

BERGEN, NORWAY

Bergen & Mount Ulriken

ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY

On this introduction to lovely Bergen you will board a motor coach to sightsee through downtown Bergen with its old wooden **Hanseatic pier**, **Bryggen**, the medieval **King Håkon's Hall**, erected during the reign of King Håkon Håkonsson, the **Rosenkrantz Tower**, **St. Mary's Church**, built around 1170, and one of the finest examples of Romanesque architecture in Norway, the peninsula **Nordnes**, **Bergen Theater** (Den National Scene), and **Grieghallen**, the modern concert hall named after Norway's great composer, Edvard Grieg. Your tour will continue over to **Kalfaret**, the noble residential area of Bergen, and on to the main attraction of the day - **Ulriken Mountain**. You will be taken by **cable car** to the highest of Bergen's famous "Seven Mountains," Ulriken, to spectacular scenery and mountain terrain 2,100 feet above the city streets. From the summit, at the **Sky:skraperen** you will be introduced to one of the **local specialties** while you enjoy magnificent views of Bergen and the surrounding area - the sea, the islands, fjords, and mountains, before returning back to the lower station to board your motor coach for a short trip back to the pier.

Please note: People can stay on the motor coach if walking becomes too strenuous during the tour. There is a ramp and lift at the Ulriken cable car.

PRICE\$139

Bergen: A Classical Afternoon at Troidhaugen

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

You will depart by private coach and drive through the southern residential areas of Bergen to **Troidhaugen** which was built in 1885 and was where Edvard Grieg lived for 22 years together with his wife Nina. Grieg composed many of his best-known works in the composer's hut by the shore of **Lake Nordås**. Edvard and Nina Grieg are buried in a cliff-hewn tomb, below the grounds of the house. You will enjoy a **guided tour of the Villa**, museum and the garden and have some free time to walk around on your own. You will be invited for a **glass of prosecco** at the **Restaurant Spisestedet Troidhaugen** located in the museum building next to the villa. The visit will end with the highlight of the tour, a **private recital** in Troidsalen. One of the best interpreters of Grieg's music will play some of his famous pieces as well as some of the more unknown ones, and tell stories and anecdotes about the composer and his wife. You will return to the pier where the tour ends.

Please note: Wear comfortable walking shoes. It is a 15 minute walk from the parking lot to Troldhaugen along a gravel walking path.

PRICE\$159

Bergen: Be Our Guest at Ovre Eide Farm

ACTIVITY LEVEL: STRENUOUS

Tall mountains and a still lake provide a stunning backdrop around the green fields of **Øvre-Eide Farm**, creating an idyllic and tranquil atmosphere for visitors. This is a new and exciting venue only a short drive away from the center of Bergen, which will give you beautiful nature, cultural history, and a taste of traditional Norwegian food. You will board a motor coach and upon arrival at Øvre Eide Farm the owner will greet you and take you on a **guided tour of the farm** which will give you insights into the history of the farm, the local heritage, and farming now and in the past. During the tour you will also **meet the animals** that are typically found on a Norwegian farm. The tour will end in the main building and the "prison" /wine cellar where you will be served **freshly baked almond ring cake** and **freshly pressed local fruit juice, coffee, and tea**. You will also have some time to **wander around and explore the farm on your own** before the coach takes you back to the pier where the tour ends.

Please note: This tour is not recommended for those with mobility issues as you will encounter steps, gravel, and uneven ground during the tour of the farm.

PRICE\$139

Bergen: Hardangerfjord-The Queen of the Fjords

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

This full day tour will offer you the opportunity to see more of the beautiful Norwegian countryside travelling to the true attraction - **Hardangerfjord**. You will board your motor coach and begin with a brief sightseeing tour through Bergen, passing **Bergenhuss Fortress, King Haakon's Hall, Rosenkrantz Tower** as well as **Bryggen**, and the **Fish Market**. Then you will drive along the scenic **Samnangerfjord**, past small villages and farmlands to climb up to the mountainous region of **Kvamskogen**, a popular winter sports area for people from Bergen. You will have a short photo stop before descending to the Hardangerfjord region and the **Steinsdalsfossen**, where you can walk under the waterfall, take photos, and browse at the

small souvenir shop. Your tour will continue past the villages of **Norheimsund** and **Øystese** toward **Steinestø Fruit Farm**, an idyllic place in peaceful surroundings located along the Hardangerfjord. For eight generations this family has grown fruits and berries, and nowadays they also process and preserve some of their own products. You will see how the farm is run now and how it was run in the past. You will also get to **taste their delicious homemade apple juice**. You will continue along the Hardangerfjord to Voss, a perfect recreation area, with Vangs Lake for summer activities and ski trails and slopes for winter activities. A **delicious lunch buffet** of hot and cold Norwegian dishes will be served at one of the hotels in Voss, and you will have some **time to stroll** around in this charming village before returning to Bergen.

Please note: The walk to the waterfall is uphill along a gravel path and it is also uphill from the parking lot to the fruit farm. The roads along the fjord are winding and narrow. People with mobility issues can stay on the motor coach whenever walking is involved if they choose.

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