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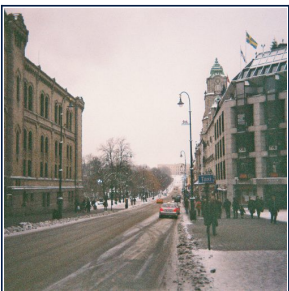
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Itinerary:

(Oslo, Bergen, Alesund, Geiranger)

Day 1 : Arrive Oslo

Norway's capital lies between the Oslo fjord and the lush green forests and has a special combination of city life and easy access to the great outdoors.



Day 2 : Oslo sightseeing and attractions

Explore Oslo on foot and enjoy the city's perfect mix of urban life and natural beauty. Norway's capital is a vibrant mix of old and new architecture, world-class museums and modern-day culture. Or hire a bike and explore the nearby Oslo fjord, or take a fjord cruise on the Skipladner - the oldest paddle steamer in the world.

Day 3 : Oslo to Bergen by train

The train journey that you definitely don't want to miss! This is the main leg of the Norway in a Nutshell scenic tour. It boasts the highest altitude of any other train route in Europe, passing over the plateau of Hardangervidda. Mountains, snow, greenery, wildlife, rooftops, sunsets and sunrises - no matter what it is you want to see, this route covers it at some point during the year.



Day 4 : Bergen

Explore Bergen's charming cobblestone streets of old wooden houses in Sandviken or Nordnes, visit Bryggen or the Hanseatic Wharf - a UNESCO World Heritage Site - or for a bird's eye view, take the Floibanen funicular up the mountainside.

Day 4 : Hurtigruten Alesund - Geiranger - Alesund

The Hurtigruten coastal steamer departs from Alesund at 9.30 am every day, and arrives in Geiranger at 13.30 pm. Take in magical scenery, dramatic waterfalls and lush, steep hillsides or check out the Norwegian Fjord Center in Geiranger itself.



Day 5 : Norway in a Nutshell

This popular tour takes in Voss, a central stop on the spectacular Bergen Railway, a bus from Voss to Gudvangen, a cruise through the Aurlandsfjord and the narrow Naeroyfjord winding around precipitous mountains, mighty waterfalls and small hillside farms, and finally a dramatic rail journey on the Flam Railway, one of the steepest train lines in the world.



Things To Do:

The Bergen Ulriken 643 Panoramic Tour : Take the unique Floibanen funicular cable car tour to the highest of Bergen's famous 'seven mountains' to spectacular scenery and mountain terrain 643 metres above the city streets.

The Fram Museums At Oslo : Take a short bus from Oslo's city centre to Bygdoy where you'll find huge villas, a royal estate and a number of the country's most important museums including the Viking Ship Museum, the Kon-Tiki museum, the Farm Museum, the Norwegian Maritime Museum, and the Norwegian Museum of Cultural History.



Take A Cruise On The Oslofjord : Breathe in the clear, fresh sea air and see Oslo from an entirely new perspective. You can go island hopping on the public ferry and don't forget your swimsuit in the summer!, or book a luxury trip with food and entertainment, or simply take a picnic and a blanket and enjoy the peace and quiet just minutes away from the city centre.



Getting Active In Bergen : From Bergen Base Camp (just opposite the Fish Market) you can book to go on a range of daily activities including guided maintain walks and climbs, 2-hour kayaking trips, biking tours, mountain hikes (the city is surrounded by seven proud mountains) or a combination of any or all of these activities.

Explore Oslo : Soak up the atmosphere of Oslo by exploring the city on foot and taking in the great mix of old and new architecture. There's a new urban waterside development with cafes, bars and street performers, lush green forests nearby, and fjords that bustle with sail and ferry boats.



Visit Bergen, 'Gateway To The Fjords' : Bergen is packed with history and tradition. Stroll around the old merchant quarter of Bryggen, the only preserved business district in the world from the Hanseatic period (14th- mid 16thcentury), take in its vibrant cultural scene, and don't miss the Bergen Fish Market, one of Norway's most colourful and visited outdoor markets.

A Cruise Through The Naeroyfjord From Gudvangen To Flam : The Naeroyfjord is the narrowest fjord in the world, at one point only 250 metres across, with mountains towering more than 1700 metres above its tranquil waters. Witness the cascading waterfalls, the ragged mountain tops and glaciers, the green and lush forests, and the well-tended cultural landscape that has been farmed for almost 3000 years.



A Journey On The Flam Railway : The 20km long train journey from Flam deep in the fjords to the mountain station of Myrdal takes around an hour. The views are some of the most magnificent in Norway with an ever-changing mountain scenery and thundering waterfalls. Along the steep railway track the train moves slowly or stops at the best views.