

## WEEKEND TOUR TO BERGEN



*During this tour, you will visit Bergen, the port to the Norwegian kingdom of fjords. Bergen is the second largest city in Norway in population and can be characterized as a cosy, picturesque, wooden city with rich history and traditions. You will walk through the narrow streets between the old wooden houses on the wharf Bryggen, see the choice of fresh seafood products on the fish market and take the funicular up the mountain Fløyen to see the breath-taking view of Bergen city centre and the surrounding fjords. The climate is mild and you can expect in Bergen in winter time temperatures mostly around 0-4 degrees Celsius. You might also experience frost and snow in Bergen, however more probable are plus degrees and rain.*

### *Programme*

#### **Day 1, arriving to Bergen**

Meeting with an English speaking driver at the Bergen Airport. Transfer to your hotel in Bergen centre.

Accommodation in a 3\* hotel – Thon Hotel Bristol or Comfort Hotel Holberg – for 3 nights. Both hotels are located in Bergen city centre, in about 10 minutes walking distance from the fish market.

**Bergen:** *Since the foundation of the city by King Olav Kyrre in 1070, Bergen grew up around its colourful harbour – the centre of commerce, seafaring and craftsmanship. At the end of the 12th century, Bergen became the North's largest city, Norway's first capital city and the seat of royalty. Growing importance of the city caused the Hansa – the German medieval guild of merchants – to open one of their four European offices on the wharf called Bryggen. Due to its cultural and trade connections to other counties, Bergen became Norway's most international city. Today Bergen is Norway's second largest city with its approx. 260 000 inhabitants.*



## Day 2, sightseeing in Bergen

Meeting with your private English speaking guide at 10:00 AM in the hotel's lobby for your sightseeing – a city walk through the centre of Bergen. During the 2 hours you will see Bergen's main attractions: the Bergenhus fortress with King Håkon's Hall and the tower of Rosenkrantz, the Church of St. Mary, the Bryggen wharf, the fish market, the central square, the National Theatre and the city park.

Free time in the afternoon. The guide will recommend the sights to see and the things to do in Bergen. The following are worth a visit:

- **The Hanseatic museum** – situated centrally on Bryggen. Now possible to visit only one part of the museum – Schøtstuene as the other building is closed for several years maintenance.

- **The Fløibanen funicular** – one of Norway's best-known attractions. Fløibanen can be found in the heart of Bergen, 150 m from the Fish market, and Bryggen wharf. The journey up to Mount Fløyen (320 m above sea level) takes about 5–8 minutes. The journey is an experience in itself, and at the top you can enjoy fantastic views of Bergen.

- **Bergen Aquarium** – Meet the penguins, the sea lions, fish from the North Sea and the tropics, as well as the crocodiles and the fascinating snakes. Film screening and feeding daily. In more than 50 large and small aquariums, you can watch in fascination all the weird and wonderful things that go on beneath the surface at close quarters.

- **Ulriksbanen cable car** – an ascent to Mount Ulriken at 643 meters above sea level in an aerial tramway. A great view of Bergen and surrounding mountains, fjords, island and the North Sea in the distance. This is an unforgettable experience! 15 minutes by bus or taxi from city centre.

- **Troldhaugen** - villa and museum of the famous Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg. The museum consists of Troldsalen concert hall, an exhibition, Grieg's house, where the composer spent last 20 years of his life – with authentic interior, the composer's hut, and Edvard and Nina Grieg's final resting place on the fjord's shore.

- **Gingerbread town:** in December each year a largest gingerbread town in Europe can be visited in Bergen. Houses, boats, churches, towers and many more objects are baked by individuals or companies and donated to be shown in this exhibition. Popular for both adults and children. Opened approx. between 01.12.-30.12.



### ***Day 3, your free time in Bergen***

You have one free day in Bergen and you can explore the town on your own. We will gladly make some suggestions for you on where to go and what to do. Some tours and experiences have to be booked in advance.

### ***Day 4, leaving Bergen***

Transfer by car with an English-speaking driver from your hotel to Bergen airport.



***Price: 5000 NOK per person (approx. 540 EUR)***

Minimum 2 persons. Price includes:

- accommodation for 3 nights in a double room with breakfast in a 3\* hotel in Bergen centre
- transfers by car with an English-speaking driver: Bergen airport – hotel – Bergen airport
- private walking tour with an English-speaking guide for 2 hours in Bergen centre

Extra:

- plane tickets to/from Bergen
- insurance
- visa (if needed)

### **We can offer additional activities:**

- fishing in Bergen: sea fishing from shore close to Bergen city centre: 3-4 hours fishing with guide and rental of equipment NOK 2900 for 2 persons, extra person NOK 450
- fishing from islands: sea fishing from boat 25 feet, 5 hours fishing from boat with guide, rental of equipment and warm overalls and approx. 1,5 hours transfer from city centre and back. NOK 12000 for 1-4 persons.
- skiing in Voss / Eikedalen ski resort: guide with car for the whole day to take you to the ski resort, help with ski rental and purchase of ski-pass and transfer back to Bergen NOK 6000. Rental of ski and ski-pass costs approx. NOK 750 per person per day.
- hiking in the mountains on Fløyen: guide for 4 hours hike NOK 2100. In addition ticket to the funicular. Enjoy the beautiful nature and views right from the city center!

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