

2019



UNESCO Fjord Bus tour

Sognefjord - Geirangerfjord



Sogndal
Fjærland
Skei
Olden
Loen
Stryn
Geiranger



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Sogndal	DAILY 24.6 - 1.9	Geiranger	DAILY 24.6 - 1.9
Bus from Sogndal	08:00	Bus from Geiranger	15:30
Arrival Fjærland	08:25	Arrival Stryn	17:15
Departure Fjærland	08:25	Departure Stryn	17:20
Arrival Skei	09:00	Arrival Loen	17:30
Departure Skei	09:00	Departure Loen	17:30
Arrival Olden	09:55	Arrival Olden	17:35
Departure Olden	09:55	Departure Olden	17:35
Arrival Loen	10:00	Arrival Skei	18:35
Departure Loen	10:15	Departure Skei	18:35
Arrival Stryn	10:25	Arrival Fjærland	19:05
Departure Stryn	10:25	Departure Fjærland	19:05
Arrival Geiranger	12:15	Arrival Sogndal	19:40

One-way **Adult NOK** **Child 4-15 yrs NOK**

Sogndal-Geiranger, one way	750	375
Geiranger-Sogndal, one way	750	375
Fjærland-Geiranger, one way	620	310
Skei-Geiranger, one way	515	257
Sogndal-Stryn, one way	500	250
Sogndal-Loen, one way	455	228
Geiranger-Loen, one way	315	147
Geiranger-Olden, one way	315	157
Geiranger-Stryn, one way	250	125

Round trip **Adult NOK** **Child 4-15 yrs NOK**

Sogndal-Geiranger & return	1 500	750
Geiranger-Sogndal & return	1 500	750
Fjærland-Geiranger & return	1 240	620
Skei-Geiranger& return	1 030	515
Sogndal-Stryn & return	1 000	500
Sogndal-Loen & return	910	455
Geiranger-Loen & return	630	315
Geiranger-Olden & return	630	315
Geiranger-Stryn & return	500	250

Welcome to the UNESCO Fjord Bus tour

Welcome on board and enjoy the world famous fjords and Norway's natural marvels. On this tour you will experience four amazing fjords; the Geirangerfjord, the Nordfjord, the Fjærlandsfjord and the Sognefjord. You will see towering peaks, roaring waterfalls, charming villages and idyllic farmlands.



Services during the journey

This brochure is your guide during your journey. You will find interesting information about attractions and Norwegian history and culture along the route.

Bus Sogndal-Geiranger or vice versa

The bus is a modern and comfortable coach with toilets and air condition.



Stops along the route

Sogndal bus terminal

The Sogndal bus terminal is located in the centre of the small village. The bus terminal is a 3 minutes walk from the Quality Hotel Sogndal.

Fjærland bus stop

The bus stop is right next to the Norwegian Glacier Museum.

Skei bus stop

The bus stops in the centre of the small village of Skei, the bus stop is right next to the petrol station.

Olden bus stop

Olden -> Geiranger: The bus stop is along the main road (FV60) in the centre of Olden, on the opposite side of the Bunnpris grocery store.

Olden -> Sogndal: The bus stop is along the main road (FV60) in the centre of Olden, outside the Skogstad shop.

Loen bus stop

The bus stop is located next to Hotel Alexandra and Loen Active Base Camp.

Stryn bus stop

The Stryn bus terminal is in the centre of the village.

Flydalsjuvet

The bus stops at the famous view-point with photo opportunities of the UNESCO protected Geirangerfjord.

Geiranger bus stop - approx. 3h. 15 min. stop

The Geiranger bus stop is located in the town centre, next to the fire-station (Brannstasjon) and 100 meters from Geiranger Fjordservice (RIB-boat, Fjord cruise).



Sogndal city park (Photo: Vegard Åsen)

📍 Sogndal

Sogndal is the regional centre in Sogn with roughly 7000 inhabitants. The 2000 students add to the youthful character of the town and in summer tourism flourish due to the fascinating contrasts in the region.

📍 Sognefjord

The Sognefjord is often called "The King of fjords" and extends 204 km (127 miles) inland, has a maximum depth of 1,308 metres and the mountains surrounding the fjord tower to heights of 2,000 metres. The inner end of the Sognefjord is covered by Jostedalsbreen, the largest glacier in continental Europe.



The Sognefjord - the King of the Norwegian fjords
(Photo: Paal Audestad / www.fjordtours.com)



📍 Fjærland

Fjærland is located in the inner most part of the Fjærlandsfjord, a branch of the Sognefjord, close to the Jostedal Glacier. The glacier is easy accessible with car or bus. In Fjærland you also find the Norwegian Glacier Museum, the Norwegian Book Town and the distinctive Hotel Mundal, built in 1891.

📍 Fjærlandsfjord

The narrow Fjærlandsfjord with its steep and forested mountainsides leads you to the edges of the majestic Jostedal Glacier. Along the fjord there are many hamlets and farms. Most of these farms are deserted, and they now serve as reminders of people's toil and challenges in former times. The water in the fjord is frequently coloured light green because of the glacial melt water.



Fjærland, Fjærlandsfjord and the glacier in the mountains
(Photo: Øyvind Heen)



Norwegian Glacier Museum (Fjærland)

In this interactive museum you learn about glaciers and climate in a new and innovative way. The interplay within the natural environment and between mankind and nature, is highlighted through film, interactive models and individual experiments with real glacier ice.



Norwegian Glacier Museum



Brevasshytta and Bøyabreen Glacier

You can see Bøyabreen Glacier at quite close range from the main road in Fjærland, or admire it from the Brevasshytta restaurant a five-minute drive inland, even closer to the ice. If you are lucky you can see big blocks of ice crashing down from the glacier.



Bøyabreen Glacier in Fjærland (Photo: Øyvind Heen)

📍 Skei

Skei (also known as Skei in Jølster) is a beautiful village located at the northeastern end of the Jølstravatnet lake, just west of the Jostedalsbreen National Park. The area is shaped by water in constant movement and has inspired artists, fiddlers and poets for centuries. This is also the home of the world-famous painter Nikolai Astrup (1880 – 1928), who found inspiration and motifs in the surrounding nature. Popular attractions are glacier hiking, trout fishing, kayaking and a visit to the historical home of Astrup.



Photo-frame with view of the Jølstravatnet lake and trout fishing
(Photo: Nils Einar Kjøsnes, David Sadig)

📍 Astruptunet

Astruptunet is situated in idyllic surroundings on the south side of Jølstravatnet. Here will you find the home of painter, illustrator and graphic artist Nikolai Astrup (1880 - 1928), who is one of Norway's most famous national artists.



Astruptunet (Photo: Espen Mills)

📍 Våtedalen (Wet Valley)

Våtedalen valley is the entrance of the Nordfjord region. Here you'll meet some of the local goats that groom the green hillsides. The area is known for agriculture and salmon fishing, and houses the cultural heritage object Holvikejekta, a unique 20 m sea vessel from 1881. You will be passing Byrkjelo and Mt. Eggjenipa.



Våtedalen valley (Photo: Cole Rise / Matador Network)

📍 Mount Utvik

Crossing Mt. Utvik you might be lucky and see grazing reindeer! Popular outdoor recreation area with ski centre and hiking trails.



Reindeers in the mountains (Photo: Øyvind Heen)



Nordfjord (Photo: Espen Haagensen / Visit Nordfjord)

📍 **Nordfjord**

The Nordfjord is a fjord and the name of the region. Nordfjord is situated between the Jostedal glacier and Norway's wild western coast with spectacular mountains and valleys, rolling farmland and a dramatic coast line. Nordfjord is 106 km long and up to 565 meters deep, encompassing Norway at its highest, wildest, deepest and most enjoyable. You will now travel along the fjord past the villages Utvik and Innvik (outer- and inner bay).

📍 **Olden**

Olden is the gateway to the Briksdal Glacier, the most famous of the glacier tongues in Jostedalsbreen National Park, with 300.000 visitors every year. Briksdal is located at the end of the beautiful Oldedalen Valley. Olden is also an important cruise port.



Olden (Photo: Vlada Photo, Visit Nordfjord)

📍 **Kayaking on the Nordfjord from Olden**

The kayaking trip in Olden takes you out on a green fjord in a quiet valley, you are surrounded by steep mountains, soaring waterfalls and blue glaciers. An experience you will treasure for the rest of your life!



Kayaking on the Nordfjord (Photo: Briksdal Adventure)



Briksdal Glacier in Olden (Photo: Berge Myrene)



📍 Loen

Loen village has been a magnet for tourists for more than a century. Ships from Europe began calling at Loen, and local farmers were involved in transporting tourists in horse-drawn transport from the fjord to the beautiful Lodalen Valley southeast of the village.

📍 Loen Skylift - lifts you up from Loen til Mt. Hoven

Take the Loen Skylift from the fjord to Mt. Hoven (1 011 m.a.s.l.), and see the fjord landscape, the mountains and the Jostedalsbreen National Park from above.



Loen Skylift (Photo: Lars Korvald/Loen Skylift)

📍 Via Ferrata Loen

The Via Ferrata Loen is a climbing route where you are secured in a steel cable, while climbing high above the fjord. You end up at Mt. Hoven, and return to Loen in the Loen Skylift



Via Ferrata Loen (Photo: Simon Schoepf/Bergwelten)



Via Ferrata Loen (Photo: Simon Schoepf/Bergwelten)

📍 Stryn

Stryn is known for year-round alpine skiing, glittering glacier tongues, tall mountains, green valleys and modern industry. You'll travel through the scenic Stryn Valley along Lake Oppstrynsvatnet, still surrounded by the tall mountains and the National Park. In Oppstryn you'll find Jostedalsbreen National Park Centre and Stryn Summer Ski Centre.

The road brings you past Hjelledalen Valley, across the mountain and to the spectacular viewpoint Flydalsjuvet, where you can absorb the magnificent view of the Geirangerfjord, before heading down the scenic road from Dalsnibba to Geiranger.



Lake Oppstrynsvatnet (Photo: Maciej Duczynski/Fjord Norway)



Scenic drive in Hjelledalen Valley (Photo: Magnus Sandström)



Byrkjelo and Mount Eggjenibba (Photo: Olav S. Egge)



Hiking at Mount Hoven in Loen (Photo: Bård Basberg/Loen Skylift)

Mythical Mount Hoven



Drawing of Odin on Sleipner, and Sleipner's horse shoe at Mount Hoven

Mount Hoven in Loen

An old tale from Norse Mythology claims that Mount Hoven has its name after Odin's eight-legged horse Sleipner, who, on a ride across the mountain, struck his hoof (hov in Norwegian) and left the powerful impression on the mountain side that is so easy to see today. Nobody knows if it's completely true, but what's certain is that the view is as powerful and magical as before. The difference is that with Loen Skylift it's now available for absolutely everyone - not only old gods and fit people.

UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Geirangerfjord - UNESCO World Heritage Site

A World Heritage Site is a landmark or area which has been officially recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Sites are selected on the basis of having cultural, historical, scientific or some other form of significance, and they are legally protected by international treaties. UNESCO regards these sites as being important to the collective interests of humanity. Norway has two such natural sites; The Geirangerfjord and the Nærøyfjord.



📍 Geiranger

Geirangerfjord is the jewel in the crown of the Norwegian fjords, with its majestic, snow-covered mountain tops, wild and beautiful waterfalls, lush green vegetation and the deep, blue fjord. At its deepest the Geirangerfjord is almost 260 metres, and the mountains that surround it reach up to 1 600 - 1 700 metres above the waters of the fjord.



Flydalsjuvet - view point over Geiranger and Geirangerfjord
(Photo: Øyvind Heen)



Kayaking in Geirangerfjord (Photo: Terje Rakke-Nordic Life/
Visitnorway.com)



Geirangerfjord (Photo: Per Eide)

📍 Geirangerfjord

Geirangerfjord has been included on UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites since 2005 and is considered to be among the most scenic fjord areas on the planet. Popular activities in Geiranger are fjord sightseeing, fjord safari by RIB, kayaking, walking and biking. On a boat cruise on the fjord you will soon witness the famous falls, Dei sjusystre, Friaren and Brudesløret (the Seven Sisters, the Suitor and the Bride's Veil) and high up the steep cliff sides, or almost down at the waters edge, you will see the now deserted alpine and fjord farms.

🚌 Connections to Ålesund

Geiranger can also be a good connection further to/from Ålesund.



Scenic road from Dalsnibba to Geiranger (Photo: Øyvind Heen)



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