



Mount Horeb Area Historical Society

FOLK ART, FJORDS & FIDDLES: EXPLORING SOUTHERN NORWAY WITH AUTHOR KATHLEEN ERNST

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When I decided on a Norwegian setting for *Fiddling With Fate*, the 10th volume in my Chloe Ellefson Mystery series, I chose the area that enchanted me most. In the book, Chloe travels to the Hardanger Region—known for its unbroken legacy of folk traditions—to learn more about her heritage. Along the way she also discovers fiddle music, exquisite textiles, age-old farms, towering mountains, shimmering fjords...and much more.

Would you like to explore Hardanger's fascinating heritage and glorious scenery? I invite you to come along on a special tour that retraces

the route taken by Chloe and her fiancé Roelke, the star characters of the Chloe Ellefson series. Our travels will take us to the Hardanger Folke-museum and the Voss Folkemuseum. We'll learn about Hardanger fiddle music and textile traditions from the experts preserving them. We'll visit the historic hotel, ancient cabin, and magnificent mountaintop farm that were featured in *Fiddling With Fate*. And we'll make some new discoveries as well, including the wonders of Bergen and Oslo. I am pleased to partner with the Mount Horeb Historical Society on this tour. Please join us!

— Kathleen Ernst

Kathleen Ernst is a social historian, educator, and bestselling author of fiction and nonfiction for children and adults. The *Chloe Ellefson Mystery series* celebrates Kathleen's passion for folk arts, historic sites, and immigrant history. She also wrote *A Settler's Year: Pioneer Life Through The Seasons*. Kathleen formerly served as curator of interpretation and collections at *Old World Wisconsin*, an outdoor ethnic museum operated by the Wisconsin Historical Society. Visit www.kathleenernst.com for more information.



DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

SAT 15 MAY **Depart U.S.**
Depart Chicago on the transatlantic flight to Reykjavik via Icelandair. (Meals available at a supplement)

SUN 16 MAY **Arrive Bergen**
Connect in Reykjavik with the continuing flight to the Bergen airport, where Chloe and her fiancé Roelke met with a textile curator. Bergen is Norway's second largest city, known as the capital of the west and gateway to the fjords. It is a UNESCO world heritage city with the Bryggen wharf, Mount Fløien and the fish market as central attractions. Meet your professional tour manager and coach, and transfer for hotel check-in (after 3P). Rest and refresh before gathering for a Welcome Dinner at the hotel. Scandic Byparken <https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/norway/bergen/scandic-byparken> (D)

MON 17 MAY **Bergen**
Embark on a two-hour guided stroll through the central harbor area. The Bryggen Hanseatic Wharf takes you back to the Middle Ages with its well-preserved buildings. Delight in the fish and flower market as well. The afternoon and evening are free to participate in Syttende Mai (Constitution Day) activities – be sure to eat plenty of ice cream and sausages, which are typical for the holiday. Scandic Byparken <https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/norway/bergen/scandic-byparken> (B)

TUE 18 MAY **Bergen/Vossevangen/Voss**
Depart Bergen for Vossevangen on the Vangsvatnet Fjord, where you are greeted by snowy mountain tops, valleys and forests, rivers, waterfalls and lakes. The village, located between the famous Sognefjord and Hardangerfjord, has been a gathering place for fiddlers and dancers for centuries. Visit the Voss Folkemuseum for a guided tour of Mølstertunet, which dates back to the 1500s and was featured in *Fiddling With Fate's* historical plotline as site of the fiddling competition Britta and Erik attended in 1888. We'll also visit the beautiful stone church, built near the lake in 1277, before checking in at the historic Fleischer's Hotel, established in 1889. Fleischer's Hotel (B, D) www.fleischers.no/en/

WED 19 MAY **Voss/Ulvik**
Leave Voss and travel to Ulvik, a cozy village on the shores of Hardangerfjord. In the region you will find many fruit orchards and farms that produce their own cider from the region's apples—just as Solveig's sister did in *Fiddling With Fate*. During the 13th century growing apples was introduced in Hardanger by monks from England. Today 40% of all Norwegian fruit is grown in the Hardangerfjord region. Visit an orchard farm in the area for coffee. Visit the church in Ulvik then check in at the hotel for dinner and overnight. Brakanes Hotel (B, D) <https://brakanes-hotel.no/en/>

THU 20 MAY **Ulvik/Eidfjord/Lofthus**
Depart Ulvik and stop in Eidfjord to visit the Hardangervidda Nature Center, which is an exciting experiential center for Norwegian nature, climate and environment. After lunch, our coach will take us up through the tunnel to Kjeåsen mountain farm, featured in *Fiddling With Fate*. Said to be Norway's most inaccessible farm, Kjeåsen is inhabited only in the summer months and lies like an eagle's nest on a mountain ledge 600 metres above the Simadalsfjord. Continue to Lofthus for hotel check-in, dinner and overnight. Hotel Ullensvang (B, D) www.hotel-ullensvang.no/en/

FRI 21 MAY **Utne/Lofthus**
The Hardanger region is a center of living cultural heritage. The Hardanger fiddle, the traditional Hardanger folk costume and Hardanger embroidery are all well known national symbols. Travel by coach and ferry to Utne to visit the Hardanger Folkemuseum, primary setting for *Fiddling With Fate*. Enjoy a Hardanger fiddle performance and tour of textiles at the museum. Have lunch at the historic Utne Hotel, where Chloe and Roelke stayed, including a history talk. After lunch, return to Hardanger Folkemuseum for a tour of the open-air area focusing on Tveismestova House, featured in both of the book's timelines. Enjoy some free time to see the rest of the museum and gift shop. Hotel Ullensvang (B, L, D)

SAT 22 MAY **Lofthus/Dalen**
Follow the National Scenic Route of Hardanger to Låtefoss. Pass through the city of Odda at the head of the fjord, between steep mountain slopes. Continue the journey to Røldal and Haukeligrend, while driving alongside Europe's biggest mountain plateau, Hardangervidda. Enter the Telemark

region, an important area for Norwegian traditions. Check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. Dalen Hotel (B, D) www.dalenshotel.no/en/

SUN 23 MAY **Dalen/Oslo**
In the morning travel to Oslo, the charming capital of Norway which is situated at the head of the Oslo Fjord. You will pass through the village of Heddal, where you visit the stave church. Explore Oslo on a four-hour city sightseeing tour with a local guide. Enjoy panoramic views of: the opera house, Karl Johansgate (Oslo's main street), old town Christiania, Akershus Castle and Fortress, and the Royal Palace. Visit the Norsk Folkemuseum located at Bygdøy in Oslo, which is Norway's largest museum of cultural history featuring large indoor collections, the world's oldest Open-Air Museum and a 12th century stave church. Also visit the Viking Ship Museum where you can see some of the world's best-preserved Viking ships. Check in at your hotel and say goodbye to your tour manager. Thon Hotel Bristol (B) www.thonhotels.com/our-hotels/norway/oslo/hotel-bristol/

MON 24 MAY **Oslo**
The day is free to pursue individual interests in Oslo. We recommend the Norwegian National Opera & Ballet, Holmenkollen Ski Museum, the Resistance Museum in Akershus Fortress or the City Hall, site of the annual Nobel Peace Prize award ceremony. Enjoy a farewell dinner tonight. Thon Hotel Bristol (B, D)

TUE 25 MAY **Oslo/Return to U.S.**
Transfer to the airport for your return flights. Arrive home today enriched by your discoveries of folk traditions and history in Norway. (B)

Code: **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**
Itinerary subject to change.



TOUR CONDITIONS

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation and deposit of \$400 per person are requested immediately to fulfill the group deadline requirements. Note that space is limited and reservations are taken on a first come, first served basis. A second payment of \$1000 is due December 31, 2020. Final payment is due no later than March 1, 2021. The fee for late payment is \$50 per traveler. For credit card payment Group Travel Directors accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations must be in writing. There is no refund for partial or unused land arrangements. Note: Airline tickets will be issued well in advance of departure and may be nonrefundable. The following penalties will apply: Up to December 30, 2020 - \$100 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits; December 31, 2020 - April 30, 2021 - Deposit plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines; May 1, 2021 or after - No refund.

CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS: The Icelandair group airfare contract for this tour will allow a limited number of travelers to make changes to the group flights. If you are considering other dates or cities, your request will be handled on a first come, first served basis or you may take the tour on a land-only basis and purchase a separate ticket. A minimum fee of \$250 per person will apply for changes to group flights in addition to a possible airfare increase.

LATE BOOKINGS: Passengers registering within thirty days of tour departure will be charged a \$50 per person fee. Tour payment in full is required before we can request and confirm space. This fee does not cover any additional airline or ground service charges.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- AIRFARE:** Round-trip economy class airfare from Chicago via Icelandair or other ARC/IATA approved scheduled carrier. Note that meals are not included onboard Icelandair and are sold at a supplement.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Nine nights accommodation in first class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, one lunch and seven dinners as outlined in the itinerary.
- GROUND TRANSPORT:** Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.
- SIGHTSEEING:** Extensive sightseeing throughout; entrance fees included.
- PORTERAGE:** Luggage handling of one piece per person.
- EXPERT GUIDES:** An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Bergen through arrival in Oslo.
- GRATUITIES:** Gratuities to drivers and guides (for your convenience, \$62 per person has been included).
- TAXES:** Airport/foreign departure taxes (currently \$361 per person).
- ALL THE INFO YOU NEED:** Comprehensive documentation including travel accessory, bag tags, name badges, flight and land itineraries, destination literature, customs information, travel tips and more.

PRE-EXISTING medical conditions and other circumstances are covered when travel protection is purchased within 14 days of registration. Contact Travel Insured for more info. 800-243-3174

COST SUMMARY

***\$4995**

Group Flights From Chicago

Tour Gratuities (\$62)..... Included
 Airport Taxes (\$361)..... Included
 *Costs per person based on double occupancy in USD

Optional Individual Supplement

Single Room (in addition to base tour cost).....\$660

Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Chicago (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of March 2020, a minimum of 20 travelers, and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, they are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Single room supplements may have limited availability and are on a request basis only. *Not all bookings have been made and all space/rates are subject to availability at time of booking.*

Items Not Included

- Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.
- Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.
- Any meal or sightseeing item not listed in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Optional travel protection: trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. Please refer to the Travel Protection section.
- Passport fees. A passport valid six months beyond date of reentry to the U.S. is required.
- No entry visa is required for U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens may require an entry visa.

RESERVATION APPLICATION • APPLY ONLINE AT: WWW.GTD.ORG G# 210504 OR CLIP AND MAIL

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Name as it appears (or will appear) on passport:

1. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

2. _____ Male Female Date of Birth _____
First Name Middle Name Last Name Month/Day/Year

Address (no P.O. boxes) _____ Tel. (Day) _____ (Eve.) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Email _____

Roommate _____ I will pay the supplement for a single room.

Advise if we can assign you a roommate or single supplement. GTD can assist in finding roommates; however, this cannot be guaranteed and the supplement may apply.

FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS (please check one)

- I/We will take the group flights from Chicago.
- I/We will need assistance with flight arrangements from _____ airport to join the group.
- I/We will make all of my own flight arrangements.
Please contact GTD for land-only rates.

DEPOSIT/TRAVEL PROTECTION (please check one)

Please reserve _____ space(s) for me/us; we choose the following deposit option:

- \$ _____ \$673 per person **inclusive of travel protection.**
- \$ _____ \$400 per person **without travel protection.**
- I/We decline now, but understand it can be purchased later without the pre-existing waiver.

Form of Payment

- Check
- Charge my deposit(s) to
 Credit Card # _____
 Exp _____
 Security Code _____
- Name as it appears on credit card: _____

Please make checks payable to Group Travel Directors G#210504.

I/We have read and understand the conditions of this brochure. Parent or guardian signature is required for travelers under age 18.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____



GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION

Travel protection is optional, but we encourage all travelers to purchase a plan. GTD offers an extensive and competitively priced plan from Travel Insured International. Travel protection can help provide coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, baggage delay/loss, emergency accident and sickness medical expense, and emergency evacuation/repatriation. If you decline coverage at the time of reservation, you may purchase it later, but the Pre-existing Conditions Waiver is available only if the plan is purchased within 21 days of the initial trip deposit. You may contact Travel Insured International for further information before making your decision: 866-684-0218 (refer to Agency #47346). Review your Plan Document for Schedule of Benefits and Plan Details.

GTD TRAVEL PROTECTION INCLUSIONS

- Trip Cancellation.....up to Tour Cost*
 - Trip Interruption.....up to 150% of Tour Cost**
 - Travel Delay.....\$750
 - Missed Connection.....\$300
 - Baggage.....\$1,000
 - Baggage Delay.....\$200
 - Medical Expense.....\$50,000
 - Evacuation/Repatriation.....\$500,000
 - Accidental Death.....\$10,000
 - Political Emergency Evacuation.....\$100,000
 - ID Theft Resolution Services.....included
 - Assistance Service.....included
- * a maximum of \$5000 per person
 ** a maximum of \$7500 per person

Cost of this optional GTD Travel Protection is \$273 per person. Additional coverage provided as needed; the full cost of your tour must be covered. Travel protection is non-refundable fourteen days after you purchase a plan.

This document contains highlights of the plan. The Plan contains insurance benefits underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company, Fairmont Specialty and Crum & Forster are registered trademarks of United States Fire Insurance Company. The Crum & Forster group of companies is rated A (Excellent) by AM Best Company 2015. The Plan also contains non insurance Travel Assistance Services that are provided by an independent organization, OnCall International, and not by United States Fire Insurance Company or Travel Insured International. Review the Plan Document for complete terms, including benefits, conditions, limitations and exclusions that apply. The Plan Document will be provided to you upon purchase of the plan. Coverages may vary and not all coverage is available in all jurisdictions.

EXCLUSIONS & LIMITATIONS

Insurance benefits are not payable for any loss due to, arising or resulting from: suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted injury of You, a Traveling Companion, Family Member or Business Partner booked to travel with You, while sane or insane; an act of declared or undeclared war; participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service, except while participating in weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; riding or driving in races, or speed or endurance competitions or events; mountaineering (engaging in the sport of scaling mountains generally requiring the use of picks, ropes, or other special equipment); participating as a member of a team in an organized sporting competition or participating as a professional in a stunt, athletic or sporting event or competition; participating in bodily contact sports, skydiving or parachuting, hang gliding, or bungee cord jumping; piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft; being intoxicated as defined herein, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless as administered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician; the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation; normal childbirth or pregnancy (except Complications of Pregnancy) or voluntarily induced abortion; dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein); amounts which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits; due to a Pre-Existing Condition, as defined in the Certificate. The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation does not apply to the Emergency Medical Evacuation or Return of Remains coverage; medical treatment during or arising from a Trip undertaken for the purpose or intent of securing medical treatment; due to loss or damage (including death or injury) and any associated cost or expense resulting directly from the discharge, explosion or use of any device, weapon or material employing or involving chemical, biological, radiological or similar agents, whether in time of peace or war, and regardless of who commits the act and regardless of any other sequence thereto.

CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY

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NOTE TO OUR TRAVELERS:

Please be assured that GTD continually monitors travel industry developments (strikes, etc.) as well as world events. If any such matters affect your tour, you will be notified. For the current U.S. State Department Travel Advisory please refer to the following website. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

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