

In Partnership with CIE Tours International 2022 NORWAY "SHEEP-TO-SHAWL" TOUR ITINERARY

Itinerary is subject to change!

FRI, SEPT 16 - UNITED STATES TO OSLO

Depart your hometown for the overnight flight to Norway.

SAT, SEPT 17 – OSLO ARRIVAL/YARN SHOPS

Dinner & Overnight: Clarion Hotel The Hub, Oslo

SUN, SEPT 18 - OSLO SIGHTSEEING

This morning, we're off with a local guide who will show us around Oslo, Norway's largest city. View the <u>Akershus Fortress</u>, <u>City Hall</u>, the <u>Royal Palace</u>, the <u>Parliament</u>. Visit and tour the <u>Oslo Opera House</u>, home of the Norwegian National Opera and Ballet. Then on to visit the <u>Vigeland Sculpture Park</u> and finally to the <u>Oslo Folkmuseum</u> to see the knitting history and folk dresses exhibition with a guided tour. Dinner and evening on your own.

Overnight: Clarion Hotel The Hub, Oslo

MON, SEPT 19 - HUSFLIDEN WORKSHOP

Today we head to <u>Husflieden shop</u> which has the city's largest selection of Norwegian knitting and weaving yarns. Here, we will enjoy a private workshop (topic to be announced) during our visit! After returning to the hotel you'll have some leisure time for independent exploring and dining.

Overnight: Clarion Hotel The Hub, Oslo

TUES, SEPT 20 - PILTINGSRUD GARD

Leaving Oslo, today we travel to <u>Piltingsrud Gard</u>, a working wool farm. While there, we will enjoy a two-course lunch. We continue on towards Hardanderfjord and visit the beautiful <u>Voringsfossen Waterfall</u> before heading to <u>Syse Gard</u>, a nearby cider farm for a tour and tasting. Transfer to our hotel in Ulvik and enjoy dinner

together in the hotel restaurant.

Dinner & Overnight: Brakanes Hotel, Ulvik

WED, SEPT 21 – NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL TOUR

After breakfast, we're off on a full day "Norway in a Nutshell" tour. Travel into Voss, where we will take a train ride into Myrdal. Upon arrival, change trains onto the famous Flaam Railway and embark on a spectacular train ride into Flaam. Along the way, enjoy breathtaking views of magnificent scenery. In Flaam, stop to have lunch, a unique 5 course beer and food tasting menu, the Viking Plank, in Aegir Bryggeri. Then, set off on a Nærøyfjord cruise from Flaam into Gudvangen. Return to the hotel to share the days memories together at our group dinner.

Dinner & Overnight: Brakanes Hotel, Ulvik

THURS, SEPT 22 – KNITTING+ WORKSHOP

Today we head to a nearby venue for a private knitting workshop. The workshop will cover carding, spinning, bead knitting, double band knitting, and various tips and tricks. We'll enjoy waffle and coffee while there. Then it's back to the hotel for a group dinner and free evening.

Dinner & Overnight: Brakanes Hotel, Ulvik

FRI, SEPT 23 – DALE OF NORWAY AND BERGEN

Today, we depart Ulvik and journey into Voss for a stop at <u>Dale of Norway</u> for a factory tour where we will see the process of knitting and assembling live. And, of course, shopping time! Next, we head to Bergen and set off on an orientation tour to see the highlights of the city. We'll stop to visit the <u>Bryggens Museum</u>. Later, we'll embark on a funicular ride up the hillside to the top of <u>Mt. Floyen</u> where we will find beautiful views of Bergen, the nearby islands, fjords, and mountains. Finally, we head back to our hotel for the evening and dinner on your own.

Overnight: Hotel Norge by Scandic, Bergen

SAT, SEPT 24 – TEXTILE INDUSTRY MUSEUM

This morning we drive into Salhus to visit the <u>Textile Industry Museum</u>. While there, we'll enjoy a guided tour of the knitwear factory before participating in a knitting workshop (details TBA). Then it's back to our hotel for exploring and dinner at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Norge by Scandic, Bergen

SUN, SEPT 25 - NORLENDER LOCAL WOOL ARTIST

Today we travel into Norlender to visit with local wool artist, <u>Else Karin Bysheim</u>. She will give us a tour of her studio, where she has many materials and plenty of room for experimentation. She will visit with us about the nature of wool shaping and testing. Tonight, after

we return to our hotel, we will enjoy a celebration of all things Norway as we gather for our final, farewell dinner together at Bryggen Tracteursted.

Overnight: Hotel Norge by Scandic, Bergen

MON, SEPT 26 - RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Our tour has come to an end and it's time to head home to enjoy and share the good memories. We will have a group transfer to the Bergen airport for our flights back to the United States. Home Sweet Home...may our memories remain with us for a lifetime!