

Sognefjord Cruise & Balestrand Village Stay

Year 2026

From € 820

Discover Norway's longest and deepest fjord on a relaxed 3-day journey from Oslo or Bergen. Enjoy scenic train rides, cruise the Sognefjord, and stay two nights at the historic Kviknes Hotel in Balestrand, the picturesque 'Artist's Village' of Sognefjord.

- **Tour type:** Packaged, Self-guided tour
- **Duration:** 3 days
- **Start location:** Oslo or Bergen
- **End location:** Oslo or Bergen
- **Included:** all transportation, overnight stay with breakfast buffet, selected activities
- **Season:** 20 May - 30 September

The tour includes :

- **Two nights in Balestrand** Stay in the heart of the Sognefjord at the historic Kviknes Hotel, with breakfast buffet each morning
- **Scenic rail journeys** Journey through dramatic mountain and fjord landscapes on the Bergen Railway and the famous Flåm Railway
- **Fjærland cruise and guided glacier experience** Glide through the narrow Fjærlandsfjord, learn the stories of Norway's glaciers and see them for yourself on a guided bus tour to the edge of the Jostedalsglacier
- **Local fjord lunch** A farm-side lunch using local ingredients - a taste of authentic fjord life
- **Detailed travel guide** Everything you need for a seamless, self-guided journey

Sognefjord Cruise & Balestrand routes

- Start your journey from Oslo or Bergen, fixed one-way route
- Route from Oslo: Oslo - Flåm - Balestrand - Bergen
- Route from Bergen: Bergen - Balestrand - Flåm - Oslo



Highlights

Stay in picturesque Balestrand

- Spend two nights in Balestrand, staying at the historic Kviknes Hotel.
- Discover historic wooden houses, nearby cider farms, and a rich cultural heritage dating back to the Viking Age.
- Visit St. Olaf's Church, often cited as an inspiration for the church featured in Disney's *Frozen*.



See tranquil fjords and glaciers

- Journey into one of the Sognefjord's most tranquil branches on a scenic cruise to Fjærland, framed by steep mountains and cascading waterfalls.
- Visit the Norwegian Glacier Museum for an engaging introduction to glaciers and climate, before continuing to Bøyabreen Glacier, to see where the ice meets the landscape at the foot of Jostedalbreen.



Fjord-side lunch at local farm

- Enjoy a relaxed fjord-side lunch at a family-run apple and cider farm, beautifully set among orchards, pastures, and sweeping fjord views.
- Your host — a fourth-generation farmer — shares local stories and traditions while you sample regional flavours crafted from the surrounding landscape.
- This intimate experience offers a genuine taste of fjord life, combining local food, personal storytelling, and one of the most scenic lunch settings in Norway.



Cruise the Sognefjord

- Sail through Norway's longest and deepest fjord aboard a comfortable express boat, surrounded by towering mountain peaks rising up to 2,000 metres above the water.
- Sit back and enjoy the ever-changing scenery of fjords, waterfalls, and dramatic landscapes as you journey deep into the heart of western Norway.



The scenic Bergen Railway

- Journey across Norway's roof: The Bergen Railway connects Oslo and Bergen across the dramatic Hardangervidda plateau, reaching 1,222 meters at Finse. Experience alpine lakes, snow-covered peaks, mountain farms, and vast wilderness along this historic 1909 route.
- Gateway to the fjords: At Myrdal station, connect to the famous Flåm Railway for a spectacular descent to the Norwegian fjords.



Ride the steep Flåm Railway

- Ride the famous Flåm Railway, one of the steepest railways in the world, climbing from fjord to mountain through spectacular valleys, rivers, and waterfalls.
- Large panoramic windows and a stop at the thundering Kjosfossen waterfall make this one of Norway's most iconic rail experiences.



Itinerary from Oslo to Bergen

Day 1 - Scenic train ride from Oslo to the fjords:

- Travel by the iconic Bergen Railway from Oslo into Norway's dramatic high mountain landscapes, arriving at the remote station of Myrdal.
- From Myrdal, descend by the world-famous Flåm Railway, one of the steepest and most scenic railways in the world, as waterfalls and deep valleys unfold outside your



train window. The train stops at the Kjosfossen waterfall for fantastic photo opportunities.

- Arrive in Flåm, a tiny village nestled where mountains plunge into the fjord. Enjoy an hour to explore independently before continuing by fjord cruise on the Sognefjord to the charming village of Balestrand.
- Overnight at the historic Kviknes Hotel, beautifully located on the fjord's edge.

Day 2 – Fjords, glaciers and living history:

- Wake up to breathtaking fjord views and enjoy a relaxed breakfast in the grand, historic salon of your fjordside hotel.
- At midday, set out on an intimate fjord cruise through the Fjærlandsfjord, surrounded by dramatic scenery and rich birdlife. Continue to the village of Fjærland, where a guided excursion takes you to the Norwegian Glacier Museum, an engaging and interactive introduction to glaciers and climate.
- The journey continues by bus to Bøyabreen glacier, a striking arm of the mighty Jostedalbreen. Here, you'll see how ice continues to shape the landscape before returning by boat through the fjord — a quiet moment to reflect on the forces that carved these valleys thousands of years ago.
- Return to Balestrand and enjoy the evening at Kviknes Hotel.

Day 3 - Local flavors and fjord cruise to Bergen:

- Wake up to tranquil fjord views and enjoy a generous buffet breakfast at historic Kviknes Hotel, where history and scenery set a relaxed tone for the day.
- Spend the morning at leisure in Balestrand — stroll through the village or hike nearby trails for panoramic views of the Sognefjord and surrounding mountains.
- At noon, enjoy a fjord-side lunch at a family-run apple and cider farm, where your host shares local stories and traditions passed down through four generations.
- In the afternoon, board a fjord cruise to Bergen, sailing out of the Sognefjord and along the coast. Arrive in Bergen from the sea in the soft evening light, with unforgettable views of the city and its encircling mountains.

Itinerary from Bergen to Oslo

Day 1 - Bergen to the fjords :

- Begin your journey in Bergen, boarding a scenic fjord cruise into the Sognefjord, where coastal scenery gradually gives way to towering mountains and deep, tranquil waters.



- Arrive in the charming fjord village of Balestrand in time for a cider tasting and lunch at a local apple and cider farm, where traditions have been passed down through four generations.
- Spend the afternoon strolling the village at your own pace, before enjoying a relaxed evening by the fjord.
- Overnight in Balestrand.

Day 2 - Fjords, glaciers and living history

- Wake up breathtaking fjord views and enjoy a leisurely breakfast in the grand, historic salon of Kviknes Hotel.
- At midday, join an intimate fjord cruise through the dramatic Fjærlandsfjord to the small village of Fjærland, an area rich in wildlife and birdlife. On arrival, continue by bus to the Norwegian Glacier Museum, an engaging and interactive introduction to glaciers, climate, and the forces that shaped Norway's fjords.
- The excursion continues to Bøyabreen, a striking arm of the Jostedalbreen glacier, where you can experience the glacier up close and see how the ice presses into the surrounding landscape.
- Return to Balestrand by fjord cruise, with time to reflect on the ancient ice that carved these fjords and enjoy another evening at Kviknes Hotel.

Day 3 - Fjords and mountain railways to Oslo

- Enjoy a quiet morning and breakfast with a view at your hotel before departing Balestrand by fjord cruise to Flåm, travelling through some of the most spectacular scenery along the Sognefjord.
- Spend time exploring Flåm, nestled at the end of the fjord, before boarding the world-famous Flåm Railway for a steep and scenic ascent to the mountain station of Myrdal.
- From Myrdal, continue on the Bergen Railway, crossing the high mountain plateau on your journey to Oslo, concluding your fjord adventure with one of Europe's most beautiful train journeys.

OUR PRICE INCLUDES :

- All train transportation and fjord cruises
- Two nights at Kviknes Hotel in Balestrand, with daily breakfast
- A farm lunch by the fjord, including a tasting of local produce and apple juice or cider
- A guided fjord and glacier excursion, as described in the itinerary



OUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE :

- Other lunches and dinners
- Personal expenses
- International flights

Good to know :

- This tour is only available as part of a package booking.