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TAILOR MADE RAIL

Norway in a Nutshell

From £1,369 per person // 9 days



Catch the train from the UK to Norway to take in one of Europe's greatest rail journeys aboard the Flåm Railway, along with a fjord cruise and visits to the vibrant cities of Bergen and Oslo.

The Essentials

- Take the train to Norway via Brussels, Hamburg and Gothenburg
- Two days to explore Norwegian capital Oslo
- Norway in a Nutshell including the Flåm Railway and a night in Flåm
- Historic Hanseatic Bergen on Norway's west coast

What's included

- Standard class rail travel with seat reservations
- Norway in a Nutshell excursion from Oslo to Bergen (via Flåm)
- 8 nights' hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Easy-to-follow travel documentation
- Despatch of tickets by email, post or collection from our London office

Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade hotels and rail journeys
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - London To Brussels

Leave from St Pancras today aboard a Eurostar service bound for Brussels. On arrival, check in at the conveniently situated Pullman Brussels Midi (or similar) for an overnight stay. This hotel is adjacent to the station but if you'd rather be in the historic centre of Brussels, we would be happy to look at other options for you. The centre of the Belgian capital is definitely worth a visit, with its cobbled streets, historic cathedral and famous Grand Place.



Day 2 - Brussels To Hamburg

Make your way back to Midi station and catch an ICE service to Cologne. Another quick change here and you are on your way to Hamburg. When you arrive into Hamburg, cross the road and check in for an overnight stay at the Reichshof Hamburg Hotel (or similar). This evening, you can choose to dine out in the city centre, or at the hotel's own restaurant, serving local and international dishes.



Day 3 - Hamburg To Gothenburg

After breakfast this morning, return to the station and continue your journey north to Danish capital Copenhagen. Here, there's time for a bite to eat before you board a second train, taking across another border and into Sweden. Arrive into the university city of Gothenburg this evening and check in for an overnight stay at the First Hotel G (or similar). There's plenty of time to settle in, before heading out to dinner.



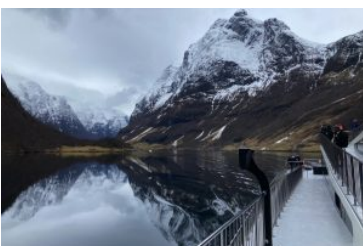
Days 4 & 5 - Oslo

A short rail journey takes you to Oslo, where you check in at the Thon Opera Hotel (or similar) for a 2-night stay. Capital of Norway since the 14th century, Oslo is a thriving city made up of diverse architectural styles and distinct districts. Highlights of any visit here include the elegant Royal Palace and the Viking Ship Museum, boasting amongst other exhibits, two Viking ships that are over 1,000 years old. During the summer, you can also relax on one of the lovely beaches in the Oslofjord or sit and people watch at a café, with some of the world's best coffee.



Day 6 - Flam Railway To Flam

Leave Oslo early this morning on a train to Myrdal, the mountain station where you board the famous Flåm Railway, offering spectacular panoramic views to some of the wildest and most magnificent scenery in the Norwegian fjords. The base station is in the village of Flam on the valley floor of the Sognefjord. Here, you'll check in for an overnight stay at the Flåmsbrygga Hotel (or similar). Enjoy the peace and quiet of the fjord once everyone has rejoined the train and perhaps take advantage of some of the outdoor activities the hotel has to offer.



Day 7 - Flam To Bergen

You have a morning at leisure to relax and enjoy your stunning surroundings then, after lunch, board a cruise boat which will take you along the Aurlandsfjord to Gudvangen. From here, you'll be taken by bus through pretty villages and sweeping landscapes to Voss. The last part of your journey will be by train from Voss to Bergen on the last stretch of the famous Bergen Line. Arrive in Bergen and make your way into the city centre for a 2 night stay at the Clarion Admiral Hotel (or similar)



Day 8 - Bergen

Norway's second city was an important trade hub in the middle ages and a member of the powerful Hanseatic League. The remaining wharf buildings from this period (pictured) are now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Don't miss the funicular ride up to the peak of Mount Fløyen for panoramic city views. You may also like to visit the Edvard Grieg House, where the renowned composer once lived.



Day 9 - Depart Bergen

After breakfast this morning, leave your hotel and make your way to the airport for a return flight to the UK (not included). Or, you may prefer to continue your holiday and explore more of Scandinavia by train – just let us know your plans! ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: If you have the time, you can retrace your steps and travel overland by rail back to London, with stops in different cities such as Copenhagen, Hannover or Cologne. We can arrange this for you – please call for details and prices.

Pricing

From £1,369 per person

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.