

DAY 4 - Wednesday July 18, 2012 - From Geilo to Stalheim
Today there is a great day trip on the programme where you will discover the unspoilt beauty of Norwegian countryside. After driving the Hardangervidda Pass you arrive at Aurland, located on the Nærøfjord. After 7 km (4 miles) you will reach Flåm. Here you will have a long break in your journey. After arriving at Flåm you walk to the railway station of Flåmbanen, a world-famous railway. The Flåmsbana is more than 65 years old and is one of the world's most fascinating railways. Ride up the mountains a gradient of almost 6% (1:18) to Myrdal mountain station - an altitude of nearly 900 meters (3000 ft). The roundtrip takes about 2 hours with a short stop at Myrdal.
You then take a special hired coach to take us from Flåm to Gudvangen. Here you will board a chartered boat and sail over the crystal clear waters of the fjord back to Flåm. During this 2 hour cruise, enjoy a beautiful view from the deck, (the excursion train, boat and coach transfer is included in the price).
Back in Flåm you pick up your car and climb Stalheimskleivi, a mountain road which was built in 1841-1849. This 1.5 km long road, unique in Europe, has 13 bends and a gradient of 20%. At the top, you find your hotel. (Dinner, Bed and Breakfast).

DAY 5 - Thursday 19th July 2012 - from Stalheim to Hovden
After breakfast, you drive south past Voss and Bruravik for a short ferry trip (approx. 20 minutes) to Brimnes on the Eidfjord. Then continue along the Sørfjord to Odda. At Låtefoss stop to take pictures of the double waterfall. In Røldal you will see the stave church, a typical Norwegian wooden building from the Viking age. Here begins the ascent of the Haukelihøggeberge, an area that is characterized by mountain lakes, tunnels and mountain passes. Then drop down to Edland, to arrive at Hovden for the night. (Dinner, Bed and Breakfast).

DAY 3 - Tuesday 17th July 2012 - From Oslo to Geilo
During the stay in Oslo, we recommend a visit to the Gustav Vigeland sculpture park. Here you can stroll around the many statues and the monolith. The famous town hall with many frescoes is worth a visit - each year the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded here. On the peninsula are Thor Heyerdahl's Kon Tiki Museum, the Roald Amundsen's Fram Ship Museum, the Maritime Museum, the Viking Ship Museum and an outdoor cafeteria. From Bygdøy you have a beautiful view of the capital. During the afternoon the sightseeing tour continues through the Hallingdal, a wooded area where there are many wild bears. Via the village of Gol you reach the well-known mountain village of Geilo for the overnight stay. (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast).

DAY 6 - Friday 20th July 2012 - From Hovden to Kristiansand
Today the drive further south starts with a scenic route through the famous Setesdal. After you have passed the town of Valle you begin another spectacular mountain stage to Lysebotn. After a break, continue through Sirdal Tonstad to the picturesque coastal town of Flekkefjord, located on the Norwegian south coast. The scenic tour continues along the E18 toward Vigeland, then to Lindesnesfyr on the Southern Cape in Norway. The distance from here to Norway's North Cape is 2518 km (1565 miles). Through the town of Mandal you reach the port of Kristiansand for your last night in Norway. (Dinner, Bed and Breakfast).

DAY 2 - Monday 16th July 2012 - From Göteborg (Gothenburg) to Oslo
In the morning you are awakened by the broadcast that breakfast is ready. You dock at approximately 09.00 hours and after disembarkation pass the Swedish customs. You then take a scenic tour north to Uddevalla and make a little detour to the Swedish islands of Tjörn and Orust and stop for a photo opportunity. Drive through Tanumshede and Strömstad to reach the border with the Kingdom of Norway in the afternoon at Svinesund. The view over the Iddefjord is impressive. Then the tour continues via Fredrikstad, Sarpsborg and Moss to reach your hotel near the Viking capital Oslo. (Bed and Breakfast).

DAY 7 - Saturday July 21, 2012 - From Kristiansand to Bad Bramstedt
After an early breakfast drive to the dock in Kristiansand to embark on the Color Line SuperSpeed ferry for a quick trip of about 3 hours to Hirtshals, Denmark. After arriving in Hirtshals you cross the "Head of Jutland". In the city of Ålborg drive through the tunnel under the Limfjord. From Stovring, continue the sightseeing tour on road number 13 past Silkeborg and Viborg, located in the Danish lakes. Then on routes 52 and 409 to Vejle. On the main road drive to Padborg and through the border with Germany. The Kingdom of Denmark is linked for only 60 km (37 miles) to mainland Europe. In Rendsburg pass the Kiel Canal on the way to Bad Bramstedt located in Schleswig-Holstein for the night stay. (Dinner, Bed and Breakfast).

DAY 1 - Sunday 15th July 2012 - to KIEL, Germany
Depart from various places in Belgium. Shortly after you pass Venlo, on the Dutch-German border E34/A67, drive past the towns of Duisburg, Gelsenkirchen and Münster to Osnabrück.
Then traverse the province of Lower Saxony and past the Hanseatic cities of Bremen and Hamburg to your final destination, the port of Kiel. Kiel is the capital of the province of Schleswig-Holstein. Here you board one of the comfortable Stena Line ferries for the crossing to the Swedish port of Gothenburg. On board you have a double cabin with shower & toilet. Your car is safely parked with a reserved space. The ferry ticket includes bed and breakfast.

DAY 8 - Sunday July 22, 2012 - Back to HOME!
Today, you take the sightseeing tour home. Shortly after departure, you reach the Land of Lower Saxony through the Hanseatic cities of Hamburg and Bremen, you are back to the Belgian border, where your tour started.

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