

# Concordia College A Taste of Norway June 13 - 23, 2025







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**Day 1: Friday, June 13, 2025 • Departure** Our tour begins with our departure to Oslo, Norway.

# Day 2: Saturday, June 14, 2025 • Oslo

We arrive in Oslo, where we meet our driver and travel a short distance to the heart of the city. The combination of the surrounding mountains and the extensive coastline has left its mark on the food of Oslo. We are introduced to the unique flavors of regional specialties with a guided food tour with a wide range of foods as well as fascinating stories we hear about the many sides of the city of Oslo. We check-into our hotel and have time to freshen up before dinner at our hotel this evening L/D

#### Day 3: Sunday, June 15, 2025 • Oslo

Today we visit the Vigeland Sculpture Park, home to over 200 bronze and granite sculptures by Gustav Vigeland. We visit the Mathallen Food Hall, which offers an array of local and international foods. **B** 

#### Day 4: Monday, June 16, 2025 • Oslo

Today we are in for a very special treat. After breakfast we travel west to an open-air museum, Rollag Bygdetun and enjoy a meet and greet with Nevada Berg, the author and creator of the New York Times award-winning cookbook, "North Wild Kitchen: Home Cooking from the Heart of Norway". She will share her expertise in Norwegian food and culture and teach a group cooking class as we prepare a family style lunch. Upon our return to Oslo, we dine at a Michelin Star restaurant. **B/L/D** 





# Day 5: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 • Heidal area

We say goodbye to Oslo and journey north into the gates of Jotunheimen. En route, we visit Solbrasetra: the birthplace of Brunost where we learn about Anne Hov and the history of the strong symbol of Norwegian culture and tradition. We continue to the mountain village of Heidal and have a guided tour of the Heidal Ysteri brown cheese factory. Afterwards, we enjoy a pizza lunch at a local favorite, Bokhandel'n. Tonight, we enjoy a farm to table dinner and overnight at a nearby mountain farm. B/L/D

# Day 6: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 • Flam

After breakfast we take a short drive to Lillehammer and visit the recently awarded bakery of the year! Here we sample the bakery's specialty, the Lillehammer Bun and possibly have a bread making demo. After grabbing a sandwich to go, we drive to Flam and travel through **Lærdal Tunnel**, the world's longest road tunnel. Upon arrival at Flam, we enjoy a ride on one of the **most beautiful train journeys in the world**. After checking into our hotel, we experience a Viking Plank dinner. **B/L/D** 

## Day 7: Thursday, June 19, 2025 • Flam

Today is a free day to enjoy the beauty of Flam! B

#### Day 8: Friday, June 20, 2025 • Bergen

After breakfast, we take a short drive to visit a traditional fruit and cider farm near the Hardangerfjord and get a taste of the famous "Cider from Hardanger"! The unique climate along the Hardangerfjord provides optimal conditions for producing apples of very high quality. We enjoy walking through the





sweet-smelling orchards while enjoying fabulous views of the fjords. When we arrive in Bergen, we go on a thrilling **fishing adventure along the shoreline** where we learn how to catch the freshest local crabs, fish, small shrimp and pick seaweed. We then return to land with our ingredients in hand to be prepared with outdoor cooking and enjoyed. **B/D** 

# Day 9: Saturday, June 21, 2025 • Bergen

Today our journey takes us to Trolhaugen, the former home of Edward Grieg. We enjoy a recital listening to his beautiful music. We enjoy a traditional Norwegian Matpakke lunch. B/L

#### Day 10: Sunday, June 22, 2025 • Bergen

This morning, we enjoy a funicular ride to the top of **Mount Floyen**, a mountain that rises above the harbor and covered in a beautiful Scandinavian Forest. While here we may find a troll or two. After lunch on our own we visit the **Old Bergen Museum**. Tonight, we have our farewell dinner on a fjord dinner cruise where we perhaps meet our chef. **B/D** 

#### Day 11: Monday, June 23, 2025 • Return

Sadly, this morning, we must bid our driver and guide farewell. We are transferred to Bergen's International Airport, where we will board our flight for the return across the Atlantic. We bring with us memories of some of the world's most beautiful scenery, centuries old buildings, new recipes to try, and the friends we have met along the way. **B** 

Abbreviations for Meals B=Breakfast D=Dinner



per person, double occupancy

# Single supplement = \$1,350

# with a minimum of 20 participants

# **Your Tour Includes:**

- **Roundtrip Airfare** and related taxes, fees and fuel charges (\$1,620 from MSP to Oslo and return from Bergen on Icelandair)
- Land Transportation via private deluxe airconditioned motor coach
- Accommodations (double occupancy) in 3 and 4 star hotels
- Meals per the itinerary
- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Complimentary cookbook by Nevada Berg** (Upon deposit, registrants will choose one of two cookbooks to receive prior to the trip, inspiring interest in Norwegian food and culture.)
- Services of professional tour manager
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- Luggage handling of one piece per person where available
- All taxes and tips for provided services on land tour, except as noted below

# **Your Tour Does Not Include:**

- Meals other than indicated above
- Beverages, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour manager
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. *(This insurance is available and recommended.)*

#### **Payment Schedule:**

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. A second deposit of \$1,000 per person is due on November 14, 2024. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure date (March 16, 2024). Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

#### **Currency:**

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#### **Refund/Cancellation Policy:**

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 120 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 119-31 days, a \$300 per person cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 30 days prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/ interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

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