

Norwegian fjords

From **16/7/2022**
to **23/7/2022**

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

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



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, you will set sail for **Olden**. From this small and charming village, located a few kilometres from Jostedalbreen 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**.

Your ship will then sail towards the **Geiranger Fjord**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, before making its way to the small colourful and cosmopolitan towns of **Hellesylt**, **Alesund** and **Stavanger**, where you will be able to admire the wonderfully preserved fishermen's houses that date from the 18th century.

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.



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YOUR STOPOVERS :

BERGEN

Embarkation 16/7/2022 from 18h00 to 19h00

Departure 16/7/2022 at 20h00

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.

OLDEN

Arrival 17/7/2022 midday

Departure 17/7/2022 late afternoon

With its two wooden churches, one red and the other white, plus its breathtaking view of the mouth of the river Oldeelva, **Olden** looks just like a picture post card. Located a few kilometres from the Jostedalsgreen park, home to one of the last **glacier polar icecaps**, this little village is a definite must for exploring the blue languages of the **Briksdal** or Kjennalen **glaciers**. Make sure you find some time to visit the Norwegian Glacier Museum. Absolutely amazing. Another gem is lake Lovatn and its turquoise waters inviting you to quiet contemplation.

GEIRANGER

Arrival 18/7/2022 early morning

Departure 18/7/2022 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 18/7/2022 early afternoon

Departure 18/7/2022 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.

ALESUND

Arrival 19/7/2022 early morning

Departure 19/7/2022 midday

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.

STAVANGER

Arrival 20/7/2022 early morning

Departure 20/7/2022 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.

SAILING IN LYSEFJORDEN

Arrival 20/7/2022 mid afternoon

Departure 20/7/2022 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 21/7/2022 midday

Departure 21/7/2022 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 22/7/2022 early morning

Departure 22/7/2022 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 23/7/2022 early morning

Disembarkation 23/7/2022 at 08h00

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.