







# **UNESCO Fjord Bus tour**

One-way	Adult NOK	Child NOK
Sogndal-Geiranger	600,-	300,-
Sogndal/Geiranger-Loen/Stryn	400,-	200,-
Loen/Stryn-Sogndal/Geiranger	400,-	200,-
Geiranger-Sogndal	600,-	300,-

Round trip	Adult NOK	Child NOK
Sogndal-Geiranger, return	1200,-	600,-
Sogndal-Loen/Stryn, return	800,-	400,-
Loen/Stryn-Sogndal/Geiranger, r	eturn <b>800,</b> -	400,-
Geiranger-Loen/Stryn, return	800,-	400,-
Geiranger-Sogndal, return	1 200,-	600,-

<b>Sogndal</b>	DAILY 19.6-13.8	Geiranger	DAILY 19.6-13.8
Bus from Sogndal	08:00	Bus from Geiranger	15:30
Arrival Loen	09:50	Arrival Stryn	17:05
Departure Loen	10:00	Departure Stryn	17:10
Arrival Stryn	10:10	Arrival Loen	17:20
Departure Stryn	10:15	Departure Loen	17:25
Arrival Geiranger	12:00	Arrival Sogndal	19:30

# Welcome to the UNESCO Fjord Bus tour

Welcome on board and enjoy the world famous fjords and Norway's natural marvels. The tour will take you between 4 amazing fjords, Geirangerfjord-Nordfjord-Fjærlandsfjord-Sognefjord. You will see towering peaks, roaring waterfalls, charming villages and idyllic farmland.



## 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. There is no serving on board the bus.

View from Mount Hoven and Loen Skylift. (Photo: Jon Kjøs)



# Stops along the route

#### Sogndal bus terminal

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

#### Loen bus stop

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

#### Stryn bus stop

Stryn bus terminal is in the centre of the village.

#### Flydalsjuvet - 10 minutes stop

The bus stops at the famous view-point with scenic view and photo opportunity over the UNESCO protected Geirangerfjord.

#### Geiranger bus stop - approx. 3,5 hours stop

Geiranger bus stop is located in the centre, just beside Geiranger Fjordservice (RIB-boat, Fjord cruise)







Sogndal city park (Photo: Vegard Åsen)



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



Fjærland and Fjærlandsfjord (Photo: Øyvind Heen)

# 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.

#### Fjærland

Fjærland is surrounding 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 and the glacier in the mountains (Photo: Øyvind Heen)



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## Norwegian Glacier Museum (Fjærland)

This interactive museum gives you knowledge about glaciers and climate in new and innovative ways. 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. You can be lucky to see big blocks of ice crashing down.



Bøyabreen Glaceier in Fjærland (Photo: Øyvind Heen)

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#### Våtedalen (Wet Valley)

Våtedalen marks the entering 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. Eggenipa.



Våtedalen (Photo: Cole Rise / Matador Network)

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#### Mount Utvik

Crossing Mt. Utvik you might be lucky and see grazing reindeer.

Popular outdoor recreation area with ski centre and hiking trails.

Soon the Nordfjord is appearing.



Reindeers in the mountains (Photo: Øyvind Heen)

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#### Nordfjord

The Nordfjord is a fjord and the name of the region. Nordfjord is situated between the Jostedal glacier and Norway's wildest coast at the western cape, 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).



Nordfjord (Photo: Espen Haagensen / Visit Nordfjord)

#### 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.



Briksdal Glacier in Olden (Photo: Berge Myrene)

## **9** Loen

Loen village has been a magnet for tourists for more than a century, when 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. Now visitors can take the Loen Skylift from the fjord to Mt. Hoven (1011 m.a.s.l.), and see the fjord landscape, the mountains and the Jostedalsbreen National Park from above





Via Ferrata Loen & Loen Skylift (Photo: Simon Schoepf/Bergwelten, Lars Korvald/Loen Skylift.)

# **♥** 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, a branch of the Sognefjord.

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# **9** 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 1600-1700 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

Geiranger has been included on UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites since 2005 and is considered to be among the most scenically outstanding 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 sju systre, 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 Alexand

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



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



## Online booking at fjordtours.com

or buy at the Tourist informations in Flåm, Sogndal, Stryn, Geiranger & Ålesund