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ICELAND AND NORWAY TENTATIVE DAY TO DAY ITINERARY SPRING/SUMMER 2019

Day One:

Today we are transferred by limousine from our homes to Pearson Airport for our flight to Oslo, Norway.

Day Two:

Welcome to the Kingdom of Norway! Norway has the most beautiful fjords on Earth. Once we arrive in Oslo we transfer to our hotel in the city centre. On our drive into town we will pass forests and the beautiful Oslo fjord surrounding this vibrant city. Once we check in you have the balance of the day at leisure - walk along the streets and explore the city of the royal family, and the main Karl Johan's street, with many shops, bars and cafes.

Overnight in the Thon Hotel Opera or similar **(B.)**

Day Three:

OSLO

After our included breakfast at the hotel, we will meet our local guide in the lobby and depart for a three hour city sightseeing tour of this vibrant capital city.

Our tour includes Frogner Park, with all sculptural Vigeland, the museum of Viking ships, showing three original Viking Age ships, the Royal Palace, City Hall and Akershus Fortress. After our tour, balance of the day at leisure.

Overnight in the Thon Hotel Opera or similar **(B.)**

Day Four:

OSLO - BALESTRAND

After our included breakfast, we'll have an early departure to Myrdal by train. Myrdal station is a mountain railway station and junction, located about 13 km from the village Flåm. Here you will board the famous Flåmsbana - one of the steepest train-lines in the world. The train journey runs through fantastic nature, past the Rallar Road, steep mountains, breath-taking waterfalls, through 20 tunnels and offers so many viewpoints that many feel like travelling multiple times between the mountain and the fjord!

Day Four continued:

Arrive in Flåm, where you will have some free time to discover this beautiful village. Your journey continues by a cruise on the Sognefjord - the King of Norway and the longest fjord in Norway. The initial part of the fjord, called Aurlandsfjord, is a 17-kilometer arm of the world's second longest fjord, the Sognefjord (204 kilometres). It is considered to be one of the most picturesque fjords in the world. Our final destination today is Balestrand. We check into our hotel and have an included dinner.

Overnight in the Kviknes hotel or similar **(B.D.)**



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Day Five:

BALLESTRAND/FREE DAY OR OPTIONAL EXCURSION

After our included breakfast we can sightsee around Ballestrand on our own, shop, have lunch and soak in the ambience of this beautiful city. Alternately you may choose to take a full day's optional excursion to Fjærland.

Optional Excursion: Enjoy the wonderful fjord journey to the villages among the glaciers - Balestrand and Fjærland. Along the fjord we'll pass tiny villages, waterfalls and steep mountains. Fjærland is situated where the glacier meets the fjord. Optional Excursion \$150.00 Canadian dollars.

This evening we enjoy another included dinner.

Overnight in the Kviknes hotel or similar **(B.D.)**

Day Six:

BALLESTRAND - BERGEN

This morning, after breakfast we have a morning at leisure in Balestrand. Late afternoon we will embark on the fast boat destined to Bergen – the world heritage city. Bergen is the Gateway to the Fjords of Norway. As a UNESCO World Heritage City and a European City of Culture, the Bergen region has the ideal combination of nature, culture and exciting urban life all year around.

Overnight in the Augustin hotel or similar **(B.)**

Day Seven:

BERGEN

After breakfast we meet our local guide in the lobby of your hotel and enjoy the city sightseeing of Bergen. Pass through the most emblematic places such as the Hanseatic Bryggen, with the church of Mary, the Hakon Fortress and the famous fish market. You can visit the Fløibanen Funicular, which will take you on the top of the Mountain Fløyen, for overall view of the city.

Overnight in the Augustin hotel or similar **(B.)**

Day Eight:

BERGEN – REYKJAVIK

Today we'll have our final breakfast in Norway! Enjoy some last minute shopping for the Viking souvenirs before we transfer to the airport for our flight to the land of Ice and Fire, Iceland! Upon arrival in Reykjavik we will transfer to our hotel in the city centre. After check in the balance of the days is at leisure.

Overnight in the Center hotel Arnarhvoll or similar **(B.)**



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Day Nine:

REYKJAVIK/BLUE LAGOON

After breakfast we will meet in the lobby at 8:50am, for a 9:00am departure. Today we enjoy a Reykjavik sightseeing tour. Reykjavík, also known, as “smoky bay”, is the world's northernmost capital. It is also one of the youngest and most vibrant cities of northern Europe. Reykjavik is full of life, culture and is colourful at any time of year. The city centre is small yet vibrant and easily navigated by foot. Visit the city's northern waterfront area, with a beautiful view of Reykjavik's landmark mountain, Mt. Esja. The striking sculpture Sun Voyager by Jon Gunnar Arnason, a massive steel creation made to resemble a Viking ship is located here. Visit Hallgrímskirkja Church, Reykjavik's main landmark, its tower can be seen from almost everywhere in the city. We also see “The Pearl” (Perlan) a remarkable building, built in 1988, unique in Iceland and probably in the whole world. We will have time for lunch before departing for the Blue Lagoon. The Blue Lagoon is located in the Krísuvík/Kleifarvatn— Geothermal area. We will enjoy bathing in the blue thermal waters! Don't forget your bathing suits!

Overnight in the Center hotel Arnarhvoll or similar **(B.)**

Day Ten:

GOLDEN CIRCLE TOUR

After our included breakfast we meet in the lobby. Today we're off on the Golden Circle classic tour. The Golden circle tour from Reykjavik takes us via Nesjavellir geothermal field, up to Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site where the tectonic plates of Europe and North America meet and one of the world's oldest parliament was founded in 930 AD. We are then treated up close and personal to one of Iceland's largest personalities: Gullfoss (Golden Falls). Next up is Geysir geothermal area, home of the famous Geysir and Strokkur Hot Springs. The Strokkur Hot Spring erupts every 5 minutes or so, making it one of the most active geyser. From Geysir area the trip continues to Skálholt Church which was the seat of religious power in Iceland for centuries and where some of the most dramatic events in Iceland's history took place. On the way back to Reykjavik we'll get a chance to visit Hellisheiði Power Plant at the foot of Mt. Hengill Volcano where earth's most brutal forces are harnessed and converted to clean energy for space heating.

Overnight in the Center hotel Arnarhvoll or similar **(B.)**

Day Eleven:

HOME

Alas, all good things must come to an end! Today we transfer back to Reykjavik airport for our flight home to Toronto. We will carry with us awesome memories to last a lifetime! Upon arrival in Toronto we will take our included limousine service back to our homes!

(B.)

Welcome Home!

B = Included breakfast

D = Included Dinner