

DAY 9 - JUNE 6

Scenic cruising Sognefjord & Skjolden, Norway

Norway's **Sognefjord** is the longest and deepest fjord in the world. Imagine 205 majestic winding kilometers (127 miles) of beautiful villages, centuries-old architecture including wooden stave churches, towering mountains with snow-covered peaks, cascading waterfalls and panoramic views. It is also a region known for its traditional food, folklore, music and rich culture. The fjord reaches depths of more than 4,291 feet. It also soars to the sky, with rugged cliffs rising to more than 5,577 feet. This is nature at its most dramatic. In fact, one of the Sognefjord's arms, the Nærøyfjord, is on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

Surrounded by steep hills and stunning waterfalls, **Skjolden** is located at the head of Sognefjord. Visit Urnes Stave Church, the oldest stave church found in Norway, also included on UNESCO's World Heritage list, and take a hike in Jostedalbreen National Park for views you'll never forget. **B, L, D**



Urnes Stave Church

DAY 10 - JUNE 7

Day at sea

Today, you will enjoy another full day at sea and another opportunity to explore the Rotterdam further or just relax. **B, L, D**

DAY 11 - JUNE 8

Rotterdam - Indianapolis

This morning the Rotterdam arrives early back into the Port of Rotterdam. We disembark the ship and transfer to the Amsterdam Airport for our flight back home. We arrive late this evening. **B**



MS Rotterdam



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TOUR FARE (per person based on double occupancy)

Call for single rates.

Inside stateroom: \$5,089 per person
Outside stateroom: \$5,589 per person
Balcony stateroom: \$5,989 per person

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Optional trip cancellation/medical insurance is available and strongly recommended. Insurance premium is due with deposit and is refundable up to final payment date. The premium per person is as follows: Inside staterooms - \$394, Outside staterooms - \$436 and Balcony Staterooms - \$477.

PAYMENT POLICY

A \$500 deposit per person is due with your reservation by **January 26, 2024**. Final payment is due no later than **March 1, 2024**. Please make check payable to Nowak Tours and send to Community First Bank, 2101 S. Dixon Rd. Kokomo, Indiana 46902. A credit card form will be made available if you prefer to pay by credit/debit card. (no additional fees)

Questions? Call Sally Duke at 765-456-4280.

REFUND POLICY

100% of the tour cost will be refunded on all cancellations made by the final payment date. Cancellations made after the final payment date are subject to fees assessed by the vendors on this itinerary if insurance is not purchased.



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MAY 29-JUNE 8, 2024

TOUR INCLUDES:

- ◆ Local Airport transfers
- ◆ Roundtrip airfare to Amsterdam
- ◆ Deluxe private motor coach transportation throughout The Netherlands
- ◆ 2 nights hotel accommodations (pre-cruise) at the Movenpick Hotel Amsterdam
- ◆ 2 breakfasts & 1 dinner in Amsterdam
- ◆ Guided city tour of Amsterdam
- ◆ Canal Cruise
- ◆ Guided city tour of Rotterdam
- ◆ 7 nights aboard Holland America's MS Rotterdam (in selected stateroom)
- ◆ All port taxes and fees
- ◆ All air taxes and fees
- ◆ Baggage handling throughout
- ◆ All gratuities for drivers, local guides, luggage handling and Tour Manager
- ◆ All onboard meals
- ◆ Professional Tour Manager

- PASSPORT REQUIRED -

Join us for this unforgettable 11-day tour through the Netherlands and Norway. Explore all of the wonders that Amsterdam and Rotterdam have to offer before boarding your ship and setting sail for Norway. You will view breathtaking sights from the decks of the MS Rotterdam including glistening fjords and snow-capped mountain peaks, as well as quaint fishing villages, cultural centers and fascinating museums. You will also learn about Viking history while you visit sites of some of the oldest recovered Viking ships and artifacts.



Activity Level: **Moderate to Heavy**
May require extended walking and extended standing.
There will be steps or uneven surfaces.

Amsterdam



DAY 1 - MAY 29:

Indianapolis - overnight flight

Today, we will motor coach to the Indianapolis Airport for our flight to the Netherlands. We will travel overnight and will arrive in Amsterdam the following morning. Meals will be available to purchase onboard the flight.

DAY 2 - MAY 30:

Amsterdam, Netherlands

This morning, we arrive in Amsterdam. We will be greeted by a local representative who will guide us to our waiting motor coach. We embark on a 2-hour guided city tour of the wonderful internationally known city of **Amsterdam**. You will see Amsterdam's most imposing and important buildings and hear their history and see the marvelous Royal palace, the church Westerkerk and the Anne Frank Monument. Furthermore, you will find out why Amsterdam is called the "City of Diamonds".

This afternoon we will check into the **Movenpick Hotel Amsterdam City Centre** for a 2-night stay. Spectacular views over the city and vistas over the river IJ are just some of the highlights of this luxurious hotel. With its fantastic location in the heart of Amsterdam city centre, this 4-star hotel is within walking distance of the historical centre, its' central station, and many museums. Enjoy a free afternoon exploring the area at your leisure before meeting your fellow travelers this evening for a "welcome to the tour" dinner located at the hotel. **D**

DAY 3 - MAY 31:

Amsterdam canal cruise

Enjoy a full breakfast buffet at the hotel. Today, we will enjoy a **canal cruise**. During the canal tour you will see the old town with its elegant merchant palaces, churches and of course the imposing warehouses from the 16th and 17th centuries, witnesses to the time when Holland was the leading trading nation in the world. We will see **Leidsestraat/Leidseplein, Leidsegracht** and **Herengracht** canals. Afterwards, the rest of the afternoon and evening are at your leisure to do as you wish. **B**

DAY 4 - JUNE 1:

Rotterdam, Netherlands - board the MS Rotterdam

A full breakfast buffet is included at the hotel this morning. This morning, we will depart Amsterdam and make our way into Rotterdam. Let yourself be inspired by this unique atmosphere on a guided **city tour of Rotterdam**. Rotterdam, the cradle of modern architecture, has developed from an insignificant fishing village to a port city with worldwide importance. Your tour guide will tell you about the history of the city as you see old and new standing side by side there. Afterwards, we arrive at the Port of Rotterdam and board the **MS Rotterdam** for a **7-day Viking Sagas cruise**. **B, L, D**



Rotterdam

DAY 5 - JUNE 2

Day at sea

Today we cruise towards Norway, and you will have an entire day to explore all that the **MS Rotterdam** has to offer. Enjoy onboard shopping, a casino and fitness center, or dine in one of the many cafes and lounges. **B, L, D**

DAY 6 - JUNE 3

Scenic cruising Oslo Fjord & Oslo, Norway

Not a fjord in the geological sense, the **Oslo Fjord** is actually a vast expanse of water stretching south from the Norwegian capital for nearly 62 miles. Almost half of Norway's population lives within an hour's drive of the fjord, so there's plenty to see along the shoreline, from islands and skerries to major towns and cities.

The Oslo Fjord region is the warmest part of Norway, and on summer days locals dash to their boats to make the most of the sunshine. Many Norwegians own distinctive wooden cabins on the coastline or islands. The agreeable climate has attracted settlers since the days of the Stone Age and Bronze Age: Some of the world's best-preserved Viking ships were discovered on these shores.

Viking Ship Museum



Oslo, Norway's charming capital city, is a vibrant mix—modern architecture and world-class museums dwell alongside 10th-century Viking history, with indigenous Sámi culture woven throughout. This cosmopolitan center, with its coveted quality of life, caters to every interest from history buffs and literary types to students of modern Nordic design and aspiring arctic adventurers. The options are endless today. Take in the much-talked-about Opera House, with its otherworldly angles, or trace the steps of Nobel Peace Prize laureates and literary masters like Henrik Ibsen. Journey to the Bygdøy peninsula to absorb Nordic culture at the Viking Ship Museum, the Fram Museum and the Folk Museum. Savor fine restaurants and luxury boutiques along the Aker Brygge waterfront, or dive into the eclectic neighborhood of Grünerløkka for vintage shops, microbreweries and corner cafés. **B, L, D**



Oslo Fjord

DAY 7 - JUNE 4

Kristiansand, Norway

The capital of the southern coastal region known as the Norwegian Riviera, **Kristiansand** has earned the nickname "Summer City." The Gulf Stream keeps temperatures mild and snow to a minimum, so Kristiansand is Norway's outdoor playground.

Even with just a few hours, Kristiansand's grid layout makes it simple to get around on foot to explore historic sites such as Posebyen (the old town), which dates back to 1631, and former military fortresses and installations.



Oslo Opera House

Within the city limits are a number of forested recreational areas, a fish market with harbor views and even a sandy beach. Other highlights of the region include Kristiansand Zoo & Amusement Park, the quaint town of Lillesand, and Setesdal Mineral Park, with glittering displays of crystals and gems. **B, L, D**

DAY 8 - JUNE 5

Sandnes (Stavanger), Norway

A cruise to **Sandnes**, Norway, shows off the country's natural splendors, from North Sea beaches to snow-capped ridges and glistening fjords. On the southern point of Gandsfjord and a brief train ride from **Stavanger**, Sandnes caters to outdoor enthusiasts. Swimmers can cool off in the fjord; cyclists and hikers will have plenty of mountain trails to explore. Pulpit Rock excursions are possible, as it is about an hour's drive. Nearby Dalsnuten offers an easier trek. Sandnes is a pleasant town with shopping and dining along wide pedestrian streets. Geek out at the Vitenfabrikken, a science museum with a solar telescope and interactive exhibits, or visit Tryggvi Icelandic horse farm and trot through the countryside astride these endearing horses. Whatever you do in Sandnes or nearby Stavanger, you're in for a fantastic time. **B, L, D**



Pulpit Rock