. After the Haraldshaugen visit, we will drive to ferry point at Arsvågen. Here board a ferry and cross

the Boknafjord to Mortavika on the island of Rennesøy. In route we will visit the Utstein Kloiser for a guided tour. Continue through the sub-sea tunnel and arrive at Randaberg just outside of Stavanger.

In Stavanger we will check in at our hotel. The afternoon free to explore the town.

Dinner on your own.

Day 8: Friday August 14, 2020 Stavanger (B)

Breakfast at hotel . Today the trip goes to Pulpit Rock (made famous in the last Mission Impossible movie) or optionally a fjord cruise on Lysefjord below the Pulpit Rock.

The tour to Pulpit Rock involves a ferry ride from Stavanger to Tau and then a 20 minutes bus ride to the beginning of the climb up to Pulpit Rock. One should be in fairly good shape to make the climb. Usually it take ca 2 hrs up and a bit longer down plus the time spent on-top of the rock. This is a day tour.

Overnight at the hotel.

Dinner on your own

There are a number of interesting museums and activities to choose from. Viking history, the fishing and the North Sea oil industry.

Day 9: Saturday August 15, 2020 Stavanger (B,D)

After breakfast at the hotel, a 3 hour city tour of Stavanger, including a comprehensive drive through Stavanger and surrounding area. Includes a visit to the Stavanger Cathedral dating back to the 11th century. Pass the Ledaal mansion – the Royal Residence when the King or his family visit Stavanger. On the tour, also visit the 3 Swords in the Rock at Hafrsfjord and do a walking tour through Old Stavanger to see the small, white wooden houses which shows how people in Stavanger lived some 250 years ago.

Other optional visits: Oil Museum, the Sardine Museum and others, if of interest. Not included.

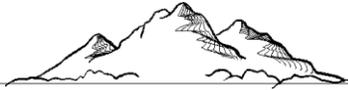
Overnight at the hotel.

Farewell dinner at the hotel.

Day 10: Sunday August 16, 2020 Depart Stavanger for trip back to Minneapolis (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport.

Check in and depart from Stavanger by KL 1200 to Amsterdam at 12:00 pm (Noon) arriving Amsterdam at 1:35 pm. In Amsterdam change to DL 165 to Minneapolis departing at 3:15 pm and arriving in Minneapolis at 5:15 pm.



Trollhaugen Tours

2020 Vikings and the Pulpit Rock Norway Tour

Breakfasts: 9

Dinners: 5