

Touring holidays of Scandinavia

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Norangsfjord fly-drive holiday



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6 NIGHTS/7 DAYS

Norangsfjord • Geirangerfjord •
Alesund • Trollstigen



Geirangerfjord

This holiday starts with your arrival into Alesund via a connecting flight in Oslo. You then drive to the Norangsfjord where you will spend the next six nights. The Norangsfjord and its surrounding area are teeming with incredible natural phenomena, all of which are easily explored from your base here. Hiking is a popular activity due to the incredible views you are rewarded with en route, and the world-famous Geirangerfjord offers chances to go kayaking and partake in RIB boat safaris. A special attraction not to be missed is the Trollstigen mountain road, a series of hairpin bends surrounded by some of the country's most spectacular scenery. The nearby city of Alesund provides some more cultural attractions, including fascinating art nouveau-style architecture and the Alesund Museum, which gives an insight into the history of this western port city. Finish your holiday by driving back to Alesund where you will drop your hire car off and fly back to the UK via Oslo.

Day one Arrive in Alesund and drive to Norangdal

This holiday starts with your arrival into Alesund by plane, via a short stopover in Oslo. Collect your hire car and drive the two and a half hours' journey to Norangdal. This route will introduce you immediately to the beauty of Norway's fjords and islands as you use numerous bridges and two car ferries to get across to the mainland. The final stretch of your journey takes you alongside the incredible Hjørundfjord, giving you views of the water and the surrounding mountains. Arrive in Norangdal and check in to your hotel for the next six nights.

Days two to six In Norangdal

The area around the Norangsfjord is one of the most beautiful in Norway. The Sunnmøre Alps provide some excellent hiking opportunities, the finest of which is arguably the hike up to the Slogen summit. Patchellhytta cabin is a popular starting point for the ascent, or it is possible to start the hike from Øye, a round-trip of 5-6 hours. You will be rewarded with spectacular views of the fjord and the surrounding mountain range. For a hike with a unique aspect we recommend visiting the popular Storsæterfossen waterfall, where the trail passes behind the waterfall itself. The Geirangerfjord is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and offers an abundance of activities, from more hikes allowing you to take in the views from up high, to kayaking on the calm waters. For a truly breath-taking driving experience en route to the Geirangerfjord the Trollstigen is Norway's most visited tourist road, consisting of eleven hairpin turns, each with its own name. This mountain pass was traditionally an important transport passage between mountain villages and has been a popular tourist attraction since the road opened in 1939. There is also a restored hiking path if you wish to experience Trollstigen by foot which crosses an impressive natural stone bridge. Slightly closer to home, the Norangsdalen (Queen's route) is one of the narrowest valleys in Norway and home to Lyngstøylvatnet Lake where you can still see the remains of the old road and foundations of the farmhouses which were destroyed by a rockfall in 1908 beneath the surface of the water. It is possible to hire bikes from the hotel to explore this area and its lakes in more depth. Boat trips are also common on the Hjørundfjord, giving you a different perspective of the fjord and the surrounding Sunnmøre Alps. For a more cultural experience we recommend spending one of your days here visiting the nearby city of Alesund. A port town on Norway's west coast, Alesund is known for its art nouveau architectural style following



Hotel Union Oye (credit Jonas Bendiksen)

a fire in 1904, and you may want to spend some time here taking in the architecture in its downtown district. For a true appreciation of this, Fjellstua is a famous viewpoint over the city which gives the best outlook on the townhouses and the surrounding waters. Alesund Museum provides an insight into the history of the city, from the great fire to the German occupation. It also features many exhibitions on fisheries and boats, an important part of Alesund's history and culture.

Day seven Norangdal to Alesund and return to UK by air

Today you retrace your journey back across the series of islands to Alesund airport. If you have time before your flight you may want to stop off along the way for a photo stop at one of the viewing points along these beautiful stretches of road. Return your hire car and board your flight back to the UK via a short stopover in Oslo.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This tailor-made touring holiday is one of several suggested touring holidays we can offer you exactly as it is but also with any alterations you might want including extra nights in one or more places or adding in extra places. All our tours can be extended so that you can include a longer stay in one mountain or lake resort too, perhaps at the end of the itinerary. Do call to discuss the options with our travel consultants.

PRICES

From £1,890 per person low season

From £2,290 per person high season

Based on two people sharing a double or twin room.

Alternative hotel options can be offered in most locations as well as room upgrade supplements.

DATES

This holiday can be arranged throughout the year.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights with British Airways from London to Oslo
- Scheduled return flights from Oslo to Alesund
- Hire of a group B car for 6 days
- 6 nights' half board in a Standard double room at Hotel Union Øye, Norangdal
- Concierge service and Expressions Holidays regional helpful hints

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Early check-in or late check-out at any hotels (although we can arrange this on request at additional cost)
- Any other services not mentioned above, such as transfers and meals except breakfast at hotels
- Personal holiday insurance. This is essential and cover should be in place from when you book the holiday.
- Possible local tourist tax, usually the equivalent of £1 to £3 per person per night, and payable locally to the hotel
- Transfers in any cities

TOUR CODES

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FLEXIBLE ARRANGEMENTS

Our arrangements are very flexible in that you choose to travel on any day you want, subject to availability of your chosen transport and hotels. As mentioned above, additional nights can be added at any point.

OUR PRICES

The sample prices mentioned in this leaflet are generally a 'from' price based on the cheapest season of travel. However, fares and hotel rates can change (up and down depending on offers), so we give you an accurate price for your holiday when we provide you with a quotation. Our sample prices should be used as an indication of how much a particular combination will cost and to show the differences on average between the hotel categories on offer.

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BOOKING CONDITIONS

Our booking conditions apply to all holidays. A copy can be found on our website and a copy is also sent to you with a written quotation and when you make a booking.

FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Expressions Holidays offers full financial protection for all holidays you book with us. If your holiday includes a flight, the ATOL (3076) covers the costs of the holiday. If the holiday does not include a flight, it is the ABTOT bond that protects the cost of the holiday. We are also members of AITO (the Association of Independent Tour Operators) and ABTA.



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HOW TO BOOK

To make a booking, just phone us on

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and we can take you through the details we need and start the booking process. A deposit is required to confirm the arrangements and this can be paid by debit or credit card over the phone. The level of the deposit will be confirmed at the point of booking.