

## WEEKEND TOUR TO BERGEN



*On this tour you will visit the capital of "The Kingdom of the Fjords" – Bergen The second largest city in Norway can be described as a cosy, colourful city with a rich history and traditions. You will take a guided walk along the cosy streets among the old wooden houses on the Bryggen embankment, visit the Fish market and take a ride on the funicular to Mount Fløyen, where you can enjoy a wonderful view of the city centre and the nearest fjords.*

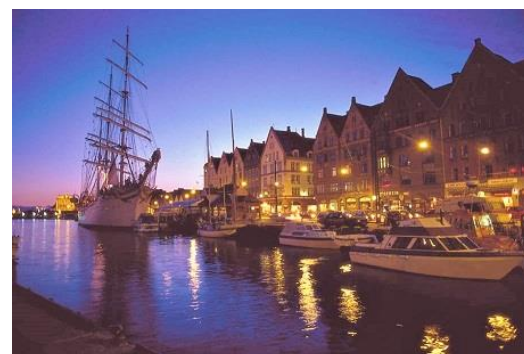


### *Programme*

#### ***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 Thon Hotel Orion – 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** – the main building is on reconstruction this year, so the exhibition is now in Schøtstuene. You can visit several buildings on Bryggen wharf which were used by the Hanseatic merchants for preparing meals and social gatherings. Opening hours during summer 9-18:00: tickets from **130 NOK per person**.

- **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. Opening hours 8-23:00: tickets **130 NOK per person**.

- **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. Opening hours during summer 10-18:00: tickets **285 NOK per person**.

- **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. Opening hours 9-18:00, ticket for bus from city center and cable car **285 NOK per person**.

- **Troldhaugen** - villa and museum of the famous Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg. The museum consists of Troldsalen concert hall (regular concerts), 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. Opening hours 9-18.00, tickets from **110 NOK per person**.



- **Old Bergen Museum.** The open-air museum consists of more than 40 wooden houses of the 18th and 19th centuries, which together represent a "town within a town". Here you will find a bakery, a pharmacy, a sailor's house, a party house, a school and much more. Visitors to the museum will get an impression of life in the past centuries. Opening hours in summer 9-18.00, tickets **130 NOK per person.**

- **Fantoft wooden stave church.** Traditional medieval wooden church was originally build in Sogn in around 1150. In 1882 the church was moved to Fantoft in Bergen, where it received a new look: new and higher roofs decorated with dragon heads. A fire in 1992 destroyed the church almost completely, but it was rebuilt on the same place within 3 years. Opening hours in summer 10:30-18:00, tickets **70 NOK per person.**



### ***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: 5250 NOK per person (approx. 550 EUR)***

Minimum 2 persons. Price includes:

- accommodation for 3 nights in a double room with breakfast in a 3\* hotel in Bergen centre from Thursday to Sunday or Friday to Monday
- transfers by car with an English-speaking driver: Bergen airport – hotel – Bergen airport during daytime 06:00-21:00
- private walking tour with an English-speaking guide for 2 hours in Bergen centre

**Price for a child up to 12 years in extra bed** in a room with 2 adults: NOK 1950 (EUR 205)

**Price for extra person 13 years and older** in extra bed in a room with 2 adults: NOK 2500 (EUR 260)

Extra:

- plane tickets to/from Bergen
- insurance