



WALKING SUMMER

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St. Olav Coastal Path Bergen to Selje - Norway

12 days, PRICE FROM € 1148



This extraordinary journey traces part of the **St. Olav Ways**, a network of pilgrimage routes crossing Northern Europe and converging in Trondheim, Norway, the final resting place of King Olav II, the warrior king turned saint who brought Christianity to the region. Our trip begins and ends in **Bergen**, one of Norway's most vibrant and historic cities, and follows the western coastline through breathtaking landscapes, Viking heritage sites, and remote fishing villages.

Between ferry rides and scenic hikes, you'll traverse deep fjords, rugged headlands, and windswept islands on a journey that is cultural, natural, and spiritual all at once. Its flexible, modular format makes it perfect for those seeking a slow, meaningful way to experience one of the most beautiful and storied coastal regions in Europe.

Route

Day 1 Arrival in Bergen

Your adventure begins in **Bergen**, nestled between seven mountains and known as the gateway to the fjords. This charming port city, founded over 950 years ago, was once part of the Hanseatic League and remains one of Norway's most historically rich destinations. Upon arrival, stroll through the iconic waterfront neighborhood of **Bryggen**, with its brightly painted wooden houses — a UNESCO World Heritage Site — and take in the buzz of the **Fish Market**, where fresh seafood and local flavors await. As the sun sets over the harbor, you'll already feel the pull of **Norway's coastal magic**.

Day 2 Exploring Bergen

Today is yours to explore all that Bergen has to offer. Hiking enthusiasts can take the cable car or climb the **Sherpa Steps** to the summit of Mount Ulriken, the highest of Bergen's peaks, where panoramic views stretch from fjords to sea. Culture lovers can visit the **Mariakirken (St. Mary's Church)**, the oldest surviving building in the city, or wander the atmospheric alleyways of **Bryggen**, where artisans and galleries bring new life to ancient wooden structures. Museums, art galleries, and cozy cafés invite you to discover Bergen at your own pace.

Day 3 From Bergen to Eivindvik and Gulatinget

A ferry takes you out of Bergen into the fjords, toward **Sollibotn**, where the walking truly begins. A short hike brings you to **Gulatinget**, one of the oldest and most important historical sites in Norway. For over 400 years, this was the seat of the **Gulating** — a regional parliament where Vikings gathered to settle disputes and shape early Norwegian law. Surrounded by grassy meadows and granite monuments, the site feels like an open-air cathedral of Nordic history. Nearby lies **Eivindvik**, a quiet village where you'll spend the night, close to the sea and steeped in the spirit of the past.

Day 4 From Eivindvik to Leirvik and Hyllestad

Today you continue to the region of **Hyllestad**, where Viking history takes a practical turn. Your destination is **Leirvik**, home to the fascinating Millstone Park. **Here, you'll walk among the ruins of ancient stone quarries that once produced millstones traded throughout Europe.** Through engaging exhibits and immersive storytelling, you'll learn about the daily lives of the craftspeople who worked here for centuries — and how their labor shaped both local and international history. **The park is not just a museum, but a vivid link between landscape, tradition, and time. The tickets can be included (optional).**

Day 5 Leirvik to Florø

This morning, a scenic ferry takes you west to Florø, the westernmost town on mainland Norway. Spread across a mosaic of islands and skerries, Florø is surrounded by pristine waters and a dramatic coastline. The journey itself offers breathtaking views of fjords, cliffs, and vast skies. Once ashore, take time to soak in the town's relaxed atmosphere — where fishing boats still glide through the harbor and nature feels close at hand.

Day 6 From Florø to Kinn Island

A boat carries you even further off the beaten path, to **Kinn**, a rugged and remote island with a timeless aura. **With no shops, restaurants, or cars, Kinn offers a rare kind of silence and simplicity.** You'll stay in a traditional private house, with a basket of **fresh, local ingredients delivered to your door so you can cook and eat as the islanders once did** — slowly, mindfully, and with care. This is not just accommodation — **it's an experience of Norwegian island life at its most authentic.**

Day 7 Exploring Kinn

A full day on **Kinn** allows you to connect deeply with its rich spiritual and natural heritage. **Join a guided tour of the island, including a visit to Kinn Church**, a Romanesque stone church built around 1150, standing proudly amid open meadows and sea views. **This church, associated with Saint Sunniva**, has been a pilgrimage destination for centuries. Walk a stretch of the **Way of St. Sunniva**, a serene path leading through hills and along the shore, and take part in a pilgrim's mass if you wish — a moving, contemplative experience in a place that feels suspended in time.

Day 8 Kinn to Smørhamn and Kalvåg

You return to the mainland and head south to **Kalvåg**, one of Norway's best-preserved fishing villages. With colorful wooden houses hugging a sheltered bay, **Kalvåg radiates charm and tranquility.** Here, life moves at a gentle pace, and every corner tells a story — **from the old boathouses now turned into art galleries**, to the harbor where fishermen still mend their nets. It's a perfect place to slow down, breathe, and savor the beauty of small-town coastal Norway.

Day 9 Kalvåg to Selje

Board another panoramic ferry bound for **Selje**, a peaceful village **nestled at the edge of the Atlantic.** The approach is nothing short of spectacular, with windswept cliffs and shimmering waters all around. **Selje is the final stop of your pilgrimage**, and it holds a quiet, spiritual energy that prepares you for what comes next: a visit to **one of Norway's holiest islands.**

Day 10 Selje and the Sacred Island of Selja

Today you'll journey by boat to **Selja**, a small, uninhabited island rich in history and legend. According to tradition, **Saint Sunniva, Norway's first female saint**, fled here from Ireland and lived in a cave until her death. The ruins of a Benedictine monastery still stand, along with the sacred **St. Sunniva's Cave**, which has drawn pilgrims for centuries. Surrounded by wildflowers, seabirds, and the soft lapping of waves, **Selja** is a place of deep silence and reflection.

Day 11 Return to Bergen

A high-speed ferry brings you back to **Bergen**, where you can spend your final afternoon **revisiting favorite spots or discovering new corners of the city.** Wander through hidden alleys, shop for local crafts, or simply sit by the harbor and reflect on the journey you've taken — through nature, history, and yourself.

Day 12 Departure

You return home with salt in your hair, light in your eyes, and the quiet strength of the North still walking beside you — a journey etched in memory, and perhaps the first step of many more to come,

Practical info

By Air:

Bergen is served by Bergen Airport, Flesland (BGO), located about 20 km from the city center. The airport has direct international flights from several European cities, as well as frequent domestic flights from Oslo and other Norwegian cities. To reach the city center, you can take the airport bus (Flybussen), the light rail (Bybanen), or a taxi. The light rail is the most affordable option and takes about 45 minutes.

By Train:

You can also reach Bergen by train via the Bergen Railway, one of the most scenic train routes in Europe. The journey from Oslo to Bergen takes about 6.5 to 7 hours, offering stunning views of mountains, waterfalls, and fjords. Trains are operated by Vy (Norwegian Railways) and run several times a day.

Leaving Bergen:

To leave Bergen, you can take the same transport options in reverse — flights from Bergen Airport or trains to Oslo and other destinations in Norway. We recommend booking train tickets in advance, especially in high season.

Included

Dinner and packed lunch are not included in this package, because along this trail it is possible to decide for yourself where you would like to eat – and what. An exception is the island of Kinn, where a basket of ingredients is waiting for you, so that you can prepare your own meals. Breakfast is included in Bergen, Eivindvik, Leirvik, Florø and Kalvåg.

What is included

- Accommodation in double room in in pilgrim accommodations, ranging from simple to comfortable. Cabins, B&B's, hotels and everything in-between.
- meals as mentioned above
- Guided Tour of Kinn
- boat and tour to Selja Island (not available during all seasons)
- Bed Linen
- Detailed guide and indications (app)
- 24-hour telephone assistance
- Medical-luggage insurance

What is not Included

- Dinners, most packed lunches, breakfast in Selje
- Ferry, Plane and train tickets
- Luggage Transfer
- Tourist Tax
- Transport to first/ from last accommodation
- Personal expenses such as drinks, phone calls, extra transfers, tips, etc.
- Any items that have not been specifically mentioned in the programme

Optional services

- Extra nights at any of the accommodations of the programme
- Single Room Supplement(s)
- Solo Traveller Supplement
- Viking Experience Hyllestad (4 hours)
- Cancellation insurance
- Transfers from/to airport