

Let your spirit set sail



The fascination of the Fjords

Discovery cruise along Norway's coast

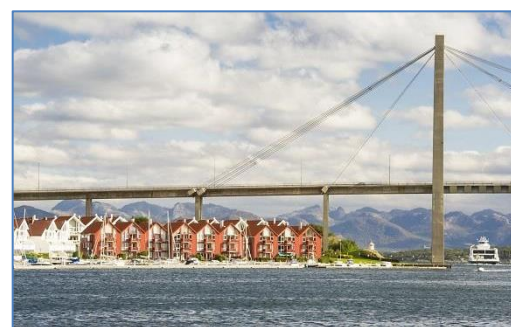
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Around 100 nautical miles lie between Stavanger and Bergen, which are the departure and destination ports of this cruise. This distance could easily be covered in just two days, but on this journey we'll take our time and some deliberate detours. The fjords cut deep inland, creating a breathtaking landscape which inspires with unique travel impressions. Between Lysefjord (pictured above), Boknafjord and Bjørnafjord stretches a rocky labyrinth of waterways, inviting us to go on a small exploration. Approaching this rugged yet calm world from the water, you can experience the stunning landscape in its full natural magnificence.

This is where you will go on board: Stavanger / Norway

Our crew will welcome you on board in the port of Stavanger at the entrance to the Høgsfjord. Norway's third-largest airport can easily be reached from many international airports with a stopover in Oslo. We will be happy to assist you with the individual planning of your arrival and departure. If you have any questions, please contact us in good time. Embarkation takes place at 19:00 hours. Afterwards, there will be dinner in the comfortable lounge, where you'll soon feel at home and be able to find your way around the Eye of the Wind's deck – you'll quickly get to know your fellow sailors, too.



Make the most of your time by exploring the cultural city of Stavanger and its port: The cathedral, the shipping museum and the Norwegian Petroleum Museum with numerous models and original equipment (pictured right) are considered the main tourist attractions. In the surrounding area, there are even more destinations worth visiting, such as the open-air archaeological museum, the 92-metre high Månafossen waterfall and Norway's longest sand beach, Solastrand.



Our sailing waters: The skerries and fjords on Norway's southwest coast

North of Stavanger, we'll discover the rugged coastline of western Norway: the landscape, which is traversed by bays and estuaries, offers many holiday and sailing experiences amidst this pristine region. Secluded and powerful in its elemental grandeur, the majestic fjords and the large belt of skerries lie off the coast like a huge breakwater created by nature. This unique sailing area is characterised by a fascinating labyrinth of rocks, woods and expanses of water. With the Eye of the Wind, we will advance into this deep, calming blue, into this surprisingly gentle, unique world made up of thousands of islands, steep mountain slopes and narrow shores.

We will slowly set course for the Bømlafjord, which later becomes the Hardangerfjord. In slow motion, the coastline gets closer, the rocky shore becomes steeper and steeper. Soon after crossing through the skerries in the open sea and only a few nautical miles further, we suddenly come across an almost alpine-like backdrop. Granite formations shaped by glaciers surround us, the landscape is more reminiscent of a quiet mountain lake than the ocean. Even geologists are in awe of the rare spectacle of landscapes that change dramatically within only a few miles. The weather often changes several times a day. The inhabitants of the Fjordland say that it is April here more often than anywhere else.

The decision on which port or mooring spot to call on in the evening is usually made by the captain on the same day, and depends on the wind and weather conditions – your wishes will be taken into account whenever possible! This ensures that your cruise is a pleasant mix of adventure, relaxation, active participation and pure enjoyment. Here is a selection of possible stops with the opportunity to go on shore:

▷ **Espevær:** At the time of the big shoals of herring in the middle of the 18th century, 20,000 people lived on this archipelago – today there are fewer than 200. In this tranquil paradise, we'll find a pristine mooring spot in the protected lagoon.

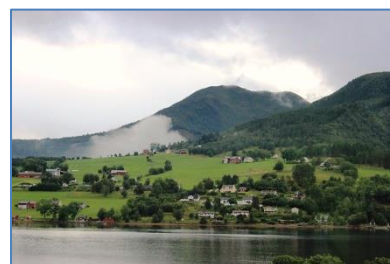
▷ **Sunndal:** From Sunndal, a one and a half hour hike takes you along a stream to the lake of the Bondhusbreen, the most famous glacier tongue on the west side of the Folgefonna glacier. This tour is extremely rewarding. Just soak in the astonishing silence and the breathtaking view of a landscape, which not even the best artist could put to canvas more beautifully. On the sea route to Sunndal lies Furebergfossen, Norway's fifth-largest waterfall – in front of us, it flows noisily from the mountain into the fjord.

▷ **Rosendal:** The small port and holiday resort lies in the middle of an alpine-like scenery. A visit to the Old Barony with its castle and romantic landscape park should not be missed.

▷ **Kvalvåg on the island of Stolmen:** A picture-perfect bay surrounded by woods and rocks, like a miniature fjord. In the past, trade with wood and lobsters flourished here.

This is where you will disembark: Bergen / Norway

Our cruise ends in Bergen, the capital of the Norwegian fjord country. Here, you will leave the ship with a sailor's bag full of memories of your journey. Combine your stop with a visit to Bryggen, the historic Hanseatic quarter, or a cable car ride to the nearby Ulriken mountain (pictured right).



Seven good reasons to go

- Discovery cruise through the world of the Norwegian fjords ... aboard a windjammer!
- Balanced ratio between sailing time at sea and shore leave
- Attractive and easily accessible starting and destination ports: Stavanger and Bergen
- The Fjordland coastal region: a magical, fabulous sailing area with great natural impressions
- Sailing and manoeuvring on a 100-year-old windjammer – you may participate actively!
- Excellent onboard cuisine, delicious meals from morning to evening
- Our friendly crew ensures a feel-good atmosphere on board



Journey time

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Services included

- 7 nights' accommodation aboard the Tall Ship Eye of the Wind.
- Accommodation in a comfortable double cabin with hot and cold running water, shower, toilet, and air conditioning (single cabin surcharge).
- Full board (including all meals, soft drinks, coffee & tea).
- Lounge with TV/DVD and extensive on-board library.
- The tour price includes VAT.

Not included

Arrival and departure, shore excursions and alcoholic beverages.

We gladly assist you in the individual planning of your arrival and departure. Please contact us if necessary in a timely manner.

Please consider the following notes on the itinerary

The indicated ports are optional. The ship's management reserves the right to change the itinerary at short notice depending on wind and weather conditions. The steep banks of the fjords usually provide for a considerable wind cover. For this reason, some distances may be covered most likely by the use of the engine and without the sails being set.

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