

Spectacular Norway!

Train/Bus/Cruise Tour - Day to Day Program July 20 – August 3, 2025

Greetings Tour members!

The tour includes 15 days, 15 nights and includes both a land tour and a Ocean cruise. The land portion includes bus tours, entrance fees, Hotel accommodations, breakfast, and generally a dinner buffet each day. Lunches are not included when off the ship. The cruise includes all meals (but not specialty restaurants or drink or other special packages that can be booked separately).

We do recommend arriving one day or more before the tour starts, so you can adjust for jet lag and to make sure that airline delays do not prevent you from starting on time with the tour. Reservations for the Raddison Blu Plaza Hotel in Oslo, pre & post tour, can be self-booked on the internet or by contacting the hotel directly. The nights prior to July 20th or after August 3 are not included in the tour.



Please review the tour FAQ document and the Sloan Travel Terms and Conditions for more information. Pricing for the tour is provided in the introductory email.

Day 1 | Sunday, July 20, 2025 | Arrival Day

- Arrival at the Oslo airport and taxi/ride train to hotel (about 30+ minutes depending on traffic) *Check in at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, Oslo, Sonja Henies Plass 3 (rooms may be available for early arrivals) your hotel reservations generally include a hotel buffet breakfast & dinner each day of the tour, but not lunch which is on your own. We can eat together in the hotel or a local restaurant for lunch. Make sure to tell them when you check in at the hotel that you are on the Edward Sloan tour. I generally will be in the hotel lobby greeting new arrivals, so please look for me or ask the desk to call my room if you have questions.*
- Sunday Morning Meeting at 11:00 – 12:00 in hotel conference room location TBD.
- Tours on your arrival day are on your own.
- Akershus Fortress, Viking Ship Museum, Opera House
- Lunch on your own.
- **4:30 – 6:30 PM Tour Introductions and Orientation presentation, handout name badges in hotel conference room: TBD**
- 7:00 PM – Buffet Dinner for our tour group with the workers if they are available.

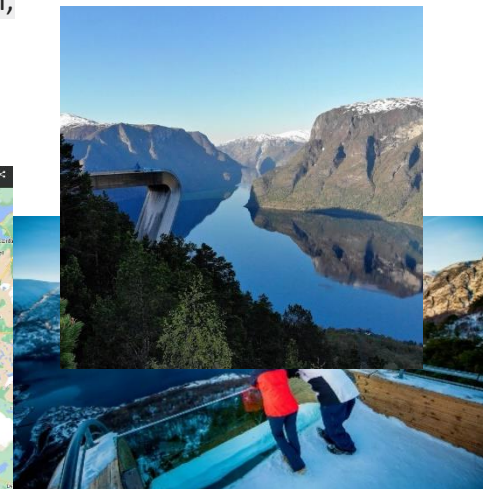
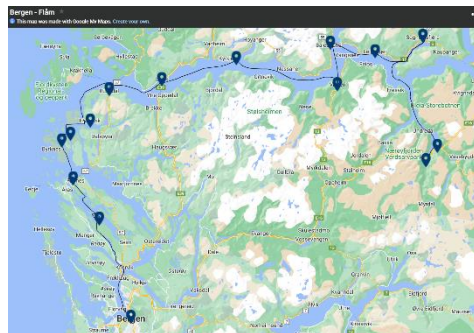
Day 2 | Monday, July 21, 2025 |

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Walk to the Central station take the 8:25 VY train to the Myrdal station. The 5-hour ride on the VY Intercity high-speed train (up to 210 km.hr) travels along the famous Bergen Railway which ranks high among the world's most scenic routes.
- Lunch on your own, on the train.
- Board train to Flam from the Myrdal station- The Flåm Railway - one of the world's best train journeys, is a one-hour journey that drops about 2,500' to sea level! Lonely Planet named it the best train journey in the world. Norway's Flåm Railway is a truly unique experience of breathtaking nature and quaint fjord villages. "It's so powerful and dramatic"!
- Self-Walking tour of Flam
- Dinner at Hotel and overnight in Flam at the Fretheim Hotel, Nedre Fretheim, 5743 Flåm, Norway
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Day 3 | Tuesday, July 22, 2025 |

- Breakfast at the hotel & check out
- Walk to pier and board the Fjord Cruise to the [Nærøysfjord](#) on the 9:30 departure
- Lunch along the way
- Bus to the Stegastein Viewpoint
- Bus back to Flam and board the Norled Express ferry to Bergen at 15:30, arrive Bergen at 21:00.
- Dinner will be light food on the ferry on your own, or eating later in Bergen, own your own.
- overnight at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Dreggsallmenningen 1, Bergen, Norway.



Day 4 | Wednesday, July 23, 2025 |

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Bergen Tour & Gondola ride to the peak TBD
- where you can explore the UNESCO-listed Bryggen warehouses, ride the Fløibanen funicular for scenic views, indulge in fresh seafood at the fish market, or wander the lively harbor's charming streets and quay
- Prayer (Midweek) meeting at 7:30 – 8:30 PM, Room TBD, with the workers and Friends in Bergen, subject: TBD



Day 5 | Thursday, July 24, 2025 |

- Breakfast at the hotel Check out
- Self-walking tour of Bergen as desired
- Cruise day 1, Board the Havila Voyages Coastal cruise ship at 14:45 in Bergen Harbor. (Jekteviksterminalen, Nøstegaten 30, 5006)
- <https://www.havilavoyages.com/>

- Begin Northbound cruise on 640 person, passenger ship, that stops at several ports per day. Some ports are quick stops and others are several hours allowing passenger to take on-land tours or walk around the local towns.
- The voyage starts in Bergen, the colorful capital of western Norway, s. Bergen is the gateway to the Norwegian fjords and the start of your coastal adventure.



Day 6 | Friday, July 25, 2025 |

- Cruise day 2, Continue cruising through the Fjords on the Northbound route
- Florø → Måløy → Torvik → Ålesund → Geiranger* / Hjørundfjorden* → Ålesund → Molde On the morning of the second day, you can greet the Havila Voyages headquarters near Torvik before arriving in Ålesund, known for its art nouveau architecture. See the stunning Geiranger Fjord, designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and witness dramatic waterfalls and steep mountain landscapes.

Northbound

☀	<u>Bergen</u> / 14:45-20:30
🌙	<u>Florø</u> / 02:45-03:00
🌙	<u>Måløy</u> / 05:15-05:30
☀	<u>Torvik</u> / 08:20-08:30
☀	<u>Ålesund</u> / 09:45-20:00
☀	<u>Geiranger</u> / 1 Jun - 31 Aug
☀	<u>Hjørundfjorden</u> / 1 Sep - 31 Oct
🌙	<u>Molde</u> / 22:35-23:05
🌙	<u>Kristiansund</u> / 02:45-03:00
☀	<u>Trondheim</u> / 09:45-12:45

Day 7 | Saturday, July 26, 2025, |

- Cruise day 3, Leave Trondheim at 9:45 continuing to head north past the Arctic Circle stopping at various ports. Local tours can be booked on your own at several ports and will be presented each day at the shipboard presentations by the Cruise Director.
- Kristiansund → Trondheim → Rørvik
- It is morning when we dock in the historic city of Trondheim, which was founded over a thousand years ago. The Nidaros Cathedral is the city's major landmark. Furthermore, it is Norway's national shrine and one of the largest cathedrals in northern Europe. After our visit here, the voyage continues towards northern Norway.



Day 8 | Sunday, July 27, 2025 |

- Cruise day 4, Continue Northbound cruise
- Brønnøysund → Sandnessjøen → Nesna → Ørnes → Bodø → Stamsund → Svolvær
- As we journey further north, we'll celebrate crossing the Arctic Circle with a ceremony before exploring the Arctic regions. Witness the midnight sun during the summer months or see the Northern Lights illuminate the winter sky. Encounter the awe-inspiring power of the world's strongest tidal current and spot the majestic sea eagles. In the evenings, you can explore the Lofoten fishing villages, admire the steep mountains, and learn about Viking history and heritage.
- Sunday morning meeting on the ship, 11:00-12:00, location TBD.

Northbound

- ☀ Trondheim / 09:45-12:45
- ☀ Rørvik / 21:40-22:00
- ☾ Brønnøysund / 01:35-01:45
- ☾ Sandnessjøen / 04:35-04:50
- ☀ Nesna / 06:00-06:10
- ☀ Ørnes / 10:00-10:10
- ☀ Bodø / 13:05-15:20
- ☀ Stamsund / 19:15-19:40
- ☀ Svolvær / 21:20-22:15
- ☾ Stokmarknes / 01:30-01:40
- ☾ Sortland / 02:55-03:10
- ☾ Risøyhamn / 04:35-04:50
- ☀ Harstad / 07:10-07:45
- ☀ Finnsnes / 11:00-11:30
- ☀ Tromsø / 14:15-18:15



Day 9 | Monday, July 28, 2025 |

- Cruise day 5, Dock in Tromsø at 14:15
- Self-Walking tour of the city
- Stokmarknes → Sortland → Risøyhamn → Harstad → Finnsnes → Tromsø → Skjervøy
- As we continue through the narrow fjords and wild mountains, we'll arrive in Tromsø, a city with a rich history associated with hunting, fishing, and polar expeditions. Tromsø is also a gateway to the land of the Sami, Norway's indigenous people. Meeting the Sami and learning about their culture, including their unique connection with reindeer, is a truly unforgettable experience.

Day 10 | Tuesday, July 29, 2025 |

- Cruise day 6, Continue Northbound cruise
- Hammerfest → Havøysund → Honningsvåg → Kjøllefjord → Mehamn → Berlevåg
- This is as far north as you can get — by land and sea. For many, the visit to the North Cape is a highlight and a goal for voyages along the Norwegian coast. Up here, in the polar landscape, nature is at its harshest and most desolate, but between bare plains and rugged cliffs, people cling on and reap nature's bounty – and you can have a taste of the catch. How about some king crab?



Day 11 | Wednesday, July 30, 2025 |

- Cruise day 7, Arrive in Kirkenes, northernmost point of Cruise
- Båtsfjord → Vardø → Vadsø → Kirkenes

- Congratulations, you have now reached the easternmost point of your voyage! The border with Russia is only a few kilometers away, and you may notice that road signs in Kirkenes are written in both Norwegian and Russian. Consider joining one of our excursions to visit the border, or venture to the Snowhotel where everything is crafted from ice and snow for a unique and memorable experience.
- Afternoon, begin Southbound Cruise from Kirkenes
- Wednesday night meeting, 7:30 8:30 PM, TBD, subject:



Day 12 | Thursday, July 31, 2025 |

- Cruise Day 8, Cruising South
- Mehamn → Kjøllefjord → Honningsvåg → Havøysund → Hammerfest → Øksfjord → Skjervøy → Tromsø
- Sailing west and south, the polar landscape transforms, giving way to towering peaks. In the evening, we'll arrive in Tromsø, known as "The Paris of the North", where you can attend a midnight concert in the Tromsø Cathedral or take a stroll in the stunning midnight sun.

Day 13 | Friday, August 1, 2025

- Cruise Day 9, Cruising South
- Finnsnes → Harstad → Risøyhamn → Sortland → Stokmarknes → Svolvær → Stamsund
- Return to the stunning and picturesque Vesterålen and Lofoten Islands. We will enter the Vesterålen region in the morning, and in the evening we visit Lofoten. Along the coastline, you'll discover chalky, white, and sandy beaches alongside charming fishing villages, which still thrive on a vibrant fishing industry. The locals rely on coastal ships for everyday transportation. If the weather permits it, we'll venture into the narrow Trollfjord.



Day 14 | Saturday, August 2, 2025

- Cruise day 10, Cruising South
- Bodø → Ørnes → Sandnessjøen → Brønnøysund → Rørvik
- Sail past numerous small islands, islets, and skerries, including the unique Torghatten mountain, which features a hole in its center.



Day 15 | Sunday, August 3, 2025

- Cruise day 11
- Arrive and disembark ship at 7:00 AM in Trondheim
- Bus to train station



- Board train to Oslo (7-hour train ride through the beautiful Norwegian Countryside)
- Check in to hotel: **Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, Oslo**, Sonja Henies Plass 3
- Dinner at Hotel
- Sunday evening meeting 7:30-8:30 PM and 9:00 PM Fairwell gathering.



All the best!

Ed & Sue Sloan, Sloan Travel a - your Tour Team!