# CRUISING THE NORWEGIAN FJORDS FROM HAMBURG, GERMANY







### Departing Wednesday July 25th 2018 for 12 days / 11 nights

Now is your opportunity to marvel at Norway's glorious fjords on this unforgettable journey sailing from Hamburg, Germany. Explore Ålesund, a colorful city built on islands extending to the sea, seeing firsthand why it's known as the "Venice of Norway." Feel like you're floating through a fairy tale as you make your way through the Geiranger Fjord, with its pine forests, surrounding mountains, central waterfall and lush valley. And in Olden, behold a mélange of natural beauty: towering mountains, a massive fjord, endless sea and blue glaciers set between verdant valleys. We cruise aboard Norwegian Cruise Lines "Norwegian Jade"





#### **Norwegian Jade Facts:**

Passenger Capacity (double occupancy) 2,402 **Gross Register Tonnage** 93.558 Overall Length 965 feet Max Beam 125 feet 28.2 feet Draft **Engines Diesel Electric** Cruise Speed 25.1 knots Crew 1,037 2006 **Inaugural Date** Refurbished Date 2017

## Day to Day Itinerary:

#### Day 1: Depart Rapid City and start the journey to Hamburg, Germany

We depart Rapid City Regional Airport bound for Hamburg, Germany. Once on board your transatlantic flight sit back relax and enjoy the flight.

Overnight aircraft – Meals as per airline schedule.

#### **Day 2: Arrive Hamburg**

On arrival in Hamburg, we pass through Customs and Immigration and then transfer to our hotel. Nestled along the beautiful Elbe River lies exquisite Hamburg, the second largest city in Germany. You can barely tell that this illuminated metropolis traces its history to the year 831. And while there are plenty of modern buildings to see, like the highly anticipated Elbphilharmonie along the water, it's Hamburg's older culture that can be most exciting. Try a visit to the Fish Auction Hall and Market, an open-air market that's been hawking local wares since 1703. Your visit promises authentic local culture, because it's not just a market. It's a neighborhood scene, a great place to absorb local color. And that means you might be lucky enough to catch the occasional rock band playing there in the morning, alongside locals selecting their evening meals from the catches of the day. Model enthusiasts shouldn't miss the spectacular Miniatur Wunderland, a massive model exhibit that leaves visitors speechless with its detail and realism. Of course, there's historic architecture all around and a lovely botanical garden at Park Planten un Blomen. With something for everyone, there's no question you'll have a guten tag in Hamburg! The rest of the day and evening is free to relax and get a good night's sleep in a real bed!

Overnight Hamburg – no meals included except on airline.



Day 3: Transfer to Ship and Sail at 5pm

This morning we transfer to the ship for check-in and once on board it is time to explore this beautiful vessel.

Overnight cruise ship – breakfast & then all meals aboard ship included

#### Day 4: At Sea

Time to explore and find your way around this amazing ship which is your floating hotel

#### Overnight cruise ship - all meals included

#### Day 5: Bergen, Norway - 8am to 6pm

View this lovely and charming Norwegian city from your cruise ship and you'll see how the city is nestled between seven mountains, seven fjords and the North Sea. The Norwegian King resided here, and many historical events took place in this busy port. These events come alive when you amble down the old streets of Bryggen, past picturesque, wooden buildings and the Romanesque-style St. Mary's church.

#### Overnight cruise ship – all meals included

#### Day 6: Olden, Norway - 9am to 7pm

The beautiful views from the ship as you cruise into Olden and a natural wonderland are not to be missed. Located on the southern shore of Nordfjord, Olden is an ideal base to explore the surrounding landscape. From the picturesque village, you can journey into Jostedalesbreen National Park to hike among rushing waterfalls as mountains rise around Briksdal Glacier. Dramatic vistas outside of Olden are an outdoor enthusiast's paradise with a wide range of attractions and tours to suit all activity levels.

#### Overnight cruise ship – all meals included

#### Day 7: Trondheim, Norway - 8am to 6pm

Trondheim is Norway's history. The country's annals are written in the buildings and monuments of the nation's historic capital. The timbered architecture of the magnificent 11th-century Domkirke was actually built over the tomb of St. Olav and even today, Norwegian kings continue to be crowned within its massive nave. The city has been the keeper of the kingdom's treasures, values, legends, religious life, national aspirations and in short, Norway's past since 997 when the Viking King, Olav Tryggvason, established this trading port on this yearround ice-free fjord at the mouth of the river Nid.

#### Day 8: Geiranger, Norway 8am to 2.30pm

Looking for natural wonders that are truly wondrous? Look no further than the Geiranger Fjord. Emerge from a fairy tale pine forest and gaze at the fjord and surrounding mountains. You'll find much more to amaze here, from a central waterfall to the winding roads and streams of the Moldskreddalen Valley.

followed by Hellesylt, Norway - 4pm to 5pm followed.

Overnight cruise ship – all meals included



#### Day 9: Alesund, Norway - 8am to 5pm

One of Norway's most beautiful towns, renowned for its Jugend-style architecture and art nouveau style. Cruise visitors will immediately notice Alesund's unique layout, as it is built on islands extending to the sea, and offers scenic views of fjords and the Sunnmore Alps... Alesund is the fishing capital of Norway.

#### Overnight cruise ship – all meals included



Day 10: Flam, Norway – 8am to 7pm

Situated deep within the valleys of Norway, Flam is a nature lovers' escape. The towering mountain cliffs and sweeping waterfalls are a pure splendor. The Flam Railway is a point of interest and so are the various fjord sightseeing tours.

#### Day 11: At Sea - Overnight cruise ship - all meals included

#### Day 12: Hamburg, Germany - 7am

Alas, after breakfast it is time to say goodbye to your floating hotel and return to the airport for your flight home. **Breakfast Included** and meals as per airline schedule

# **Staterooms & Pricing:**

**Inside Stateroom -** \$4,695 per person based on double occupancy



Oceanview Stateroom - \$4,995 per person based on double occupancy



**Balcony Stateroom -** \$5,495 per person based on double occupancy



# Itinerary at a glance:

Price: from \$4,695 per person based on double occupancy

**Starts:** Wednesday July 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 **Ends:** Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup> 2018

#### What's included?

- Round trip coach class air from Rapid City to Hamburg, Germany Overnight Transatlantic Flight
- Pre-cruise overnight Hamburg then 9 nights aboard Cruise Ship Norwegian Jade
- All Meals once on board with complimentary bar drinks throughout the cruise including alcohol
- All on board Gratuities plus all Taxes and Fees
- All Transfers from Airport / Hotel /Ship / Airport
- Services of an ABS Escort

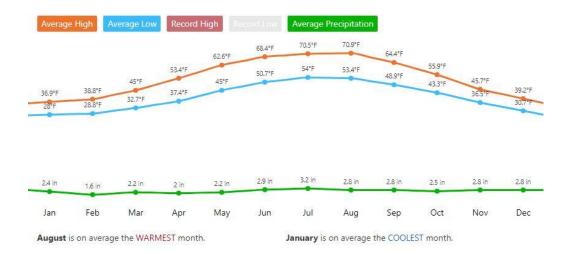
#### How to book

- Deposit due of \$1,000 per person
- Further deposit of \$1,000 March 15<sup>th</sup> 2018
- Final Balance due May 15th 2018

#### What you'll need

• Full Passport is required for this tour

#### Weather





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