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Cruise : **NORTHERN EUROPE & CRUISES FROM UK**
Denmark, Norway, Germany

Cruise Ship: **MSC GRANDIOSA**

Departing from: **Copenhagen, Denmark**

Itineraries: **Hellesylt, Alesund, Flaam, Kiel (Lubeck)**

Departure Date: **10/07/2022**

Duration: **8 Days, 7 Nights**

Hellesylt

Tue 12 July 2022

CITY TOUR

BEAUTIFUL STRYN - HEL04



Duration
4 h



BEAUTIFUL STRYN



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ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

BRIKSDAL GLACIER HIKE & JOSTELDALSREEN NATIONAL PARK - HEL05



Duration
7 h



BRIKSDAL GLACIER HIKE & JOSTELDALSREEN NATIONAL PARK

SCENIC ROUTE

DRAMATIC NORANG VALLEY - HEL06



Duration
2:30 h



DRAMATIC NORANG VALLEY



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STRANDAFJELL CABLE CAR - HEL07



Duration
3:30 h



STRANDAFJELL CABLE CAR

STRYN & LOEN SKYLIFT - HEL08



Duration
6:30 h



STRYN & LOEN SKYLIFT



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ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

MARVEL AT MOTHER NATURE BEAUTY ON A RIB - HEL09



Duration
2 h



MARVEL AT MOTHER NATURE BEAUTY ON A RIB

PROTECTOURS: KAYAK ADVENTURE - HEL10



Duration
2 h



PROTECTOURS: KAYAK ADVENTURE

SCENIC ROUTE

SCENIC CRUISE TO GEIRANGERFJORD - HEL11



Duration
2:30 h



SCENIC CRUISE TO GEIRANGERFJORD



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Alesund

Wed 13 July 2022

CULTURE AND HISTORY

BEST OF ÅLESUND - ASD01



Duration
3 h



This tour will take you to see Alesund, a town founded in 1793 and now one of the most important seaports in Norway. A fire devastated the town in 1904 that destroyed the city centre. However, the town literally rose up like a Phoenix from the ashes and was beautifully rebuilt in art nouveau style. Today, Alesund is one of the world's few art nouveau towns that have succeeded in retaining their architectural integrity. Your guide will take you on an enjoyable sightseeing tour of the city, visiting an open-air museum and a unique local boat collection. You will also have a stop to admire the exterior of Alesund Church, the biggest one in Alesund, built in concrete and Norwegian marble with beautiful decorated stained-glass windows.

Please note: limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. This tour includes 1 hour of moderate walking at the open-air museum, with some thresholds and steps at the houses. The Museum is only partly accessible to wheelchair users. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion.

SCENIC ROUTE

THE ISLANDS OF GISKE AND GODØY - ASD02



Duration
3 h



The tour begins with a short sightseeing tour of Alesund, a town that is famed for its beautiful art nouveau buildings. The excursion then continues by taking you through an underwater tunnel to reach Giske Island, a place of importance during the Viking era. The whole island covers an area of just 2.67 square kilometres and was populated by no more than 717 residents in 2010. You will visit Giske Church, a 12th-century Roman marble church on the southern side of the island. Continue on to the island of Godøy and the charming fishing village of Alnes, whose pretty lighthouse safely guides sailors into its Atlantic shores. Your tour concludes with your return to the ship.

Please note: limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits.

CULTURE AND HISTORY

ÅLESUND WALKING TOUR - ASD03



Duration
2 h



Alesund is one of the few Art Nouveau towns left in the world that has succeeded in retaining its architectural integrity. Your guide will escort you on a two-hour walking tour through the winding streets of this beautifully preserved town. You can look forward to finding out about the town's history, hearing about the devastating fire of 1904, and admiring the intricate architectural details of these heritage buildings. It is well worth taking your camera, as there will be no shortage of suitable views to take snapshots of for your family album.

Please note: limited number of guides in languages other than English. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. This tour involves long walking on paved, cobblestone surfaces with inclines and sometimes steep uphill terrain. Comfortable shoes recommended; this tour will operate in all weather conditions so participants should take appropriate rainwear. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion.



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ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

HIKING TO SUGARTOP MOUNTAIN - ASD05



Duration
3 h



A 4-km coach drive through the beautiful Art Nouveau city of Ålesund will see you reach the island of Heissa, from where you will begin your approx. 1-hour hike along a narrow nature trail up Mount Sukkertoppen - or Sugartop Mountain. While your hike will begin at a mere 50 metres above sea level, you will then climb 250 metres up to 304 metres for splendid views of the city, the Borgund Fjord and, further inland, the Sunnmøre Alps. Prepare to enjoy breathtaking landscape and spectacular views during your nature ramble.

Please note: guides available only in English. Participants must be physically fit as the tour involves hiking uphill on uneven ground. Comfortable hiking shoes and light clothing recommended. This tour will operate in all weather conditions so participants should take appropriate rainwear, a backpack and bottled water.

STAND-UP PADDLING - ASD07



Duration
2:30 h



Climb onto a paddleboard and join the vibrant heart of life in Ålesund from an original perspective. As you'll discover, the city's historic "main street" is actually a stretch of water: the narrow Brosundet (Bridge Sound), which cuts through the heart of the city. Your senses will come alive with the buzz, aromas and the pastel colours of the Art Nouveau facades adorning the city's main artery. As your paddle slices through the crystal-clear water, you'll pass under bridges while waving to the friendly faces adorning the sound. Leaving the sound, the endless horizon of the Borgund Fjord's opens up before you, revealing Sula Mountain and the Sunnmøre Alps. Sitting low in the water and gazing up at this magnificent picture is a humbling experience even for the most seasoned traveler. Gliding out on Borgund Fjord and discovering Ålesund from the water feels like stepping back in time.

Please note: guides available only in English. This tour is unsuitable for guests with mobility problems.

SCENIC ROUTE

HJØRUNDFJORD CRUISE - ASD08



Duration
3 h



Board a private chartered boat to explore one of the gems of Norway's fjords, heading inland from Ålesund. Built on several islands stretching out into the ocean, the town of Ålesund boasts a beautiful setting. A large part of the town was destroyed by fire in 1904 then rebuilt in the Art Nouveau style popular in the first decade of the 20th-century. A short walk will take you to the sightseeing boat that will host you on your cruise up the 33km-long Hjørundfjord. The fjord is considered one of the most magnificent in Norway. It is around 440 metres deep and surrounded on both sides by numerous mountain peaks, some rising up to around 1.700 metres above sea level. Returning from Hjørundfjord, the boat will continue through Vegsundet and Borgundfjord back to Ålesund, where a short walk will take you back to the ship.

Please note: Depending on where the ship docks, a shuttle bus may be used. The number of guides in languages other than English is limited. Should a tour guide for your language be unavailable, the tour will be in English only. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion.



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NATURAL WONDERS

ATLANTIC OCEAN PARK - ASD09



Duration
3 h



A short coach transfer will first take you to the oceanfront Atlantic Ocean Park. Actually, built out into the coastal waters and situated just 3 km west of the city, the Atlantic Ocean Park counts as one of Europe's largest aquariums. Do not miss your chance to get up close and personal with the wealth of North Atlantic marine life found in the aquariums and get a unique look into the depths of Stor Fjord, the ferry quay and the ocean with its many islets and skerries. Look forward to watching divers feeding fish by hand and to exploring the "snails, seashells and weird marine animals" section, a particular favourite among children. Your visit to the park will be followed by a relaxing sightseeing tour around Ålesund, one of the world's few Art Nouveau towns that has retained its architectural integrity. Before heading back to the port and your ship, you will make a stop at Ålesund Church, the biggest one in the city, built in concrete and Norwegian marble with beautiful decorated stained-glass windows.

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SCENIC ROUTE

PANORAMIC ÅLESUND & AKSLA VIEWPOINT - ASD10



Duration
2 h



Enjoy a coach-based roundup of Ålesund's pretty townscape on these 2 hours off the ship. Having been largely destroyed by a raging fire in 1904, the town went on to be rebuilt Art Nouveau style. Enjoy drive-by views of the splendid architecture while you pass through the villa-dotted suburbs en route to the Aksla Viewpoint. Take a moment to enjoy stupendous views of the ocean, the many islands that make up Ålesund, Borgundfjorden and snow-capped peaks and take some photos. The return route will take you back through Ålesund to reach your ship.

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ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

HIKE ALONG MOUNT AKSLA - ASD11



Duration
3 h



Ålesund is the most important town on the northwest coast of Norway, today with a population of approx. 40.000. The setting is superb, built on three islands stretching out into the sea with the spectacular Sunnmøre Alps in the background. Leave the port, board the coach for a short drive to Fagerlia school-centre and to our hike starting point. The experience will be thrilling as we walk along a path just large enough for two people to pass next to the other. Climbing up the ridge of mount Aksla we can enjoy great views on both sides of the hill. To the north we have fjords, islands and in the distance the open sea; to the southeast we have a range of snowclad peaks and the Borgundfjord. We continue along the path that gets a little more strenuous, but well worth the effort! Passing by the so-called "dams" in former days the town got its drinking water from here and after approx. 75 minutes walk, we reach the viewpoint and we stop a while to admire the incredible scenery! The last leg of the hike consists of descending the 418 steps to the little park at the foot of mount Aksla. On the way back to our ship, we have the opportunity to admire the special "Art Nouveau" architecture of the town, rebuilt after a disastrous fire swept through the centre in January 1904, destroying almost 800 wooden houses. Finally, we will reach the pier on foot.

Please note: the tour runs in English. Participants must be physically fit as the tour involves hiking uphill on uneven ground. Comfortable hiking shoes and light clothing recommended. This tour will operate in all weather conditions so participants should take appropriate rainwear, a backpack and bottled water. Children under 16 years old are welcome to take part in this tour with a parent/guardian.



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PHOENIX FLAMBOYANCE AND MOUNTAIN PANORAMAS OF ÅLESUND - ASDBK1



Duration
4:30 h



Ålesund is a charming island town set against an awe-inspiring canvas of mountains, fjords, and sea. And the best way of seeing all the scenery close-up is on two wheels. After collecting your bike at the port, you'll follow your guide past the flamboyant Art Nouveau and mock-Gothic buildings, which stand testament to the rebirth of the town after the devastating fire of 1904. Once you've admired the unusual architecture, you'll take the picturesque coastal road and bridge to Heissa. This lovely, village-dotted island is crowned by Sukkertoppen or "Sugar Loaf Top" mountain, which towers over 300 metres above the sea. Capture the panoramic views on camera before returning to Ålesund and climbing the Aksla mountain behind the town for a different perspective. At the top, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views over the town and surrounding archipelago. After drinking in the scenery, you'll have a final chance to stroll around the old town and snap up some souvenirs before returning to your ship.

Please note: guests will have to cycle 25 km with 200 m in elevation and some steep hills. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent.

ISLAND-HOPPING AND HILL CLIMBING IN ÅLESUND - ASDBK2



Duration
4:30 h



This tour is made easier by riding a pedelec – an electrically powered bicycle which assists the rider's pedal power at speeds of up to 25 km/h. The city of Ålesund is a wonderland of fjords, mountains, and island chains. These features make it ideal for exploration by pedelec. Leaving the port, you'll ride through Ålesund and over bridges to the residential areas of the pretty island of Hessa with its enchanting observation point. Your tour will then take you on to the Aksla mountain behind the town, offering spectacular views of its colourful historic houses and the sea with its many islands. The return route will see you cycling through a series of typical villages on your way back to Ålesund, where a break will allow you to explore the city before going back to your ship.

Please note: guests will have to cycle 35 km with 300 m in elevation and some steep climbs. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent.

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Flaam

Thu 14 July 2022

NATURAL WONDERS

SPECTACULAR STALHEIM & UNDREDAL VALLEYS - FLA01

**Duration**
3 h

Starting from the pier in Flåm, your tour begins with a drive through Norway's stunning landscape to the village of Gudvangen and continues through a narrow valley to reach Stalheim, home to one of Norway's most spectacular views. Once you have had a chance to relax over pastries and coffee, the coach will take you to the tiny village of Undredal where you will briefly stop for picture taking. Do take your camera to capture the many awe-inspiring views of Norway's ruggedly beautiful and incredibly green countryside on your way back to Flåm and your ship.

Please note: the excursion includes driving through a series of long tunnels, so it is unsuitable for guests who suffer from claustrophobia. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.

THE SNOW ROAD TO LÆRDAL - FLA02

**Duration**
5 h

The tour begins at Flåm pier and we will drive along the fjord to the village of Aurland. From here, through the longest tunnel in the world, we will continue our journey to Lærdal. The historic heart of Lærdal village is made up of heritage buildings dating back to the XVIII century. Lærdal is renowned for its excellent salmon fishing, with the Lærdal River known as the "Queen of the Salmon Rivers". You will have free time to spend in the village before returning to Flåm along the Snow Road. This takes us high up in the mountains, 1.309 metres above sea level. There will be a short break along the way before we return to the port. During the tour, we will also visit the historic wooden Borgund Stave Church.

Please note: this tour is unsuitable for guests who suffer from claustrophobia or have walking difficulties; there are some steps at the Borgund church. This tour is not available for all calls until mid June.

SCENIC ROUTE

THE NORWEGIAN WATERFALLS & DRAMATIC SCENERY BY TRAIN - FLA04

**Duration**
6 h

Once you are ready for the steep roads and mountain tunnels of this region, you can sit back and enjoy the ride through spectacular countryside. Leaving the port of Flåm, we will traverse a long tunnel that takes us to Gudvangen, and the coach will climb through the steep, narrow Nærøy valley. We will stop at the Tvindefossen waterfalls, a twin cascade of two fabulous falls. The excursion continues to the town of Voss, prettily located on the Vangvatnet Lake. We will board a train to continue our outing across a range of stunning natural landscapes, before reaching Myrdal. Here, at 867 metres above sea level, we will change trains and continue down the breathtaking Flåm valley, travelling on the world famous Flåm Line. The train will pass by Kjosfossen waterfall to allow passengers enjoy the lovely view before terminating at Flåm station, on the Sognefjord, from where we can walk back to the ship. Lunch included.

Please note: the excursion includes a long train ride through a series of tunnel. The order of the visits may change. Some groups will start the tour by train and end the tour by coach and vice versa. This tour is unsuitable for guests who are claustrophobic or have walking difficulties. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion.



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NATURAL WONDERS

NÆRØYFJORD PLEASURE CRUISE & WATERFALLS - FLA06**Duration**
4 h

The tour starts with a short walk from your ship to the pier located just in front of the railway station. Here you will board the sightseeing boat for a 2-hour pleasure cruise on the Aurlandsfjord and the Nærøfjord. The cruise covers some of the most beautiful parts of the Sognefjord; we sail past steep, snow-clad mountains, rushing waterfalls and a living cultural landscape before disembarking in Gudvangen. The excursion continues by bus through the narrow and impressive Nærøydalen Valley with more impressive cascades, before arriving at the warm and welcoming Stalheim Hotel, some 1.237 feet above sea level, for coffee. The last part of the tour takes us back through a long valley tunnel, through more mountain sceneries before arriving back at the pier in Flåm.

Please note: this tour is unsuitable for guests who are claustrophobic as it includes driving through 2 long tunnels: Gudvanga Tunnel (11.4 km) and Flenja Tunnel (5.5 km). The order of the visits may change. Some groups will start the tour by boat and end the tour by coach and vice versa. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion.

SCENIC ROUTE

SCENIC STALHEIM & OPEN-AIR MUSEUM - FLA12**Duration**
3 h

We start our drive in the idyllic village of Flåm at the head of the Aurlandsfjord, a branch of the mighty Sognefjord - the so-called King of the Fjords. Soon we reach Gudvangen on the other side of the mountains passing through two long tunnels, the longest more than 6 miles long, however, the drive takes just about 20 minutes. Gudvangen, an important ferry junction, is situated at the head of the spectacular Nærøfjord, another branch of the mighty Sognefjord. We continue up the Nærøy valley following the well-known Salmon River by the same name, and past Glashamaren where anorthosite is excavated. A light-coloured stone used for road covering in former days, today, mainly for cleaning toxic, industrial material. In front of us we now see how the road winds its way up the mountainside. However, we are driving the new road that goes through tunnels underneath Stalheim hotel perched on a cliff overlooking the Nærøy valley. We will stop here for a tasting of coffee/tea/cakes and have time to take in the view from the terrace overlooking the valley or browse in the hotel shop. The former owner collected antiques all his life and many of these can be seen inside the hotel. He even had his own little museum consisting of 25 farm buildings gathered from various parts of the county. We will take a closer look at these buildings dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries as well as the stately "Lekve"-house beautifully furnished! On our way back, having reached the valley floor, we follow the Nærøy river back towards Gudvangen, then through the tunnels to Flåm.

Please note: the tour is unsuitable for guests suffering from vertigo and/or acrophobia, claustrophobia or with walking difficulties. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion.

FJORDIC VIEWS BY BOAT & COACH - FLA14**Duration**
3 h

Take yourself off the ship for two hours to feast your eyes on Norway's stunning landscape on this boat- and coach-based tour. You'll board a brand-new hybrid vessel the Vision of the Fjords in Flåm to then glide through the narrow Nærøfjord, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Keep your camera at hand to capture the breathtaking scenery, with steep mountains to either side that rise to around 1.800 m above mean sea level. Replete with gushing waterfalls and picturesque villages, this area is one of the loveliest fjordic landscapes on earth. The relaxing 2-hour cruise ends in Gudvangen, where you'll board a coach for the return journey to Flåm and your ship.

Please note: Visibility from scenic outlooks depend on weather conditions the day of call.



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ACTIVE & ADVENTURE

FLÅM VALLEY WALK - FLA18



Duration
2:30 h



Every imaginable shade of green, the bracing Norwegian air and superb fjordic views await you on this walk through the lovely Flåm Valley on the shores of Aurlandsfjorden. Your walk will take you down a road that bisects the valley and was built to facilitate the construction of the main Oslo-Bergen railway line in 1924. With lushly vegetated mountainsides soaring upwards to either side, you'll stroll along the River Flåm to pass several farms and a certain highlight of the outing the marvellous tiered cascades of the Rjoandefossen waterfall. A visit to the 17th-century Flåm Church, situated outside of town, is your last stop, after which you'll return to the ship via the same route.

Please note: guides available in English only. Subject to availability, it may be possible to provide support in your language. Guests need to be at least 15 years old to take part. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits.

SCENIC ROUTE

SCENIC FLAM RAILWAY - FLA20



Duration
2:30 h



Take a trip on one of the most interesting railways in the world and be rewarded with some of the most stunning scenery in Norway. The Flåm Railway is a remarkable piece of engineering which provides wonderful vistas of the mountains and waterfalls that characterise this beautiful part of Norway. Boarding the train at Flåm Station, you'll travel along the Flåm River, which is one of the best salmon rivers in the west country, to Myrdal Station at an altitude of 2.845 feet (861 m) above sea level. Admire the fabulous scenery passing by along the 12.5 miles (21 km) track, including the sheer drop of the Rjoande Waterfall and the impressive peak of Vibmesnosi Mountain. In order to climb the 985 feet (300 m) Myrdalsberg, the railroad is built on 4 levels. As your train stands on the 4th level, you can see all of the other 3 levels. To ensure the best possible views the train will slow down at the finest sections, so you have time to capture the dramatic scenery. There will be a brief stop at Kjosfossen Waterfall to photograph the spectacular 305-feet (93 m) cascading waterfall. At Myrdal, the train turns around and returns to Flåm.

Please note: the walk to Flåm station takes 5 minutes. There are a few steep steps to embark the train and the journey is approximately 60 minutes each way. There is a limited taped commentary on the train. This tour involves several tunnels, it is unsuitable for guests suffering from claustrophobia. The train stops at Myrdal for 5-10 minutes to turnaround; as soon as it is ready it will depart therefore passengers are requested to remain on the train.



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OFF THE BEATEN TRACK TO FLÅM PARADISE - FLABK1A



Duration
6 h



This 30-kilometre guided bike tour gives you a behind-the-scenes look at Flåm's spectacular scenery. You'll pedal along the region's central valley, snaking through soaring mountains and past plunging waterfalls, before continuing alongside the Flåm River. Following the river, you'll reach Flåm's charming little wooden church for a photo break. You'll then have a slight uphill climb to the Brekkefossen Waterfall, which crashes down the side of a leafy gorge. After ample time to admire the amazing views, you'll cycle back down and past the centre of Flåm to continue along the shores of the Aurland Fjord. When you reach picturesque Aurland a town cocooned by colossal, snow-capped mountains - the tour will stop for a breather before heading to your almost final destination - the Otternes linear collective farmyard. This settlement dates all the way back to 300 A. D., while the first buildings were built around 1700. The cultivated landscape here remains essentially intact, with its hills, stairs, stone walls and wells largely unchanged. Taking advantage of the opportunity to enjoy a final magnificent view of the fjord and ship, you'll head back to the port.

Please note: guests will have to cycle 30 km with some steep climbs. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent.



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PEDAL-PUMPING AROUND AURLANDSFJORDEN - FLABK2



Duration
5 h



This tour is made easier by riding a pedelec - an electrically powered bicycle which assists the rider's pedal power at speeds of up to 25 km/h. Lots of fresh Norwegian air, spectacular scenery and a pedal-pumping workout await you on a half-day outing that will see you hop on an electrically assisted bike to explore the breathtaking landscape surrounding Flåm. The first 15 km of the guided tour will see you cycle on the main road through the Aurlandsfjorden valley, with towering mountains and cascading waterfalls on either side. On reaching the village of Skjerdal, you can enjoy a break and soak up stunning views from the elevated location. Moving on again, you'll ride downhill alongside Aurlandsfjorden to the pretty town of Aurland, which nestles amid the snow-capped peaks. Take a breather for a moment here before continuing on to a fascinating open-air museum, which recreates a Norwegian farm c. 1700: Otternes. The farm's infrastructure - stairs, stone walls, wells, etc. - remains largely intact and provides insight into agriculture as practised all those years ago. The tour then draws to a close with your equally scenic return ride to the ship.

Please note: the distance covered on this biking tour totals approx. 30 km with a 500-m gain in elevation. Children who are at least 155 cm tall are welcome to take part in this tour with the parent's/guardian's written consent.



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Kiel (Lubeck)

Sat 16 July 2022

CITY TOUR

HAMBURG - KIE15D



Duration
6:30 h



Spend a few hours off the ship and discover the elegant city of Hamburg, Germany's second-largest metropolis. After leaving the port, an enjoyable a 1.5-hour coach ride will take you see the most important sights. As you explore the city and learn more about its past, you will get to see the city hall, visit the impressive St. Michael's Church and amble through the narrow street of the 17th-century Krameramtsgasse, a real journey back in time. Your scenic tour of Hamburg will also take you past the man-made Alster lakes and the "Speicherstadt", the old warehouse district, with its picturesque canals. Some free time to have lunch at your leisure (not included in the price of the tour) will be followed by saying goodbye to your city guide and returning to Kiel and your ship.

Please note: If you do not embark/disembark in Kiel and wish to take part, please select code KIE15T; if you disembark, have flights after 19:00 hrs and wish to take part, please select KIE15D. The tour ends at the airport only for disembarking guests; in this case, the tour duration also includes the time to reach the airport. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. In case of religious service, the guide will give explanation outside the Church; guests will visit the site individually. If the Church is closed on public holidays or during special events, the visit will be external. The cost of the lunch (optional) is not included in the price of the tour.



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HAMBURG - KIE15T



Duration
6:30 h



Spend a few hours off the ship and discover the elegant city of Hamburg, Germany's second-largest metropolis. After leaving the port, an enjoyable a 1.5-hour coach ride will take you see the most important sights. As you explore the city and learn more about its past, you will get to see the city hall, visit the impressive St. Michael's Church and amble through the narrow street of the 17th-century Krameramtsgasse, a real journey back in time. Your scenic tour of Hamburg will also take you past the man-made Alster lakes and the "Speicherstadt", the old warehouse district, with its picturesque canals. Some free time to have lunch at your leisure (not included in the price of the tour) will be followed by saying goodbye to your city guide and returning to Kiel and your ship.

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SCENIC ROUTE

PANORAMIC KIEL AND SURROUNDINGS - KIE20T



Duration
2 h



This panoramic tour will give you an excellent overview of Kiel, your port of call, as well as the surrounding countryside. Thanks to its advantageous coastal location on the Baltic Sea, the beautiful city of Kiel - the capital of the state of Schleswig-Holstein - is characterised by a rich maritime and naval tradition that it still maintains to this day. Kiel enjoys an international reputation as the venue of several important sailing events, including the annual Kiel Week - the world's biggest sailing competition. In fact, the first-class conditions at sea and meticulous organisation on land have lent Kiel the title of "the world's unofficial sailing capital", especially since the city hosted the Olympic sailing competitions in 1936 and 1972. One of these was held in the Kiel suburb of Schilksee, which is naturally on the itinerary. The many little sailing boats and the unique architecture of Schilksee are a living testament to the colourful event. The tour of the city will also take you to see the famous early 20th-century town hall, the majestic Kiel Fjord, an inlet of the Baltic Sea, and the impressive Kiel Canal, which both connects the North and Baltic Seas and is the world's busiest artificial waterway. Your return to the pier and your ship marks the end of this scenic excursion.

Please note: this excursion is only guests who do not embark/disembark in Kiel. Guests are requested to wear appropriate attire for religious visits. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion.



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SOMETHING SPECIAL

HAMBURG ON YOUR OWN - KIE21D



Duration
6:30 h



No more than 90 minutes on the coach separates you from a few hours of independent exploration in Hamburg, Germany's second-most populated city. Whether you fancy shopping in the city's numerous swanky boutiques and upscale department stores, check out notable landmarks such as the famous Speicherstadt, landing bridges and the 17th-century Krameramtsgrasse, spend time in the notorious Reeperbahn adult-entertainment district or pay a visit to the city's emblematic St. Michael's Church (or simply "the Michel" to the locals), there is certainly no shortage of things to do and places to see. Whatever you choose to do, Hamburg's lovely cityscape is sure to appeal - only make sure you return to the pick-up point in good time to reboard your coach for the ride back to Kiel and your ship.

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CULTURE AND HISTORY

MARITIME KIEL - KIE24D



Duration
4 h



This is a panoramic tour of Kiel, the capital of the state of Schleswig-Holstein and a traditional maritime and naval city. During your city tour, you can admire the imposing canal that connects the Northern and Baltic Seas. We will then visit the Laboe Naval Memorial, a monument dedicated to sailor lost at sea during the two world wars. Naval history enthusiasts will be keen to see the U-995 submarine, which served in the German Kriegsmarine from 1943 to 1945, prowling for the North Sea and Arctic for Allied convoys. The memorial also offers a magnificent bird's eye view of the surrounding landscapes of northern Germany. You will have the chance to enjoy a typical snack local to Kiel and a soft drink.

Please note: this tour is not suitable for guests with walking difficulties, suffering from acrophobia or claustrophobia. If you do not embark/disembark in Kiel and wish to take part, please select code KIE24T; if you disembark, have flights after 17:00 hrs and wish to take part, please select KIE24D. The tour ends at the airport only for disembarking guests; in this case, the tour duration also includes the time to reach the airport. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call. This tour may have multiple departures throughout the ship's time in port. You will receive all information about your specific departure the day before the excursion.

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CITY TOUR

LUBECK - KIE25T



Duration
6:30 h



Enjoy a pleasant 1.5-hours scenic drive through beautiful German countryside to the Hanseatic city of Lubeck. Discover the charming old town, which has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You will discover the elegant XIX century alleyways and ground courtyards that pay testament to when the Hanseatic League was a booming trade centre. Admire the world-famous Holsten Gate, the seven spires of the city's five churches, the Hospital of the Holy Ghost, which dates back to 1280, and St. Mary's Church - home to the world's largest mechanical organ. You will enjoy a typical, light German lunch before leaving your guide in Lubeck and return to Kiel.

Please note: this excursion is only for guests who do not embark/disembark in Kiel. This tour includes approx. 2.5 hours of moderate walking, at times over uneven surfaces. Guests of limited mobility are requested to evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability before taking part. Guests with any type of food intolerance are required to communicate it to the Shore Excursions Office at least two days before the call.



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Possibility of swimming	Long route by bus	Best seller	DIFFICULTY LEVEL Easy May involve a limited quantity of steps, uneven surfaces and/or periods of standing Moderate May involve inclines, steps, uneven surfaces and/or extended periods of standing Strenuous Active excursions recommended only for guests in good physical health
Tasting included	Shooting videos and/or taking pictures is not allowed or subject to fee	New	
Lunch or dinner included	Shopping	Wheelchair and disabled-friendly tour As guests in wheelchairs must be accompanied by their own helper, please inform Excursions Desk staff promptly so they can help make arrangements	
Drink included	Mini Tours		
Snack included	Limited seat		
No guide available			

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CITY TOUR

Explore the city centre with a guided tour and soak up the local scenery with a comfortable coach ride. The easy way to get to know your destination.

CULTURE AND HISTORY

Learn all about the history and culture of your destination, with visits to must-see locations and guided tours of key sites. The ideal route to local knowledge.

NATURAL WONDERS

Immerse yourself in spectacular scenery and discover the fascinating flora and fauna of your destination. Your passport to the wonders of the natural world.

SCENIC ROUTE

Admire your destination in total comfort, with a scenic coach tour taking in the best views and the main places of interest. The relaxing road to discovery.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

Pursue your interests in new places! From gastronomic tours and guided shopping trips to religious visits, there's a world of pastimes and passions to explore.

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