

# ACCOMPANYING PERSONS PROGRAM BERGEN EXCURSIONS

The Challenges of The Northern Dimension



MTS/IEEE - Bergen, Norway - June 10th-13th

## June 11<sup>th</sup> 2013:

### WALKING TOUR OF THE HANSA AREA OF BERGEN

*Start from the Grieghallen on Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am.*

You will learn about and see the magnificent and unique architecture of this Hansa City. The tour will include a «back stage» stroll through the old buildings at Bryggen - the wharf area, which is on the official UNESCO's World Heritage List, and is hence regarded as one of the world's most important and best preserved heritage sites! Inside visit will be made to the Hanseatic Museum, which will introduce the visitor to an interesting insight into the lives and work of the German Hansa Fish Traders during the middle ages.

**Per person, min 10 participants, NOK 300.-**

Duration: 2 hours



German Hansa

## June 12<sup>th</sup> 2013:

### CLASSICAL GUIDED TOUR OF BERGEN

*Start from the Grieghallen on Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am.*

This tour will take the visitors by private coach and local guide for an orientation tour of the city centre of Bergen, passing all main sights of interest including the shopping areas. Inside visits will be made to:

#### FANTOFT STAVE CHURCH

The tour will then proceed outside the city centre for a tour of some of the residential areas before stopping for an inside visit at the Fantoft Stave Church. This wooden church with the characteristic architectural style originates from a fjord settlement in the Sognefjord and was erected in the year 1150. However, it was sadly torched in 1992 but a replica down to the smallest detail was build and the visitors will still experience the magical and historical feel of these magnificent buildings!



#### THE HOME OF EDVARD GRIEG

The coach will then continue to Troidhaugen. Troidhaugen (the hill of the Trolls) was built in 1885 and was the home of Norway's most famous composer, Edward Grieg. He lived there for 22 years, and composed many of his best-known works in the little garden hut by the shore of lake Nordåsen.



#### THE OLD BERGEN OPEN AIR MUSEUM

The coach will then proceed to the Open Air Museum of 'Gamle Bergen'. The city of Bergen is known for its old wooden houses and at the Old Bergen Museum (open air museum) consists of a whole cluster of them. Some of them are on their original sites, but the majority has been collected from other parts of Bergen. Here they have been rebuilt along streets, alleys, and on squares, just as they would have been 100-200 years ago. The houses are carefully restored to its original beauty and show the original Bergen architecture traditions. The interiors are from our forefather's times, several generations past. They give visitors of today a picture of life in those days at work and time of leisure, in sorrow and happiness in old Bergen.



**Per person, min 10 participants NOK 725.-**

Duration 3 Hours.

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**June 13<sup>th</sup> 2013:**

**NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL™ TOUR**

***This is an independent, public day excursion, with no tour leader. The travellers will travel on their own. Full Day Excursion***

This unique fjord excursion takes you through some of the most magnificent scenery in western Norway. A beautiful combination of a spectacular train ride and an equally incredible boat and bus. This tour is one of the most popular and famous excursions in Norway! The excursion will take you on the Flåm railway line, the steepest railway line in Northern Europe. You will experience a height difference of 2,838 feet along a mere 12.5 miles of tracks, as it plunges down towards the picturesque fjord town of Flåm at the shores of the Aurland Fjord. Experience the ultimate train ride with fantastic waterfalls, mountain sides and green valleys.

From Flåm, the public fjord cruise boat will take you through the narrowest fjord in Norway, the Naeroyfjord, with steep mountain sides plunging down into the fjord.

Go through areas of the fjord where the sun never manages to find its way! National Geographic's Magazine voted the fjords of Norway as number 1 UNESCO World Heritages sights in the world. End up in the small fjord settlement of Gudvangen. From here, board the public bus on an unforgettable journey through hair-pin bends of famous mountain roads! End in the inland town of Voss, where you board the train again for the last leg back to the city of Bergen

Departure from Bergen by train at 0840hrs. Return to Bergen at 18.30hrs.

**Per person    NOK 1165.-**

