

**OCTOBER 28 -  
NOVEMBER 8  
2027**

**THE BEST OF  
NORWAY**  
WITH FJORD CRUISE



Lofoten, Norway with Northern Lights

St. Cecilia  
**TOURS**

## Dearest friends,

We would like to invite you on a most memorable and hyggelig adventure through Norway, celebrated with personalized touches along our journey. Our tour begins in Oslo, where all tour participants will enjoy a relaxing stay in a comfortable hotel. We will tour the newly re-opened Viking Museum, and learn of the various crafts and ship building industry of the Vikings. The views you will experience as we cross the glacier by train from Oslo to Bergen are breathtaking, and rated one of the most scenic in the world. In Bergen, we will stay on the picturesque and historic wharf, which is listed UNESCO world heritage site. The funicular, by our hotel in Bergen, will transport us to the highest peak where we admire the views of the archipelago of the Bergen coast line. We will learn about the trade history and commerce that shaped and developed Norway's relationship with central Europe.

As we cruise north and enter the fjords we will experience Geiranger, which is perhaps the most beautiful fjord in the world. We see the snowcapped mountains with its cascading waterfalls dropping into the waters below. In Trondheim, we learn how christianity was introduced to Norway by King Olav the Holy, and we visit his burial place within the majestic Nidaros Cathedral - the largest cathedral in northern Europe. We continue our cruise and as the days get shorter, chances are high for witnessing the magical aurora borealis otherwise known as the northern lights. Musical moments will be celebrated in historic cathedrals and churches along our journey, by your tour hosts Eric & Laura.

Join us, we look forward to traveling with you!

Eric & Laura



Dr. Eric Gundersen, organ



Dr. Laura Avery, soprano

### THURSDAY, OCT. 28

**DAY 1 - DEPARTURE:** We depart from Houston or your preferred airport to Gardermoen Oslo Airport, Norway. Meals and beverages are served on board our international flights.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 29

**DAY 2 - ARRIVE OSLO:** Upon our arrival in Oslo, we meet our St. Cecilia Tour host who accompanies us throughout our time in Norway. We board a state of the art tourist coach and travel to the Radisson Plaza Hotel, which is located in the heart of Oslo, by the promenade to the Royal Palace. We meet at the bar of our hotel for a welcome toast, followed by a brief informational meeting. Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. [L]

### SATURDAY, OCT. 30

**DAY 3 - VIKING MUSEUM:** Enjoy a delightful breakfast at our hotel, which is included every day of our tour. We transfer to the museum district, where we will pay a visit to the Viking Museum, which displays the history and infrastructure of Norway during the Viking period. We return to our hotel, and enjoy the evening at leisure. [B]

Olympic Ski Jump, Oslo





Bergen Wharf



Honningsvåg

### **SUNDAY, OCT. 31**

DAY 4 - OSLO TO BERGEN: We travel from Oslo to Bergen by a relaxing train ride, and enjoy the scenery of nature along our journey. Bergen was founded by the Vikings, and soon after became a Hanseatic trade town. The historic wharf and old town is now a romantic area dotted with restaurants, and bars overlooking the water. Our charming hotel is also on the harbor, where we enjoy easy walking distance to many sites and attractions. Dinner will be served at a local restaurant this evening. [B]

### **MONDAY, NOV. 1**

DAY 5 - BERGEN: This morning, we drive a few minutes to Troidhaugen, which is a neighborhood in Bergen, to visit the home of Edvard Grieg. We return to Bergen for lunch before we enjoy a concert at the historic Bergen Domkirke. Domkirke is the equivalent of cathedral, and parts of the church are from the Viking age. This evening we gather for dinner as a group at a restaurant by the water, and enjoy a traditional Norwegian meal. [B,D]

### **TUESDAY, NOV. 2**

DAY 6 - FJORD CRUISE: Before boarding our cruise this afternoon, we have more time to enjoy Bergen. We take the funicular to the top of a scenic outlook point that offer great views of the city and ocean. We board our cruise, and enjoy a delicious meal as we depart Bergen and sail the old Viking route along the Hjeltefjord. [B,D]

### **SUNDAY, NOV. 3**

DAY 7 - ÅLESUND AND GEIRANGER FJORD: Ålesund is renowned for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture and Atlanterhavsparken, one of northern Europe's largest saltwater aquariums. We set sail into Geirangerfjorden, pictured on our brochure cover, where we will witness some of the most magnificent scenery in Norway. Once in the fjord, you may see the famous Seven Sisters waterfalls cascading down the cliffs. [B,D]

### **MONDAY, NOV. 4**

DAY 8 - TRONDHEIM: Our cruise arrives Trondheim this morning, and after disembarking, we head to Nidarosdomen, which is the largest Cathedral in Northern Europe, and founded by the viking king: Olav the Holy. After a tour of the cathedral, we return to our ship where we will enjoy lunch and a jazz set offered by your tour hosts. [B,L,D]

Lofoten Aurora Borealis



## **TUESDAY, NOV. 5**

DAY 9 - NESNA & LOFOTEN: This morning we pass through Nesna with its idyllic coast. Perhaps one of the most picturesque and active fishing town in the world is the harbor of Lofoten. Fishing excursions are popular and highly recommended in this town. Good chance of northern lights sightings as well this evening if the sky is clear. [B,L,D]

## **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6**

DAY 10 - TROMSØ & SORTLAND: The unique nature of Sortland is breathtaking, and worth capturing. We see quaint houses dotting the landscape, before we continue to Tromsø where we will visit the Ice-Cathedral and take the pipe-organ for a spin. We head back to our cruise and continue north. [B,L,D]

## **THURSDAY, NOV. 7**

DAY 11 - HAMMERFEST & KIRKENES: We arrive in the northern most city of the world, Hammerfest. Our expedition cruise comes to an end in Kirkenes and we celebrate our journey together with good food and music. [B,L,D]

## **FRIDAY, NOV. 8**

DAY 12 - FLIGHT HOME: Our most fabulous tour of Norway must unfortunately come to an end. We head to the Kirkenes airport where we will board our flight home. If interested, you may extend your tour or personalize your flights home. [B]

Geiranger Fjord



### **Your Tour includes**

Deluxe Hotels w/Daily Breakfast,  
Meals as Outlined in the Itinerary  
Fjord Cruise (Bergen - Kirkenes)  
Superior Sea View Cabin

\*Upgrades Available

Entrance Tickets to Museum and Venues

Deluxe Coach & Train Transportation

Round-Trip Flights from Houston IAH - Oslo OSL, Norway

Returning from Kirkenes via Oslo OSL - Houston IAH

\*Itinerary and Venues Subject to Change.

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