

Classic International Cruises



Fjords 2012

Gothenburg – Gothenburg

26th June – 2nd July / 2nd July – 8th July

8th July – 14th July / 14th July – 20th July

20th July – 26th July / 26th July – 1st August

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

GEIRANGER, Norway

**Thursday, 28th June / Wednesday, 4th July / Tuesday, 10th July
Monday, 16th July / Sunday, 22nd July / Saturday, 28th July**

A – Mount Dalsnibba (Morning) – approx. 3 hrs.

The Geirangerfjord is without doubt the most beautiful of all Norwegian fjords. Majestic mountains, impressive glaciers and cascading waterfalls give this fjord its unique character.

The tour starts from the small village of Geiranger, which is one of the most well known tourist resorts in Norway.

The coach climbs up the winding mountain road, which offers an ever-changing kaleidoscope of mountain farms, waterfalls, lakes and streams, to Lake Djupvatn, and continues round hairpins to the summit of Mount Dalsnibba, 1,500 metres above sea level. From this vantage point we will have a spectacular view of Geirangerfjord far below and the magnificent mountain peaks all around.

On the way down to Geiranger, we stop at the Flydal viewpoint to take pictures of the classical Geiranger motif of the fjord, with our own cruise ship anchored in the bay. The tour ends back at the pier in Geiranger.

This tour is subject to a minimum of 30 participants.

If the Dalsnibba road is closed due to snow, the tour will be replaced by tour A1. The tour price will remain the same.

The drive is full of steep hairpin turns and is not for the fainthearted. Passengers prone to motion sickness should take precautionary measures beforehand.

A1 – Eagle Bend & Fjord Centre (Morning) – approx. 3 hrs.

You are set ashore by tender at the pier in the centre of Geiranger, where coaches and guides are waiting. The small village of Geiranger is one of Norway's best-known tourist resorts.

Drive to Flydal Viewpoint where you will make a stop to take a picture of the ship far down on the fjord. You will then continue to Geiranger Fjord Centre for a visit, with interesting exhibitions from the life in the fjord. The Centre offers you a chance to experience the living conditions the people along the fjords used to live under. The slide show "From Mountains to Fjord" shows fantastic scenic pictures from Geiranger through all 4 seasons, on a three-part screen.

Coming down to the village again you will continue to the North side of the fjord to drive up the Eagle Road to the famous viewpoint at the Eagle Bend. The Eagle Road has 11 hair-pin bends and is carved in the mountain side. From the top you can see the famous waterfalls "De Syv Søstre" (The Seven Sisters) in the distance. Return to Geiranger by the same road.

The drive is full of steep hairpin turns and is not for the fainthearted. Passengers prone to motion sickness should take precautionary measures beforehand.

ADT price between: 800 SEK to 900 SEK

GUDVANGEN, Norway

**Friday, 29th June / Thursday, 5th July / Wednesday, 11th July
Tuesday, 17th July / Monday, 23rd July / Sunday, 29th July**

A – Overland tour from Gudvangen to Flåm (Full day with buffet lunch) – approx. 7hrs.

Starting from Gudvangen, you will drive to one of the two tunnels connecting Flåm and Gudvangen and take a small road leading to the village of Undredal.

In Undredal you will visit Norway's smallest stave church. The church was probably built around 1147 as a stave church and is still in use. After the renovation in 1969 the original decorations were revealed and you may now enjoy the wonderful blue ceiling dotted with stars and angels. The village has around 130 inhabitants – but 5 times as many goats! No wonder the village is also well known for their goat cheese production! The village is also the host for the annual goat cheese festival. You make a stop at the little pier in the centre of Undredal. There will be time to take a look at one of the oldest country shops in Norway, specialised in many local farm products.

You will return to Gudvangen and proceed up the Nærøydalen Valley.

Take in the experience the beautiful Nærøy Valley before ascending on the steep Stalheimskleivi road. The road was built in 1842-49 and is indeed a very steep one (1:5). The distance is only 1,5 km but has 13 sharp hair pin bends.

Continue your tour via the villages of Oppheim and Vinje before stopping to take a look at the Tvindefossen Water Falls. The name Tvinde comes from an old Norwegian word and means double or two. You will understand why when you see the waterfalls as there are actually two.

The village of Voss is situated by the Vangsvatnet Lake. The village is a bustling resort for both winter and summer visitors. In the area surrounding Voss you will find excellent facilities for skiing in winter and mountain hiking or angling in the summer. Voss prides itself in being represented in the 1992 winter Olympics by having eight athletes on the Norwegian team. The village was heavily bombed in 1940 - but the old Voss church is still standing – a stone church dating from 1271.

In Voss you will have free time to enjoy your packed lunch and take a closer look at the centre of Voss before you meet at the station for the last part of the tour that will be done by train.

Leaving the village of Voss, you will first go by train on the Oslobergen line to Myrdal, from where you will descend on the world famous Flåm line. The Flåm Railway is only 20 kilometres long but is a masterpiece of engineering, offering one of the most dramatic train rides in Europe. The valley is very narrow and steep, and the train descends from 867 meters to sea level, crossing back and forth across the Flåm river and through 20 tunnels. The beautiful valley

is situated between towering mountains perpetually covered by snow and ice. The train makes a stop at the overwhelming Kjosfossen Waterfall, and you may leave the train for a few minutes to take photos. The train will take you safely down to the pier in Flåm where the ship is waiting.

This tour is subject to a minimum of 30 participants and a maximum of 130 participants.

The drive is full of steep hairpin turns and is not for the fainthearted. Passengers prone to motion sickness should take precautionary measures beforehand.

This tour involves limited walking and most walking is optional.

There will be one guide on the coach and another one on the train.

Please note this tour conflicts with tour B and Flam tour.

ADT price between: 1500 SEK to 1600 SEK

B – Stalheim Canyon & Tvinde Waterfalls (Morning) – approx. 4 hrs.

Drive through the narrow and impressive Nærøydalen Valley with its many waterfalls before arriving at the fashionable Stalheim Hotel, some 1237 feet above sea level.

We will use the old mountain road - called Stalheimskleivi. The road is very steep (1:5) and was built in 1842-49. There are 13 sharp hairpin bends although the distance is only 1,5 km. There has been an inn at Stalheim since the 1640's.

The old Stalheim Hotel was damaged by fire and the present hotel was built in 1960. The hotel is furnished with a combination of modern Scandinavian furniture and antiques. There is a souvenir shop in the hotel with a wide range of Norwegian souvenirs and handicrafts. There will be time to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a pecan Danish pastry and to have a walk outside to enjoy the beautiful view of the valley far below.

After having enjoyed the refreshments served at Stalheim you will continue to visit the Tvinde Waterfalls. On the way to Tvinde you will pass the villages of Oppheim and Vinje and also the Oppheim Lake. You will stop to take a look at the Tvindefossen Water Falls. The name Tvinde comes from an old Norwegian word and means double or two. You will understand why when you see the waterfalls as there are actually two waterfalls next to each other.

Return towards Stalheim and when descending from Stalheim towards Gudvangen you once more pass the Stalheimsfossen and the Sivlefossen waterfalls. The Sivlefossen waterfall has a free fall of 240 metres. The many stone fences we see in front of the farms are to protect the buildings from the air pressure caused by the many snow and stone slides during the winter.

The tour ends at the pier in Flaam where the ship is waiting.

This tour is subject to a minimum of 30 participants.

This tour involves walking at Stalheim on gravel walking paths, some uphill climbing - but most walking is optional. There is also some walking on gravel paths from the car park to the Tvinde Waterfalls.

Please note that this tour is starting in Gudvangen and ending in Flåm.

The drive is full of steep hairpin turns and is not for the fainthearted. Passengers prone to motion sickness should take precautionary measures beforehand.

Please note this tour conflicts with Tour A and Flaam tour.

ADT price between 730 SEK and 830 SEK

FLAM, Norway

**Friday, 29th June / Thursday, 5th July / Wednesday, 11th July
Tuesday, 17th July / Monday, 23rd July / Sunday, 29th July**

A – The Flåm Railway (Afternoon) – approx. 3 ¼ hrs.

Flåm is located in the innermost part of the 200 kilometre long Sognefjord, Norway's longest and most majestic fjord. The tour starts from the railwaystation close to the pier. We embark the train to start the most dramatic train ride in Europe.

The Flåm railway is only 20 kilometres long, but is a masterpiece of engineering. The valley is very narrow and steep and the train climbs from sea level to 867 metres during the 20 kilometres journey, crossing back and forth across rivers and through 20 tunnels.

In order to allow passengers the best possible view of the magnificent scenery the train will proceed slowly or even stop at the finest sections - for instance at the overwhelming Kjosfossen Waterfall, where passengers may leave the train to take a closer look at the waterfall and maybe take some pictures.

At Vatnahalsen we leave the train and walk approximately one hundred metres from the station to the Vatnahalsen Mountain Hotel. Coffee or tea and homemade waffles with cream and jam have been prepared for us. After a stop of approximately 50 minutes to one hour, enjoying the refreshments and the fresh mountain air, we board the train again for the return ride to Flåm.

This tour is subject to a minimum of 30 / maximum of 200 participants.

Comfortable clothes and shoes recommended.

There is an approx 150 metres walk over asphalt from the pier to the train station; and an optional walk in the terrain surrounding the Vatnahalsen Hotel. Note that there is a walk of about 100 metres from the train station to the hotel at Vatnahalsen. There are also a few steps to get from the platform to the foot path leading to the hotel and a few steps to enter the hotel.

Please note that passengers also participating on the afternoon tour will have limited time to have lunch.

This tour will have an early departure from the ship.

Please note this tour conflicts with Gudvangen Tours.

ADT price between: 770 SEK to 890 SEK

BERGEN, Norway

Saturday, 30th June / Friday, 6th July / Thursday, 12th July

Wednesday, 18th July / Tuesday, 24th July / Monday, 30th July

A – Bryggen & Mount Floyen (Morning) – approx. 3 hrs.



Bergen was founded in the year 1070. Up to the 1830's the city was the largest in the country and a centre for commerce and shipping.

For several centuries the Hanseatic Merchants had one of their four major overseas trading offices in Bergen - The German office at Bryggen.

We start the tour with a drive along the German pier - Bryggen with the characteristic wooden buildings with pointed gables facing the harbour. We make a stop and walk with our guide through the alleyways.

The promenade gives an intimate picture of what it was like to live in the town in the Middle Ages. These buildings are now on UNESCO's World Heritage list. Today Bryggen is a fascinating honeycomb of active workshops, where painters, weavers and craftsmen produce fine-quality and original items. The guided walk ends at the Fish and Flower Market where you will have a few minutes to have a look around. Then continue the tour of the city, going by coach through suburban areas to see how the people of Bergen live today.

You will finish the tour of Bergen with a ride up to Mount Fløyen. The funicular will take you safely up to 320 metres above sea level. The ride takes 5 minutes each way. From the top there is a magnificent view of Bergen and the surroundings. After a short stop you will return to the centre by funicular, where the coach is waiting to take you back to the pier.

This tour is subject to a minimum of 30 participants.

We recommend the use of comfortable walking shoes as this tour involves approx. 30 minutes walk at Bryggen and also some walking at the Fish and Flower Market.

ADT price between: 490 SEK to 590 SEK

B – Troidhaugen & Fantoft (Afternoon) – approx. 3 hrs.

From the quayside, we drive through the busy harbour area passing the German Pier 'Bryggen' with its old wooden warehouses from the Hanseatic period, and leaving the city centre, continue through the countryside to Troidhaugen, for twenty-two years the home of Edvard Grieg, Norway's most famous composer.

Situated by the peaceful Lake Nordås, it has often been called a 'Little Eden for Music Lovers'.

The house, which has remained unchanged, contains actual furnishings and memorabilia of the composer. Both he and his wife Nina are buried in a hillside grave overlooking the fjord.

Our next stop is at the Fantoft Stave Church. The old Stave Church, built in 1150 and moved to Fantoft in 1883. The church was destroyed by fire in 1992, but has now been rebuilt just as it was before the fire, Viking shipbuilding techniques are evident in the way the roof is built, and in the carvings of serpents and dragons as ornaments. On our return, you shall make a stop at the famous Fish and Flower Market close to the harbour, where you may choose to leave the tour for shopping, and then have a pleasant fifteen-minute walk back to the ship.

This tour is subject to a minimum of 30 participants.

There is a 10-minute walk from the car park at Troidhaugen to the museum (flat) and a 5-minute walk to Fantoft Stave Church (hilly). Both places on gravel walking paths.

ADT price between: 530 SEK to 630 SEK

GENERAL INFORMATION & CONDITIONS

To enhance the enjoyment of your cruise, we have created a programme of optional shore excursions designed to show you the highlights of each of our ports of call. Our Shore Excursions Manager will be pleased to assist you with your choice of tours to help you make the most of your time ashore.

HOW TO BOOK

BOOKING ON BOARD

Just complete the booking form with your tour selections and hand it in at the Shore Excursions Desk in the Reception area. Opening hours and details of the times when bookings close will be featured in the daily programme.

PAYMENT

Payments are debited to your shipboard account and the Shore Excursion Manager will ask you to sign your agreement that the tours to be charged are correct and will then issue your tickets accordingly.

EXCURSION TIMINGS

Durations of tours are approximate and may vary. The sequence in which sites are visited may also change in order to avoid congestion and provide better service. Please consult the daily programme, which will direct you to assemble in the Main Lounge fifteen minutes prior to a tour's scheduled departure. A member of staff will escort each group of participants to the quayside and the coaches at the appropriate time. All excursions are subject to a minimum and maximum number of participants. In ports where both morning and afternoon excursions have been proposed, the timings have, wherever possible, been arranged so passengers may, if they wish, take advantage of more than one excursion per day. Lunchtime is scheduled in advance, but passengers selecting two half-day excursions should be aware its duration may be limited.

EXCURSION PRICES

The prices include transport and entrance fees, meals, drinks and guides where indicated, according to the published itinerary. Teenagers between the ages of 12 to 18 years will be charged full adult prices. Children under 12 years of age are entitled to 50% discount on the half-day and full day tours. Children under two years old are not deemed to be occupying a seat and will therefore not be charged for the tours and do not require a ticket.

REFUNDS

Excursions may be cancelled or modified depending on the number of guests participating. Most excursions require a minimum number of guests to operate. If the minimum is not met, excursions may be cancelled by the Tour Operator and full refund will be issued. It should be noted that excursions operate rain or shine.

We regret that we are unable to refund the cost of tours which are cancelled by passengers after bookings close, unless the cancellation is for medical reasons duly certified by the Ship's Doctor. Please note that no refund is payable in respect of meals not taken on board the ship.

VIDEO AND CAMERA FEES

Information about video cameras and camera fees will be conveyed whenever available. We cannot be held responsible if passengers are required to pay fees we were not informed about in advance.

UNDERAGE PASSENGERS

In order to participate in shore excursions, passengers would have to be of legal age.

Alternatively, they would have to be accompanied by a parent and/or lawful guardian, or a responsible adult.

Participants must be of legal age to be entitled to any alcoholic drink that might be included in the tour programme.

No refund will be granted to underage passengers that have booked a tour which includes alcoholic drink(s)

DRESS WHILST ASHORE

We recommend that you wear appropriate clothing and flat, comfortable shoes, as some walking will be necessary in order to gain full enjoyment from the excursion programme. When visiting churches and other religious sites, conservative dress will be required.

When going ashore we suggest that you do not wear expensive jewellery or carry more cash and credit cards than necessary.

PASSENGERS WITH SPECIAL MOBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Please note that access on certain forms of transport and entrance to some attractions, visitor sites and venues may be restricted. Should you have any concerns whatsoever about the suitability of any of our tours, we strongly advise you to discuss it with the Shore Excursion Manager prior the reservation of the tours.

Guest requiring the use of a wheelchair on excursions must be accompanied by an able bodied companion to assist and must provide their own collapsible chair.

SMOKING

For the comfort of all passengers, smoking is not permitted on coaches or any other means of transport.

RESTORATION WORK

Please note that restoration work on certain buildings or sights in a port of call may involve the use of scaffolding and/or screens, which may impair the view.

GUIDES SPEAKING SPECIFIC LANGUAGES

In order to guarantee a guide speaking a specific language (if available), a minimum of 20 participants per excursion is required.

Please note that in certain ports it is difficult to find guides speaking specific language and in a considerable number of ports only guiding in English is available. In these circumstances and whenever possible a staff member will escort the group in order to translate.

TRANSPORTATION

Guests should consider that standards of transportation vary considerably throughout the world. Air-conditioned motor coaches are not available in many areas. In some destinations, local buses are the best available. Guests wishing to join the tours with their fellow travellers should leave the ship together, as this will help the shore excursion staff to allocate sufficient space in the same vehicle. Passengers who leave during a tour, for which transportation is included, must thereafter provide for their own transportation and services at their own expense. Passengers who do not join these pre-arranged shore excursions must rely on whatever transportation is available in each port.

LIABILITY

The provisions in these Terms and Conditions presented herewith govern the company liability towards passengers in respect of Shore Excursions. Participation by a passenger in Shore Excursions is upon such passenger's acceptance of the present terms and conditions. Participation may also be subject to the independent tour operators' own terms and conditions. Shore Excursions are performed by independent local Shore Excursion providers. The company acts only as an agent for such independent Shore Excursion operators and does not provide or supply the excursion services. We will exercise reasonable care and skill in selecting the excursion providers and require them to comply with all relevant local, national and/or international standards and legislation. The health, safety and comfort of our passengers is paramount. We therefore require all Shore Excursion providers to have insurance and to have and to adhere to their own safety management rules and systems. The company shall have no liability for claims of loss, damage, injury, or death under any circumstances whatsoever arising out of passenger(s) participating in excursions and/or activities operated by independent Shore Excursion providers. The company assumes no responsibility or liability for any goods purchased while participating in a Shore Excursion.

INSURANCE

The company recommends that you obtain insurance protection before leaving home against loss or damage to baggage and personal effects, trip cancellation and emergency evacuations, accidental death or injury, illness and medical expenses sustained or incurred in connection with your voyage. We cannot assume liability for baggage or other personal effects lost or damaged while those items are in the custody of an airline, hotel or other service providers. For further information, should you require, please consult with your travel agent.

IMPORTANT NOTES

For the safety and assurance of passengers, all the tours are operated under the management of responsible and experienced local agents. Only the authorized Shore Excursion Manager on board is permitted to arrange or accept payment for such excursions or act as an excursion agent during the cruise. Passengers are cautioned not to leave anything behind or unattended during the tour, especially items such as identity documents, cash, debit or credit cards, medicines, valuables, cameras, mobile phones, coats, umbrellas or other items, and are reminded that the Company is not liable for any loss of, or damage to any baggage or other property which occurs ashore, for any reason whatsoever.

This information represents the shore excursion plans and intentions at the time of publication of the present document (October 2011). Subsequent unforeseeable events may cause us to change our plans, thus affecting the published itineraries and/or fares. In the event of such changes you will be notified promptly. However, all information must be considered as subject to alterations, amendments and modifications. We do not accept liability for any loss resulting from our failure to provide an advertised service, or where delay occurs to those services, for any reason whatsoever.