

The legendary fjords of Norway

From **28/06/2026**
to **06/07/2026**

Ship: **Le Champlain**

From **Bergen**
to **Fredrikstad**



Sail along **Norway's mythical fjords** following in the footsteps of courageous Vikings during an exceptional journey between **Bergen and Fredrikstad**. During this **9-day cruise aboard Le Champlain**, the mystical decors edged with charming villages are sure to surprise you

At each port of call on your trip, every guest will be able to choose one included activity from the selection offered by Ponant. During this cruise, admire the incredible panorama composed of waterfalls and craggy peaks from aboard the Flåm train, one of the steepest and most famous railways in the world, set off to explore the surroundings of Geiranger, including Mount Dalsnibba. The diversity of options on offer promises intense and varied experiences. (Find the full list of excursions under the Itinerary tab.)

Departing from Bergen, famous for its Hanseatic wharf which still bears some traces of the city's rich Viking past, your first stop will be Flam. Nestled in the heart of the **Aurlandsfjord** between verdant mountains, this picturesque village with colourful houses is home to the famous **Flam Railway**.

After cruising along Norway's longest and deepest fjord, Sognefjord, you will sail one of the most mythical fjords in the Land of the Midnight Sun, **Geirangerfjord**. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is as inspiring as it is fascinating.

In **Maloy**, a lovely little town backing onto the Norwegian Sea, you will have the privilege of discovering enchanting decors of granite summits covered in a verdant coat, superb silvery sandy beaches, traditional red wooden houses...

Next, you will sail to **Eidfjord**. In the ancient glacial valley of the **Hardanger Fjord**, the steep mountains and roaring waterfalls, including **the Voring Falls**, among the highest in Europe, are an awesome display of nature.

In **Stavanger**, a small town with harmonious blend of old and modern styles, you will admire the wonderfully preserved fishermen's houses that date from the 18th century, before sailing to the famous Lysefjorden,

bordered by granite cliffs.

You will then head towards the **Sorlandet region**, to enjoy the timeless charm and gentle climate of **Kristiansand**. Here, you will be able to stroll around the picturesque little streets, edged with typical wooden houses, and discover the town's lively port.

Finally, you will reach **Fredrikstad**, the best-preserved fortified town in northern Europe and the end of an unforgettable trip.



The information in this document is valid as of 02/04/2026

The legendary fjords of Norway

YOUR STOPOVERS :

BERGEN

Embarkation 28/06/2026 from 16:00 to 17:00

Departure 28/06/2026 at 18:00

Located at the end of **Byfjord, Bergen** was the capital of Norway in the 12th and 13th Centuries and has preserved some very beautiful monuments from the time when it was home to royalty. Wandering through Bergen's streets means going back in time, in search of the hidden treasures that have been listed as **World Heritage Sites by UNESCO**. A veritable openair museum, Bergen is home to a thriving artistic community of painters, potters, jewellers. The Bergen cable car offers you a splendid panorama over the port and the surrounding fjords. Do not miss the visit to the old quarter with its narrow streets, a testimony of the power of the hanseatic League that controlled trade in Northern Europe at the end of the Middle Ages.

SAILING IN THE SOGNEFJORD

Arrival 29/06/2026

Departure 29/06/2026

Nordfjordeid is a small town nestling at the end of an arm of the gigantic **Nordfjord**. Featuring valleys with abundant vegetation and mountainous terrain, nature here offers a 360-degree view that was conducive to the early settlement of **Viking communities**, as evidenced by the large number of tombs, some of the country's largest and richest. You will be able to deepen your knowledge of Nordic culture and traditions at the **Sagstad Viking Centre**, a surprising museum with interactive exhibitions, also home to the *Myklebust*, one of the world's largest Viking ships, measuring 30 metres (98 feet) in length. In addition to its stunning setting, the town is known for its many breeders of Norwegian farm horses, the Fjord horse, offering the opportunity for wonderful hikes in the surrounding area.

FLAM

Arrival 29/06/2026 early morning

Departure 29/06/2026 midday

Nestled in the heart of the fjord country, less than 200 kilometres from Bergen, the picturesque village of **Flâm** – pronounced Flôm – offers you an experience of **authentic Norway**. You can mosey around the brightly coloured streets and admire the majestic contours of the surrounding mountains. The town is also the departure point for the mythical train route **Flamsbana**, 20 kilometres long, whose journey offers a superb view of the scenery, as sublime as it is pristine. This attraction makes Flâm one of the country's main tourist destinations.

SAILING IN THE GEIRANGER FJORD

Arrival 30/06/2026

Departure 30/06/2026

Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2005, **Geirangerfjord** is part of the **West Norwegian Fjords**. Located in the south-west of Norway, to the north-east of Bergen, the fjord stretches from **Stavanger** in the south to **Andalsnes**, 500 km north-east. It is one of the longest and deepest fjords in the world and considered to be **one of the most spectacular landscapes on the planet**. You will admire the exceptional natural beauty of its narrow and steep-sided crystalline rock walls, rising to a height of 1,400 m and extending 500 m below sea level. **Numerous waterfalls** are part of the great variety of natural terrestrial and marine phenomena to be found at this site.

GEIRANGER

Arrival 30/06/2026 midday

Departure 30/06/2026 early evening

A must-see stopover in Norway, located halfway between Bergen and Trondheim, **Geiranger** offers the stunning beauty of a natural decor, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. You will be able to admire the splendour of the sheer cliffs, dark rocks and crystal-clear water that make the place famous, like the **majestic and mythical Seven Sisters waterfall**. The sides of the fjord offer many possibilities for hiking: the **Eagle's Road** takes you up to a steep stretch offering a gorgeous panoramic view. A visit to **Geiranger** village will immerse you in the rhythm of life in the little local community.

MALOY

Arrival 01/07/2026 early morning

Departure 01/07/2026 mid afternoon

To the east of Vågsøy island, at the mouth of the emblematic Nordfjorden, **Måløy** shelters one of the most important fishing ports in the Sogn og Fjordane province. Surrounded by **raw and preserved nature**, where granite peaks covered with a green coat and idyllic sandy beaches blend in harmony, the port will charm you with its **pretty little streets** and the **many lighthouses** that border it. Vågsøy island is also famous for its mythical **Kannesteinen Rock**. This natural masterpiece is sculpted by the currents of the Norwegian Sea; its whale-tail-shaped silhouette is the result of thousands of years of erosion.

SAILING IN THE HARDANGERFJORD

Arrival 02/07/2026

Departure 02/07/2026

In the heart of Norway's natural scenery, to the southeast of Bergen, you will sail the peaceful waters of the **Hardangerfjord**, the second longest fjord in Norway. At the wide mouth of this majestic fjord, gently sloping valleys offer the sight of lush meadows and fruit trees galore. Moreover, it is rightly nicknamed the "fruit orchard of Norway". As you continue sailing and move further inland, the fjord narrows and the rolling surroundings make way for vertiginous walls and high mountainous areas. Enhanced by the reflections of the light on the soft waters, at times clear, at times deep, the landscapes become wilder and reveal an uncut diamond of singular beauty.

EIDFJORD

Arrival 02/07/2026 midday

Departure 02/07/2026 late afternoon

Eidfjord is nestled in one of the last branches of the beautiful **Hardanger Fjord**, 'the Norwegian orchard', which has been famous for its fruit production since medieval times. All the forces of nature seem to come together in this ancient glacial valley. Imposing and majestic mountains border the **Hardangervidda National Park**, the largest high-altitude plateau in Europe. The serene waters of the fjord and **Lake Eidfjord** are matched by the roar of the **Voring Falls**, one of Europe's highest waterfalls and Norway's main source of hydroelectric power.

SAILING IN LYSEFJORDEN

Arrival 03/07/2026

Departure 03/07/2026

You will sail into the heart of one of Norway's most breathtaking fjords, its marvellous décor dominated by pristine nature, between vertiginous granite cliffs, crystal-clear waters and luxuriant vegetation. Very close to Stavanger, the quiet waters of **Lysefjorden** stretch out over around forty kilometres, beneath impressive rocks. Admire the world-famous site of **Preikestolen** (Pulpit Rock), a majestic cliff in the shape of a pulpit that rises to more than 600 metres above the waters. A bit further on, **Flørli**, from the top of its 4,444 steps, is the world's longest wooden stairway, whereas the Kjerag, with its mythical boulder wedged between two rock faces, provides an unusual and unforgettable spectacle.

STAVANGER

Arrival 03/07/2026 early morning

Departure 03/07/2026 midday

At the far end of the country, stands the harbour town of **Stavanger**, with its warm, friendly atmosphere. A friendliness you'll notice in the little old town cobbled streets, which has some **170 old wooden houses**, as well as in its modern city centre, always bustling. Strategic place during the Viking era, you will be able to discover a recreated traditional village as well as the famous Swords in Rock, three granite swords standing 10 metres (33 ft) tall, symbolising the last victory of the King of Norway Harald I, in 872.

KRISTIANSAND

Arrival 04/07/2026 early morning

Departure 04/07/2026 early afternoon

Located in the region of **Sørlandet**, the town of Kristiansand has prospered for a long time from its building industry and shipbuilding installations. Today, the town offers its timeless charm and mild climate the whole year round. You'll be amazed by its vibrant pastel colours, and its streets laid out in right angles. Among the districts worth exploring is **Posebyen** with its wooden houses inhabited in the olden days by workers and craftsmen. Here you can really get to grips with the town's energy.

FREDRIKSTAD

Arrival 05/07/2026 early morning

Disembarkation 06/07/2026 at 08:00

Nestling on the shores of the Glomma estuary, **Fredrikstad** captivates with its rich historical heritage, picturesque canals and warm atmosphere. Founded in 1567, the **fortified old town** still has traces of its rich past. Fall under the spell of its cobbled narrow streets, edged with **traditional old wooden buildings**, boutiques and lively cafes, and also discover the extremely well-preserved ramparts, built almost 5 centuries ago. Nature enthusiasts will also appreciate the **magnificent hiking paths** along the Oslo fjord and surrounding islands, such as Hankø, with its idyllic beaches and lush plains.