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Trønderlag of America – Norway Tour 2019 - #2 – with dates

July 19

Depart the USA

July 20

Arrive in Oslo, Norway. Tour Manager meets group at Oslo airport, Gardermoen. Transfer to downtown Oslo.

July 21

City Tour with step-on guide. Suggested inclusions: The Opera building, Parliament, Akershus Fortress, Royal Palace, Bygdøy peninsula with the museums (for example the Folk Museum, Viking Ship Museum, Kon.Tiki Museum), Holmenkollen ski jump arena (lunch at Frognerstøtten?), the new American Embassy (drive by).

Everybody will get a Oslo Pass that gives unlimited rides on bus and subway for 72 hours, as well as free entrance to most museums in Oslo, and discounts on some restaurants.

July 22

Tour the Royal Palace. Visit museums downtown: Astrup Fearnley and the Munch Museum.

July 23

Oslo on your own. Your Oslo Pass is still valid for all public transportation and most museums.

July 24

Take the train from Oslo to Trondheim. This is a very comfortable and scenic train ride by Lake Mjøsa with the cities Hamar and Lillehammer, through Gudbrandsdalen, across Dovre Mountain, Oppdal, through Gauldal to Trondheim. Our hotel, Best Western Bakeriet, is a few blocks from the railway station.

July 25

Our bus picks us up at the hotel, and we start our journey northbound out of Trondheim. We drive through the beautiful Innherred, and make our first stop in Steinkjer. We will visit Steinkjer church with the famous glass paintings by Jacob Weideman, one of Norway's most important post-war modernism artists, and a Steinkjer native. We continue along the East side of Snåsavatnet (Lake Snåsa) and make our next stop at Bølareinen. It is one of the oldest and most famous Norwegian petroglyphs (stone carvings), and is dated to between 3000 and 4000 BC. We continue to Snåsa and visit the Sami Museum before we check in to our hotel, Snåsa Hotel.

July 26

We leave Snåsa and drive through Grong to Overhalla. Our guide today is Carl Ivar Storøy. He is from Overhalla, and is very knowledgeable about the local history, and the emigration to America from Namdalen. We will visit Ranem Church, a 800 year old stone building. Lunch will be at the unique Namsen Salmon & Train Experience, a train car that is parked on a bridge across Namsen river, one of the best salmon rivers on Norway. After lunch we will visit the place where Hans Barlien was born. He was probably one of the first "Trønders" to emigrate to America in 1837. There is a short hike up to the Hans Barlien memorial. We will also see a demonstration of baking lefse, before we go to Namsos to our hotel.

July 27

Today we will go out to the island Jøa, "The Fairytale Land". Our local guide today is Gunnar Hojem, president of Namsos Historical Society. The famous author Olav Duun was born on this island, and we will learn about his life and work. On the farm Tranås, which is from the iron age, we will be served a salmon lunch, cooked over open fire. We will also visit Fosnes, an old community. In the evening we will have a nice dinner at Ullvaren Café next to our hotel in Namsos, The Mayor of Namsos will be invited. This is also a good opportunity for Trønderlag members to invite and meet relatives in the Namdalen area.

July 28

We check out from the hotel late morning and drive to Verdal. We drive through Namdalseid and drive by the property of John N Kildahl, president of St. Olaf College from 1899 – 1914. We will stay at the very unique Holmen Farm just outside Verdal for the night. We are renting the whole place, and we will also be served dinner where most of the ingredients are produced locally on the farm. After an early dinner we will drive to Verdal to attend the famous “Spelet om Heilag Olav” (“The Saint Olav Drama”). This is an outdoor performance that is played every year, and is often called “The Mother Of All Outdoor Plays”. The play commemorates the Battle of Stiklestad that took place in the year 1030, and which resulted in the death of King Olaf II of Norway

July 29

After a good breakfast at Holmen Farm, we go back to Verdal and spend some time on the area before we start our trip back towards Trondheim. The next few days our home in Trondheim will be Best Western Hotel Bakeriet (where we stayed also in 2014). We will stay in Trondheim during Olavsfestdagene (St Olav Festival), with a lot of activities, concerts, exhibitions, church services etc.

July 30

City tour with a step on guide. The tour ends with a lunch at Tyholtårnet.

July 31

Trondheim on your own

Aug 1

Trondheim on your own

Aug 2

Check out from the hotel, transfer to Trondheim airport Værnes for your flight back to the USA.

Med vennlig hilsen / Sincerely

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