

# Cruising the Norwegian Fjords – with Smithsonian Journeys

From **30/07/2022**  
to **06/08/2022**

Ship: **LE DUMONT-D'URVILLE**

From **Bergen**  
to **Oslo**



Shore excursion or activity in each port of call + transfers included

## In alliance with Smithsonian Journeys.

*This cruise is part of a collection of PONANT voyages that are specially-tailored for English-speaking travelers who want to engage with the world. In addition to the usual elements of the PONANT experience, the listed price for these voyages includes transfers to and from the ship, talks and discussions aboard ship by world class experts, and a shore excursion or activity in each port of call that encourages guests to embrace the sights, sounds, tastes, and smells of the local environment and culture.*

Cruise with PONANT on an exceptional itinerary and discover **the beauty of the Norwegian fjords.**

Come aboard the *Le Dumont-d'Urville* for an **8-day cruise** and sail along the Norwegian coastline, whose vertiginous cliff faces have been sculpted by the wind and the sea, giving rise to many unspoiled fjords.

From **Bergen**, famous for its Hanseatic wharf which still carries a few traces of the rich historic past of the city founded by the Vikings, your ship will first sail towards **Alesund**, where you will be able to admire the wonderfully preserved fishermen's houses that date from the 18th century. Then, you will discover the **Geiranger Fjord**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before making your way to the small colourful and cosmopolitan towns of **Hellesylt**.

*Le Dumont-d'Urville* will set sail for **Loen**. From this small and charming village, located a few kilometres from Jostedalsglacier National Park, which is home to one of the last ice caps in Europe, you will have the opportunity to admire the magnificent **Briksdal glacier**.

During your cruise, you will have the privilege of sailing in the famous "**Lysefjord**" (light fjord), flanked by granite cliffs.

**Arendal**, once known as the Venice of the North because of its canals, will be an utterly charming port of call.

On the final leg of your trip you will call at **Gothenburg**, in Sweden. Your cruise will end in **Oslo**, the Norwegian capital, a city with a unique energy.



The information in this document is valid as of 06/07/2022

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## YOUR STOPOVERS :

### BERGEN

Embarkation 30/07/2022 from 16:00 to 17:00

Departure 30/07/2022 at 19:30

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.

### ALESUND

Arrival 31/07/2022 midday

Departure 31/07/2022 early evening

Surrounded by a multitude of islands, fjords and majestic mountains, the town of **Ålesund** surprises many visitors. In fact, it is internationally renowned for its **Art nouveau architecture**. After the terrible fire of 1904 which reduced a large part of the town to ashes, Norwegian architects inspired by the Art nouveau style contributed to its reconstruction, with a very picturesque result. Not far from Ålesund, you will also discover **Giske**, the native island of Rollon, the great Viking leader who commanded the Norse expeditions to Normandy, or the beautiful island of Godoy and the village of Alnes, which offers a grandiose panorama over the Atlantic Ocean and the surrounding islands.

### GEIRANGER

Arrival 01/08/2022 early morning

Departure 01/08/2022 midday

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. The splendour of the sheer cliffs, dark rock and crystalline water are the stars of the show here. 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.

### HELLESYLT

Arrival 01/08/2022 early afternoon  
Departure 01/08/2022 late afternoon

**Hellesylt** is a small village located 20 kilometres from the Geiranger site. Here, you'll get a taste of a traditional Norwegian village. Colourful houses, wooden walkways, rustic stalls where you can have a refreshment before heading off to discover more of the local colour. The surroundings are **simply magnificent** with cliffs, mountains and lakes with peaceful waters. The village is crossed by a river whose charming cascade tumbles into the fjord waters.

## LOEN

Arrival 02/08/2022 early morning  
Departure 02/08/2022 midday

At the innermost reaches of the storied **Nordfjord**, the small village of **Loen** lies below the great **Jostedal Glacier**, the largest ice cap in continental Europe. More than a century ago, European cruise ships started to call here for guests to visit the stunning mountains and valleys of the fjordland by horse-drawn carriage. Today, the **Loen Skylift** provides modern access to the panorama of the fjord landscape by ferrying guests to the top of Mount Hoven – 1011 meters above sea level – via cable car in only five minutes. Just inland lies beautiful **Lake Lovatnet**, renowned for its turquoise waters that are fed by melt water from the surrounding glaciers.

## SANDNES

Arrival 03/08/2022 early morning  
Departure 03/08/2022 midday

In the south-west of Norway, nestling at the head of the **Gands Fjord**, **Sandnes** lies surrounded by nature. Known as the “pottery town” of Norway due to its significant ceramics industry resulting from the presence of readily-available clay in the region, Sandnes offers a combination of plains and peaks.

## SAILING IN LYSEFJORDEN

Arrival 03/08/2022 mid afternoon  
Departure 03/08/2022 mid afternoon

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.

## ARENDAL

Arrival 04/08/2022 midday  
Departure 04/08/2022 early evening

This **port town** located on the south coast of Norway is considered to be the locality with the best climate in the entire country. **Arendal** was long reputed for its **iron mines** from which, in the 19th century, it was able to produce a particularly strong earthy iron ore.

## GÖTEBORG (GOTHENBURG)

Arrival 05/08/2022 early morning

Departure 05/08/2022 early afternoon

A lively harbour town, Göteborg is located on the west coast of Sweden, at the crossing of the Göta älv river and the bay of Cattégat. In the **old Haga district**, you can peruse hippy-chic fashion boutiques and bohemian cafés in the ground floors of traditional wood houses. On the majestic **Gustave-Adolphe square**, you'll see elegant neoclassical buildings. Not far from here is the municipal museum dedicated to the town's history. In addition, you will be able to sail along Göteborg's numerous canals. As for eating, it's the **fish and shellfish** which make the gastronomic reputation of this beautiful stopover.

## OSLO

Arrival 06/08/2022 early morning

Disembarkation 06/08/2022 at 08:00

Capital of Norway, **Oslo**, is a green city. Its many parks and gardens make it the reputedly pleasant city it is. The 80 hectares of **Vigeland** sculpture parks and its 212 open air exhibitions, the **Munch Museum** dedicated to the life and works of the Norwegian artist Edvard Munch, plus the **Akershus fortress** which symbolises **Oslo's** rich history, are both must-sees. For culture, the national gallery shelters the largest Norwegian collection of paintings, drawings and sculptures open to the public. And, for sports enthusiasts, the **Holmenkollen** district with its Ski museum and famous ski jump offer the most stunning, all-encompassing view of the city.