

Norwegian American Genealogy Center and Neaseeth Library
Norway Tour 2026

Tuesday May 26

Depart the USA. (some are departing earlier)

May 27

Arrive in Oslo. The tour manager (Erling Hansen) and/or Arthur Ness will meet you at the airport and escort you to the hotel downtown. The afternoon and evening free to explore Oslo on your own.

Hotel: Comfort Hotel Grand Central, located inside Oslo Central Station, in the old part of the railway station, called "Østbanhallen". Karl Johans Gate, Oslo's main street, starts right in front of the hotel, and many of the rooms overlook the Oslo Fjord.

May 28

After breakfast at the hotel, we will do a tour of Oslo as a group. This tour will stop to allow us to examine the world-famous Vigeland sculptures. We will return to the hotel, and you may spend the rest of the day exploring Oslo on your own.

May 29

After check-out from the hotel, we will drive out to Bygdøy peninsula and visit The Norsk Folkemuseum. We will stop for lunch high above Oslo at Frognerstøen, before we head out of Oslo. Our first stop will be near Eidsvoll at the house where Norway's Syttende Mai Constitution was signed in 1814. We will continue to Hamar where we will stop at the Hamar Cathedral, which was destroyed in 1567, and where the ruins have been uniquely preserved.

From Eidsvoll to Lillehammer, we will drive for approximately 70 miles alongside the beautiful Lake Mjøsa, which is the biggest lake in Norway. We will stay overnight in Lillehammer, which is at the northern end of the lake, and most known for the 1994 Winter Olympics.

Hotel: Home Hotel Hammer, Lillehammer

May 30

After breakfast at the hotel, we will visit Maihaugen. This is an outdoor museum with unique and well-preserved buildings, but which also has a well-done indoor exhibit that explains how Norway was settled and developed through the centuries. We will continue our trip through Gudbrandsdalen, across Dovre Mountain and end up in Trondheim at the end of the day. The tour will include a stop at Rennebu Church from 1669, one of four remaining Y-shaped churches in Norway. We will check into our hotel where we will stay for two nights.

Hotel: Best Western Plus Hotell Bakeriet, Brattørgata 2, 7010 Trondheim

May 31

Today is Sunday, and we will attend the Church service at the Nidaros Cathedral as a group. This magnificent church is the Norwegian National Cathedral and was built on site of St. Olav's original grave. It held his relics for over 400 years until the Protestant Reformation and still holds a shrine to St. Olav, "Norway's Eternal King". It remains a popular pilgrimage site.

- Alternative 1: After the church service, we will do a city tour of Trondheim
- Alternative 2: Afternoon exploration on your own.

June 1st

We travel from Trondheim to Kristiansund. The specific route is yet to be determined, but we will arrive relatively early so that we can enjoy the city in the afternoon. Kristiansund is the dried-cod (Klippfisk) capital of the world and has a small ferry that stops near our hotel. The ferry tours the downtown area, which is built on four landmasses on the coast, and is the oldest continuously operated public transportation system in the world. There are also scenic waterfronts and a watchtower that provide beautiful outlooks.

Hotel: Quality Hotel Grand Kristiansund, Bernstorffstredet 1, 6509 Kristiansund

June 2nd

Drive from Kristiansund to Geiranger. This trip includes traveling the award-winning Atlantic highway recently featured in the James Bond movie *No Time to Die*. Lunch will be at Varden above Molde, Trollstigen, Geiranger.

Hotel: Hotel Union Geiranger, Geirangervegen 100, 6216 Geiranger

June 3

We have a whole day in Geiranger! We start with a group fjord cruise/sightseeing on Geirangerfjord, After the boat trip, the rest of the day is on your own. Both nights in Geiranger we will enjoy an impressive dinner buffet at the hotel.

June 4

Today we will really drive through "Fjord Country". Stop for lunch by an arm of Jostedalsglacier, the biggest glacier in Norway. Drive to Balestrand, overnight at Kvikne's Hotel. We will enjoy a famous buffet dinner (included).

Hotel: Kviknes Hotel, Kviknevegen 8, 6899 Balestrand

June 5

We start the day by taking the fully electric ferry from Balestrand across Sognefjord to Vik. That is the home to Hopperstad stave church. This is one of the most beautifully sited stave churches in Norway, and an exact replica of this church is at Hjemkomst Museum in Moorehead, MN. Our drive will cross the Vik Mountain, to Gudvangen and Flåm. From here we will take the famous Flåmsbana to Myrdal, and then to Voss. The bus will wait for us at the railway station in Voss. From there we will drive the last two hours to Bergen. We

will stay two nights in Bergen, at a hotel near the Fish Market, and Fløibanen (funicular). A roundtrip ticket on Fløibanen is included.

Hotel: Home Hotel Bryggen, Rosenkrantzgaten 8, Bryggen, 5003 Bergen

June 6

Visit Western Norway Emigration Center outside Bergen. The afternoon is free to explore Bergen.

June 7

We check out from the hotel and continue south to Karmøy, where we will visit the Viking Village and the Viking Museum in Åvaldsnes on the Nordvegen (The Northern Way that gave its name to Norway).

Drive to Stavanger, where we will stay for two nights. The hotel serves a light evening meal for the guests (included).

Hotel: Home Hotel Skagen Brygge, Skagenkaien 28-30, 4004, Stavanger

(Formerly known as Clarion Collection Hotel Skagen Brygge)

June 8

We have a full day in Stavanger, where we have some options on what to do:

1. Hike to Preikestolen (The Pulpit). Maybe Norway's most famous hike.
2. Cruise of Lysefjorden, where we can see Preikestolen from fjord level.
3. Boat trip to "Flor & Fjære", an island filled with flowers and exotic plants. A truly unique experience. The tour includes a tour of the island and a 3-course lunch. **Cost: \$200 per person including lunch.**
4. Stavanger on your own. Options include the Iron Age Farm, the Archaeology Museum, the Petroleum Museum, the Romanesque Cathedral, the 18th Century Village buildings, and a Sardine Canning Museum.

These options may be at an additional cost.

June 9

Fly home from SVG

Tour price: **\$4440**

Single supplement: **\$1140**

Itinerary subject to change