

# MURRAY & JUDY

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Norway Road Trip - Complete  
12<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2023

## THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND ABOUT YOUR TRAVELS

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### **SAFETY IN NORWAY**

Your safety is our priority. While beautiful, Norway's nature is also wild, fragile and unpredictable. Nordic Visitor urges you to exercise caution when travelling in Norway. Please keep to marked paths and walkways when exploring the country's attractions, and heed all safety signs, road signs, and weather warnings.

### **24/7 HELPLINE**

We would like to remind you that we operate a 24/7 helpline, exclusively for our travelling guests. Should any issues arise outside office hours that require immediate attention from our staff, we encourage you to contact a representative by dialling +46 70 666 2615. Please note that for all emergencies, the National Emergency Number is 112.

### **CAR RENTAL HELPLINE**

In case of vehicle breakdown, please contact the number provided by the rental car company. You'll find it on your booking confirmation or in the car rental vouchers you'll receive from Nordic Visitor.

### **FERRY CROSSINGS**

Please be advised that this tour features ferry crossings, however, ferry tickets are not included in the price of your tour package. It is your responsibility to make it on to the ferry, but if you miss the ferry or the ferry is cancelled, please get in touch with Nordic Visitor as soon as possible.

### **NAVIGATING IN NORWAY**

We have prepared hand-marked route maps to help you navigate around Norway. You will find the map in the hard copy travel package which you will receive upon collecting your rental car at the airport in Norway. Nordic Visitor highly recommends using the map provided for navigating during your self-drive holiday in Norway.

Your route map will be coloured as follows:

- Green marks your suggested driving route
- Pink marks your overnight accommodation
- Orange is for tour highlights
- Blue marks any ferries or coastal voyages

## A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR CUSTOM ITINERARY

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### **BOOKING OVERVIEW**

Detailed information about your accommodation and services can be found in the booking overview in the front of this booklet and on the vouchers included in your folder.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

This is your holiday – see and do what interests you! All the highlights we've listed in your itinerary are simply suggestions. These highlights are popular among our travellers (and Nordic Visitor staff!) but you can decide how many or few of them interest you. The numbers listed beside each highlight corresponds to the page in the Travel Guide where you'll find brief description of the site or attraction, so you can read up on what awaits you in Norway.

### **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Most optional activities can be booked locally but we recommend pre-booking well in advance. Otherwise, we are happy to help you arrange activities and day tours. Optional activities are not included in the price of your vacation package.

### **TRAVEL NOTES**

This is free space for you to write down names, websites, phone numbers, or other useful information. Or simply make note of interesting sights along your route!

## JUNE 12: WELCOME TO OSLO

Welcome to Norway! Upon arrival at Gardermoen Airport in Oslo, please collect your baggage and go through customs. We recommend the Airport Express Train (Flytoget), which runs every 10 minutes and takes you to Oslo Central Station, which is located within walking distance from your hotel. Tickets can be purchased online, through their Flytoget app, in ticket machines at the airport or at the information desk near the entrance to the train.

At your hotel, you will receive your welcome package with hard copies of your travel documents (including itinerary). *Please remember to ask for them.*

After dropping your bags at your hotel, we recommend going out to explore the city today. Close to your hotel, we can recommend a walk to the roof of the iconic Norwegian National Opera House situated along the Oslo harbour, which should offer a great view over the city. Also close to the water, you could visit the Akershus Fortress, a medieval castle built in the late 1290s by King Haakon V to protect Oslo. If you would like to see some art, we can recommend the Munch Museum which contains an impressive collection of paintings, prints and drawings donated by Munch himself to the city.

We recommend strolling down to the Aker Brygge harbour, where there are many restaurants to choose from for dinner.

**Highlights:** Oslo (8-14), Aker Brygge (10), Oslo Opera House (14) - *The number in brackets corresponds to the destination's page in the Norway Travel Guide.*

**Car rental pickup:** You will pick up your rental car on arrival at the Bergen airport. You can find further information on your voucher for location of the pick up.

**Staff picks:** Visit Vippetangen, a street food hall in Oslo where it is especially nice to sit outside during the summer. You can also rent electric scooters around the city, which is a very nice way to travel between attractions in the city centre.

**Note:** Check-in time varies for each hotel, but typically starts between 14:00 and 16:00. You are welcome to request an early check-in for an additional fee; please contact your travel consultant well in advance of your arrival.

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## JUNE 13: HISTORICAL OSLO

Today, you have the whole day to enjoy and discover the best that Oslo has to offer. The vibrant Norwegian capital offers numerous interesting sights to visit and a wide array of restaurants and cafes for a taste of Norway. Here are a few suggestions:

You can start your morning by visiting some of the highlights of the city centre.

You can roam Aker Brygge, a bustling area full of restaurants and shops along the Oslo boardwalk. You can also take some time to visit Akerhus Fortress or join a guided tour. The Medieval castle and fortress, dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century, is a great place to learn more about Oslo's history. It was built in a strategic location at the end of the headland, which today means it's a perfect location for a nice afternoon of discovery.

In the same vein, if you love learning about Scandinavian monarchy, you could visit the Royal Palace. The royal residence is the home of HM King Harald V and HM Queen Sonja. It is a beautiful neo-classical building surrounded by the Royal Palace Park. You may want to pop by around 13:30 to see the changing of the guards.

If you're a theatre lover, we recommend visiting the Ibsen Museum, located near the Royal Palace. The former home of Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen, it is now a museum which you can visit to learn more about his life and work. And if you don't know him, it's worth exploring as he is one of the most performed playwrights in the world!

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If time allows and you would like to head a little out of town, why not visit Frogner Park, the largest park in central Oslo. It's a nice location for a stroll in the sun, or even a picnic, and you can also visit the Vigeland Sculpture Park, located at its heart.

For a unique experience, head to the Holmenkollen Ski Museum and Tower. The famous ski jump at Holmenkollen is the oldest of its kind in the world! At the museum you'll learn about the 4,000 years of skiing history, and from the observation deck you'll get an amazing panoramic view of the city!

As you're visiting during the summer, we also recommend popping over to the University of Oslo's Botanical Garden.

**Highlights:** Oslo (8-14).

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## JUNE 14: OLYMPIC TOWN OF LILLEHAMMER

Start your self-drive tour by heading to the Enterprise Car rental office at the airport where you will pick up your rental car before driving to the city. Take the Airport Express train (Flytoget), which runs every 10 minutes from the Oslo Central station and takes you to the airport in only 20 minutes or book a taxi directly from your hotel to Oslo Gardermoen Airport.

Then you will start your drive to Lillehammer. Lillehammer is probably best known as the host city of the 1994 Winter Olympics, and the legacy lives on here at attractions like the Norwegian Olympic Museum and the Lyngårdsbakken Ski Jumping Arena, the venue of the opening and closing ceremonies of that year's games.

But there's more to this city than winter sports. Lillehammer is also home to Norway's largest open-air museum, Maihaugen. Spread over three sections, the site includes over 200 carefully preserved buildings mainly from the 1400s to early 1900s, though its most popular building, the Garmo stave church, was built around 1150.

Be sure to check out the centre of Lillehammer with its charming, colourful 19th-century wooden houses that overlook the northern shores of Lake Mjøsa, with mountains in the distance.

**Highlights:** Lillehammer (17), Hamar (16).

**Staff picks:** Hunderfossen Family Park, if you're in the mood for something more thrilling try bobsledding on the Olympic tracks.

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## CAR RENTAL PICK UP INFORMATION

You will pick up your rental car on arrival at the Oslo airport. Visit the Enterprise Car Rental Office after clearing customs and collecting your baggage.

**Office location:** Enterprise Office – Oslo Gardemoen Airport. Tel: +47 63 97 73 00.

**Opening hours:** Please visit [www.enterprise.no](http://www.enterprise.no) to view the opening hours of the car rental office at Oslo Airport

**Please Note:** The car rental period is on a 24-hour basis, so you must return the car **no later than the time stated on your voucher** (unless otherwise stated and discussed with either Nordic Visitor or the car rental agency). Otherwise you may be charged by the car rental agency for an additional day with the car.

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## JUNE 15: EXPLORE THE RICH HISTORY OF RØROS

Today you will explore Rondane National Park and the Swedish border, and the small mountain town of Røros.

Røros is an attraction in its own right with its characteristic wooden buildings from a bygone era. This settlement sprang to life in 1644 with the establishment of a copper mine in the nearby mountains. Although the local mining industry saw its last days in the late 1970s, the village managed to preserve the 17th and 18th century cottages, village shops and the beautiful baroque church – efforts that paid off with a place on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Take a stroll through 300 years of mining history with a guided tour of Olavsgruva Mine, 500 metres inside the mountain and 50 metres below the surface. Or join an above-ground walking tour to learn how people lived and worked in the old days. It is also well worth a visit to the Røros Museum, featuring old workmen's homes and exhibits about the copper mines and smelting process.

Røros is now a lively community known for its local handcrafts. With a high concentration of artists and craftsmen living here, you will also find a surprising number of charming shops and interesting workshops.

**Highlights:** Røros (19).

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## JUNE 16: TRAVEL TO TRONDHEIM

After breakfast at your hotel, head north towards Trondheim, the "Capital of the Vikings". Enjoy exploring this vibrant port city that was once the capital of Norway during the Viking Age, back when the city was called Nidaros. Here you will find the remarkable Nidaros Cathedral – with architecture to rival Paris's Notre Dame. Next to the cathedral is the Archbishop's Palace (Erkebispegården), the oldest such building in Scandinavia. Here you will find artefacts from the palace, which was built in the 12th century, along with statues and even firearms from the period when the palace doubled as an armoury.

We also recommend a stroll through the Old City of Trondheim, Bakklandet, which is an idyllic neighbourhood full of history and culture. On the east side of the city is Bakklandet, the charming quarter where you'll find an iconic row of old wooden houses in a kaleidoscope of colours – like something out of a folk museum.

From the city centre, the best approach to this colourful area of Trondheim is by walking over the Old City Bridge (Gamle Bybro), also known as the "Gate of Happiness" (Lykkens Portal). As part of this neighbourhood covers a hillside, Bakklandet also boasts the world's first bicycle lift, called "Trampe", to help cyclists up the steep Brubakken hill.

**Highlights:** Trondheim (40-43), The Wharf & Bakklandet (41), Nidaros Cathedral & Archbishop's Palace (41).

**Staff Picks:** We recommend having a drink at Restaurant Kommandanten near Kristiansten Festning, where you can enjoy the view of Trondheim.

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## JUNE 17: JOURNEY TO QUAIN T KRISTIANSUND

From Trondheim, begin driving south along the beautiful west coast of Norway towards the island town of Kristiansund with its bright, colourful houses. Kristiansund is often referred to as the "opera town", and for a very good reason as the town offers frequent opera performances, an opera festival and an outdoor rendition of "Donna Bacalao" every year.

There is a lot to see in Kristjansund. On the island of Innlandet you can take a short walk to Sjursvika, an area full of restored old buildings and warehouses, many of which have been combined into a coastal cultural centre. Nearby, the Nordmøre Museum has some archaeological finds on display from the ancient Fosna settlement as well as an exhibition detailing the history of the Bacalo process.

Over on the small island of Grip you will find a little red church from the 15th century that locals traditionally used as a storm shelter. Oddly enough, this church—which lies just a few metres above sea level—has remained intact even as hundreds of other buildings washed away in violent storms over the years.

For those interested in local culture or bird watching, Smøla, along with the other small islands in the vicinity, is a great place to observe the traditional life of Norwegian fishermen or catch a glimpse of the majestic sea eagle.

**Highlights:** Kristiansund (39).

**Staff picks:** Kristjansund is known for its tasty Bacalo and we recommend trying their local version of fish and chips called Fishan.

**Ferry Information:** Today you will board a ferry from Halså to Kanestråum.

- The departures run every 20 – 30 minutes, and there can be a waiting time up to one hour during evenings and weekends.
- The ferry duration is: 20 minutes.
- Please note that ferry tickets are not included in the price of your tour package, and it is your responsibility to catch the ferry on time before continuing your journey to the next destination.

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## JUNE 18: ATLANTIC OCEAN ROAD & ÅLESUND

Today you will drive the famous Atlantic Ocean Road (Atlanterhavsveien), 8.3-kilometre (5.2 mi) long section of Road 64 that connects a number of small islands to the mainland, with eight bridges and several causeways built over the islets and skerries between Averøy and the Romsdal peninsula. The road includes several rest stops where you can park your car and snap a few pictures.

Next, head to the historically significant fishing village of Bud. The 170-acre village, which has a population of fewer than 800, has a rich fishing history. Due to a good harbour and several fisheries, Bud grew to become the largest village between the towns of Trondheim and Bergen during the Middle Ages.

From Bud, drive to the city of Molde, where you take a ferry, with your car, to Vestnes and continue your journey to the captivating town of Ålesund. This city was almost completely rebuilt after a huge fire and features a myriad of turrets, spires and beautiful ornamentation which give the town its distinctive character, like something out of a fairytale. Here you also have the opportunity to visit the Atlantic Sea Park and enjoy stunning views from Fjellstua.

For a glimpse into the city's history, the Ålesund Museum houses an exhibition on the great 1904 fire and the impressive rebuilding period. The Sunnmøre Museum provides another good glimpse into the past with some 40 historic homes and fishing vessels on display.

**Highlights:** Atlantic Ocean Road (39), Molde (38), Ålesund (37).

**Ferry Information:** Today you will board a ferry from Molde to Vestnes.

- The departures run every 15 – 30 minutes, and there can be a waiting time up to one hour during evenings and weekends.
- The ferry duration is: 35 minutes.
- Please note that ferry tickets are not included in the price of your tour package, and it is your responsibility to catch the ferry on time before continuing your journey to the next destination.

**Staff picks:** Kvernes Stave Church has a magnificent view over the Kvernes fjord and the Frei fjord. The church is roughly about 25 minute drive from the famous attraction, The Atlantic Ocean Road.

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## JUNE 19: TROLLSTIGEN & GEIRANGER

Get ready for an exciting drive today! If you enjoy twists and turns, you will be impressed with a drive on Trollstigen, "the Troll Ladder", one of the most visited attractions in Norway. Trollstigen takes you over the mountain to the Romsdalen valley and Åndalsnes, passing 11 exhilarating hairpin bends on the way. This 6-kilometre mountain pass with eleven hairpin turns on a steep 9% incline. The highest point of the pass is approximately 850 metres (2,788 ft). From the parking lot at the top of the pass, a 10-minute walk brings you to a viewing platform overlooking the twisting road and the lovely Stigfossen waterfall.

Next, take a short ferry crossing, with your car, between Linge and Eidsdal before driving down the twisty Ørnesvingen, "The Eagle Road", to Geiranger. The section of Road 63 between Geiranger and Eidsdal is got its name "The Eagle Road", as driving along its steep turns at 620 metres (2,030 ft) above sea level feels a little like being airborne. At the uppermost bend is the most spectacular viewpoint of the road, Ørnesvingen, offering breathtaking views over the UNESCO-listed Geirangerfjord.

Tonight, you will be staying at Hotel Union which boasts a spectacular spa which we recommend pre-booking if you would like to relax and unwind at the end of your drive today.

**Highlights:** Trollstigen (37), Andalsnes (37), The Eagle Road (34), Geirangerfjord (35).

**Staff picks:** After the scenic drive, we recommend a stop at Jordbærstove in Valldal. During the strawberry season you can try a number of dishes in which strawberries are featured as the main ingredients. We highly recommend the strawberry cake!

**Ferry Information:** Today you will board a ferry from Linge to Eidsdal.

- The departures run every 30-45 minutes, and there can be a waiting time up to one hour during evenings and weekends.
- The ferry duration is: 12 minutes.
- Please note that ferry tickets are not included in the price of your tour package, and it is your responsibility to catch the ferry on time before continuing your journey to the next destination.

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## JUNE 20: EXPLORE GEIRANGERFJORD

Breath-taking Geirangerfjord awaits you this morning. The village of Geiranger, situated in the innermost part of the fjord, is as idyllic a location as you can imagine, and in the summertime. After breakfast, spend the morning exploring the vast fjord region of Geiranger until noon. If you feel like an active morning we recommend a leisurely hike or an optional activity like kayaking along the expansive fjord. If you want a relaxing morning, consider visiting the nearby spa at Hotel Union for a spa treatment, followed by a visit to the local chocolate factory in town.

In the afternoon, get back on the road and head to Loen where you will board a ferry, with your car, for a 65-minute cruise through Geirangerfjord, where you will see stunning waterfalls like the Seven Sisters and the Bridal Veil. The Seven Sisters waterfall gets its name from its seven separate streams, the tallest of which measures 250 metres (820 ft). According to local folklore, the “sisters” dance playfully on the mountain while the Friaren waterfall (“The Suitor”) flirts with them from the opposite side of the fjord. The nearby Bridal Veil waterfall is so named because it drops delicately over the cliff edge, and when backlit by the sun it has the appearance of a thin veil over the rocks.

The sightseeing ferry ends in the small village of Hellesylt where you drive south to Loen, where you will spend the night.

Your hotel for the night is very unique and located by the fjord of Loen. It offers a spa which we recommend our guests to enjoy if they have time once they arrive or in the morning. The hotel offers an outdoor swimming pool, ideal in good weather and an indoor waterslide, as well as hot tubs. The spa is open from 08:00 to 20:00 (access is not included).

**Highlights:** Geirangerfjord (35), Seven Sisters & Bridal Veil (36), Loen (34).

**Ferry Information:** Today you will board a ferry Geiranger to Hellesylt

- The ferry runs every 90 minutes between 08:00 – 18:30 in July and August.
- In May, June and September, the ferry runs daily at 08:00, 11:00, 14:00, and 17:00.
- There can be a waiting time up to two hours in the peak season and during weekends. We recommend being at the ferry terminal 45 minutes prior to departure.
- The ferry duration is: 65 minutes.
- Please note that ferry tickets are not included in the price of your tour package, and it is your responsibility to catch the ferry on time before continuing your journey to the next destination. Make sure that you do not miss this ferry as it's not as frequent.

I would suggest you pre-book the Geiranger - Hellesylt ferry since there are only a few departures per day and during the peak season can be fully booked: <https://www.fjordtours.com/things-to-do-in-norway/car-ferries/geiranger-hellesylt/>

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## JUNE 21: LOEN SKYLIFT & FJÆRLAND

Start your morning in lovely Loen, a small village tucked away in the inner part of the Nordfjord region, which offers some of the most magnificent landscapes in Norway, with beautiful fjords, dazzling turquoise lakes, waterfalls, glaciers and steep mountains. This area is also home to some of the oldest Viking Age farmsteads in the country. Other nearby points of interest include the Jostedalbreen National Park, the Ramnefjellsfossen waterfall and the Tindefjellbreen and Briksdalen glaciers.

We recommend an optional activity boarding the magnificent Loen Skylift, a cable car to the altitude of 1011 metres with amazing views of the fjord. Marvel at the views of the fjord, ocean, and vast mountainous landscape. When you arrive at the Mountain Station and the restaurant you will have a 210-degree panoramic view overlooking Mt. Skåla and Lake Lovatnet in the east, Jostedalbreen Glacier and Olden Village in the south and the Nordfjord that winds its way towards Stryn.

Your journey will continue south along Jostedal glacier, mainland Europe's largest ice cap and the Fjærlands road. We recommend stopping at the Norwegian Glacier Museum in Fjærland before reaching Sogndal, a village beautifully situated by the Sognefjord, Norway's longest and deepest fjord.

For tonight a 3-course dinner is included at **19:30**. We kindly ask you to inform the hotel if you are running late, you'll find the phone number on your voucher.

**Highlights:** Loen (34), Jostedal Glacier & Jostedalbreen National Park (33), Sognefjord (33).

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## JUNE 22: SOGNEFJORD AND FLÅM

After breakfast, take a ferry crossing from Sognefjord towards Aurlandsfjord. Sognefjord is the longest and deepest fjord in Norway. At its deepest, the fjord is about 1,300 meters (4,265 ft.) below sea level and extends over 200 kilometres (124 miles) inland to the national parks of Jotunheimen and Jostedalbreen. The sheer mountainsides framing the fjord reach heights of over 1,000 meters (3,280 ft), and the average width of this majestic fjord is roughly 4.5 km (2.8 miles).

We recommend a stop at the Stegastein viewpoint for panoramic views before reaching the village of Flåm, where you find the famous Flåm Railway (Flåmsbana), a steep train ride between Flåm and Myrdal - a treat for photographers or train enthusiasts alike!

There are a number of attractions and activities to enjoy here, including the 17th century Flåm Church, the historic Fretheim Hotel, the Aegir Microbrewery and Restaurant and the Flåmsbana Museum next to the railway station. There are also many opportunities for hiking in the Flåm Valley and surrounding mountains.

After stopping in Flåm, drive through quaint villages including Gudvangen, Stalheim and Norway's adventure capital, Voss before ending the day in Bergen.

**Highlights:** Voss (27), Sognefjord (33), Aurlandsfjord (32), Stegastein (32), Flåm (30), Bergen (24-26).

**Ferry Information:** Today you will board a ferry from Mannheller to Fodnes.

- The departures run every 20-30 minutes.
- There can be a waiting time up to 30-45 minutes during evenings and weekends.
- The ferry duration is: 15 minutes.
- Please note that ferry tickets are not included in the price of your tour package, and it is your responsibility to catch the ferry on time before continuing your journey to the next destination.

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## JUNE 23: BERGEN AT LEISURE

Get ready to explore Bergen today! For incredible views over Bergen and its surrounding landscapes, we recommend taking the Fløibanen funicular railway up to Mount Fløyen. The station is located just 150 metres from the Fish Market, and the funicular follows a steep track up to a scenic viewing platform next to a restaurant, cafeteria and souvenir shop. The ride takes only about 8 minutes each way, with several departures daily. Tickets can be purchased at the station. On top of Fløyen you will also find several hiking paths that we recommend exploring.

Downtown Bergen is a fabulous place to grab a seat outside at one of the bustling restaurant-pubs. There are also plenty of other little cafes, boutiques and shops nearby, along with the lively Fisketorget (fish market) that sells the catch of the day, fresh flowers and other artisanal goods.

Bergen is also known for its museums that cover the city's history, architecture, music and art. We recommend visiting the Edvard Grieg museum and the KODE art museum, which is Scandinavia's largest museum for art and music.

For hiking enthusiasts we recommend hiking up Mt. Ulriken or boarding the cable car up the mountain and walking down. Another alternative is enjoying the fastest zipline in Norway from Mt. Ulriken towards Mt. Fløyen on this epic 300m experience - suspended from the top of the Bergen mountains (pre-booking is necessary).

**Highlights:** Bergen (24-26), Bryggen (25), Fløibanen (25), Håkon's Hall & Rosenkrantz Tower (25), Bergen Museum & Maritime Museum (26).

**Staff picks:** Stop by the bakery Godt Brød for cinnamon buns before heading up to Fløyen, Old Bergen Museum.

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## JUNE 24: HARDANGERFJORD & GEILO

After an exciting day in bustling Bergen, you will hit the road on a scenic drive along Hardangerfjord and past Hardangervidda National park, a region of great natural beauty. Hardangerfjord is the fourth longest fjord in the world, and the second longest fjord in Norway, stretching 179 km from the Atlantic Ocean into Norway along the Hardangervidda plateau.

On your way you will pass the impressive waterfall, Vøringfossen – the highest in Norway with a 182-metre cascade. This natural wonder can be experienced up close from the top by the Fossli Hotel or at the bottom from the beautiful Måbødalen valley, where you can walk to the falls through a rocky ravine. Overall, this moderately challenging hike takes about 1.5 hours (both ways) and is accessible from the parking lot near the opening of the Måbø Tunnel.

Upon reaching Geilo, we recommend visiting Geilojordet which is an idyllic area with ancient buildings from the 1700-1800's and a lovely place to spend some time exploring.

**Highlights:** Eidfjord (28), Hardangervidda National Park (28), Vøringfossen (28), Geilo (16).

**Staff picks:** A popular attraction along the way is the Hardangervidda Nature Centre, a modern museum showcasing Norway's spectacular landscapes with a variety of interesting exhibits, including a panoramic movie that simulates a helicopter ride.

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## JUNE 25: BACK TO OSLO

Before heading back to Oslo, we recommend passing the town of Gol which is known for Gol Stave Church, a Viking village and the Hahaug trolls cave. From Gol, continue to Oslo where you can choose to return the rental car tonight or the next morning. Spend the remainder of the day exploring highlights of Oslo.

As you will find, Oslo is an interesting blend of traditional Scandinavian design and modern cosmopolitan influences. This fusion of “old meets new” can be seen in places like Aker Brygge, the old waterfront area that is now a buzzing neighbourhood of trendy shops, bars and restaurants next to some of Oslo’s most historic landmarks, such as the Akershus Fortress and the Royal Palace.

**Highlights:** Oslo (8-14), Karl Johans Gate (9), The Royal Palace (9), Oslo Cathedral (9), Vigeland Sculpture Park (14), City Hall (13), Holmenkollen Ski Jump & Museum (15).

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## JUNE 26: DEPARTURE FROM OSLO

Today is the last day of your Norwegian adventure. For your departure, head to the airport where you will begin with returning your rental car at the same location as you picked it up on arrival.

If your flight is in the afternoon, take the morning to visit a little more of Oslo, checking out one of the many museums or taking a few last photos around the harbour area. You could also enjoy some last-minute shopping, or a relaxing break at a café or restaurant before your journey home.

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*We hope you had an unforgettable experience and wish you a safe journey back home!*