

Gateway to the fjords

# BERGEN

Extra night



Bergen warehouses

Nestling amidst the Seven Mountains of Norwegian folklore, Bergen is the spectacular gateway into the landscapes of Norway's majestic fjord region. A UNESCO World Heritage City and birthplace of the composer Edvard Grieg, Bergen is Norway's cultural capital.

Founded in 1070, this vibrant city has long attracted travellers to its unique harbour setting and its ancient medieval streets still hark back to the days of the Hansa merchants, who turned this northern port into one of the pivotal centres of their expansive commercial empire. You can take a stroll through the labyrinthine streets and alleys of old Bergen, visit the traditional Hanseatic painted warehouses in the Bryggen district, or take in the hustle and bustle of its engaging fish market. The city is also a centre for cultural excellence, with galleries, museums

and theatres offering a wealth of opportunities to discover something of Bergen's rich and refined heritage. The city hosts an international music festival each year, the largest cultural event in Norway attracting devotees from around the globe. But this is also a city as much in tune with the present as the past, with an enviable array of fine restaurants, lively bars and engaging attractions to tempt the visitor and a trip on its Funicular Railway, to the top of Mount Fløyen, presents the city and its breathtaking surroundings in all their resplendent glory.

Extra nights, prices from			
Hotel	rating	Twin	Single
Strand	◆◆◆	56	79
Neptun	◆◆◆◆	66	90
Clarion Admiral	◆◆◆◆	70	109
Radisson Blu Norge	◆◆◆◆	70	118
First Marin	◆◆◆◆	61	104
Clarion Collection Havnekontoret*	◆◆◆◆	104	178

Above prices are in £s per person per night for a twin/single room including breakfast. \*A light evening meal is included in the roomrate.

## EXCURSION RECOMMENDATIONS

### NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL

One of Norway's most popular independent day trips, this comprehensive journey takes you by bus, train and ferry through some of the most magnificent scenery in the area, traversing a landscape of breathtaking fjords, rural idyll and the spectacular Flåm Mountain Railway. A masterpiece of engineering, this extraordinary train journey is one of the highlights of any visit to the region. Please note this excursion is only available from Bergen and Voss.

- ▶ Operating: Daily ▶ Price: £107
- ▶ Duration: Full day ▶ Pre-bookable

### OSTERFJORD CRUISE WITH MV WHITE LADY

Departing from the vibrant Fish Market, this superb guided excursion takes you aboard the White Lady, on a journey that includes Bergen's magnificent west coast. This half-day excursion is an excellent way to explore something of the steep mountain landscapes, towering cliffs and narrow fjords that make up some of the most beautiful coastline in the country.

- ▶ Operating: Daily May – August
- ▶ Price: £37 ▶ Duration: 4 hours
- ▶ Pre-bookable

### HARDANGERFJORD IN A NUTSHELL

Journey by train, bus and boat, through the charming western villages of Ulvik and Eidfjord and along the unforgettable Hardangerfjord. This full day trip takes in a magical landscape of spectacular mountain vistas, roaring waterfalls and timeless rural idylls and includes a voyage along Norway's third largest fjord, with plenty of time on board the ship to settle back and enjoy the myriad delights on offer.

- ▶ Operating: Daily May – September
- ▶ Price: £88 ▶ Duration: Full day
- ▶ Pre-bookable