

APRIL INSPIRATION

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Norway in a Nutshell

Norway is a wondrous place with vast fjords that rise ominously out of deep and dark waters ... majestic yet eerily serene. Colorful seaside towns immaculately maintained with beautiful parks and bountiful seafood to satisfy your palette along with a rich viking history. If you have limited time in Norway the "Norway in a Nutshell" tour is a good introduction to what Norway has to offer. It is basically a self guided set of transportation tickets for your trip. The idea is that it simplifies purchasing the trip for visitors. For people more comfortable with travel you could book the entire thing on your own and pay less. We opted for the simpler route since it was our first time in Norway.

A self guided tour that provides transportation for your journey. Start in Oslo or Bergen



- 3 trains
- A Ferry
- and a Bus



START IN OSLO, NORWAY

Start your journey in Oslo, the capital of Norway. A bustling town situated on a beautiful harbor with a rich viking history, an opera house that is an architectural wonder where you can walk on the roof top! There is even a ski jump a short train ride away. If you've never seen one up close they are a sight to behold. Oslo is a great place to start your Norwegian journey.



TRAIN RIDES TO FLAM

Once you are done exploring Oslo, catch the train from Oslo to Myrdal then switch to the Flam railway which will take you about 12 miles with a descent of 862 meters to the village of Flam passing some incredible scenery along the way. The railway follows the river for large parts of the trip, and you will pass Kjosfossen waterfall and the scenic Norwegian countryside and agricultural areas along the way.



TRAVERSE THE FJORDS ON A FERRY BOAT

Once in Flam you will board the ferry for the journey to Gudvangen traversing the Nærøyfjorden and Aurlandsfjordend.



EXPERIENCE THE FJORDS

Steep mountains rising from the deep dark waters will amaze you as you pass through the fjords on your way to Gudvangen. Fjords are frequently salt water because they flow from the ocean. Aurlandsfjord is a 29 kilometre (18 mi) long fjord branch off of the main Sognefjorden, Norway's longest fjord. The Aurlandsfjord is deep and narrow, reaching a depth of about 962 metres (3,156 ft), and its width is generally less than 2 kilometres (1.2 miles) wide.



END IN BERGEN

The tour ends in Bergen which is a beautiful town situated on inlets of the North Sea. It's a major shipping center and a walkable city with fabulous parks, shopping, and a cool fish market where you can grab some lunch before or after you ascend to the top of Mount Fløyen for some hiking and spectacular views of the city.

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Flam and the Fjords

Bergen

TERRY'S CORNER

Viking Facts



- The first viking settlement is called L'anse aux Meadows.
- It is located in Newfoundland and dates back to 1021AD.
- The site was dated using a new method that involves a spike in solar radiation that left it's mark in tree rings around the world. Read more about it in an article from www.science.org



Can you imagine?

Imagine sailing in the North Atlantic in a ship that is approximately 71 feet long with a beam of 16.7 feet? I've travelled through the North Atlantic in a Navy cargo ship that was 500 feet long and we would get bounced around in ways that would make us all cringe! I cannot begin to imagine how the Vikings could travel in their much smaller vessels!

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