

THE NORWEGIAN FLYER TOUR

*(4 DAY BREAK IN A SUPER RAIL CENTRE -
BUT MORE IF YOU WANT IT!)*

Thursday 24th to Sunday 27th May, 2012
(or Tuesday 29th May, 2012)



COST ELEMENTS

Base Cost - **£301.95** (Mandatory)

Hotel Single Room Supplement - **£120.00** (Optional)

OPTIONAL EXTENSION 1

All inclusive return rail travel to and on the Flamsbana, plus extra night in Hotel
£169.00* (Single Room Supplement **£40.00** (Optional))

OPTIONAL EXTENSION 2

All inclusive return rail travel to Trondheim with Hotel Accommodation
£110.00* (Single Room Supplement **£35.00** (Optional))

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL NIGHT IN OSLO

£60.00 (Sharing twin room and dependant on whether
someone to share with -Single Room Supplement **£40.00**)

Note. * at the time of going to print neither the rail fares past February, 2012, were known, nor our likely numbers for this Tour. The rail fares are calculated on existing discounts of individual standard fares, but a loading of 10 or more would bring us a very generous group discount fare. On the other hand a rise in rail fares could send it the other way! When these two factors become known, we will again investigate the most economic option and pass all the savings to those booked on the tour.

Please also note that local tickets for the Oslo area are not included in your Base Fare.

Please book by 16 March, with a Minimum Deposit of £75

The balance must be paid by 13 April

It was eight years ago we made our first foray into Norway, a Tour which concentrated on Depots and Workshops around the Capital City, Oslo. Not only will we be including all of those locations on this tour, we also offer two exciting optional extensions in order that you may see more of the Country and take in fascinating locations. One such is the Flamsbana line which has its own dedicated Class 17 Locos, regared specially for the spectacular gradients encountered between Myrdal and Flam. A journey to Trondheim is also planned and with it visits to the northernmost Depot and Workshops maintaining the Diesel Locos and Units operating the far extremities of the Country.

Like all Scandinavian Countries Norway is very expensive and reasonable city centre accommodation is around twice the cost of anything in the Euro Zone! However, we have come up with the most economic options available and, in addition, are making it possible for you to opt for part of the tour if all of it may be a little beyond you.

Day 1 - Thursday 24th May

Arrival day, but whatever your means of transport into Oslo, we are sure Oslo Sentral Station (yes they do spell it like that!) will easily hold your attention until we gather in the Hotel for pre tour briefing.

Day 2 - Friday 25th May

We start today with a visit to the unique **Lodalen Depot**. It is a man-made cavern, hewn into the hillside with a turntable surrounded by caves, each accommodating a locomotive. It's truly an experience not to be missed. The sidings accommodating other locos and rolling stock are usually well populated. Our next destination is the main **Workshops at Grorud** locomotive classes not yet seen will start to be noted in your books. Freight locos and shunters are maintained here, and some Swedish neighbours may well be in residence.

Day 3 - Saturday 26th May

This morning, short ride out of the City to Drammen will take us to **Sundland Depot** where EMUs working the Oslo network are maintained. It is also the depot where new deliveries can be located, awaiting acceptance trials before entering service. On our return to Sentral we include visits to **Oslo Filipstad** and **Lillestrom**.

Day 4 - Sunday 27th May

This will be dispersal day for the 'Oslo only' participants. Those who remain are in for a memorable day on the **Flamsbana Line**. If you remember in the Monty Python 'parrot sketch,' pet shop assistant Michael Palin insisted that the stricken bird, 'A Norwegian Blue,' was "pining for the fjords". There will certainly be no pinning in the fjords today as we enjoy some of the most wildest and breathtaking scenery in Norway. The line is only 12 miles long but has steepest gradients of 1 in 18, rising to a height of 2838 feet above sea level. The journey time is about 55 minutes each way. It includes tunnels which spiral through mountains, rivers appear from deep ravines, and spectacular waterfalls descend from great heights. The train stops at some scenic locations enabling you to capture the best photos.

Day 5 - Monday 28th May

If you have opted for the complete package you will be joining us for the early morning departure for **Trondheim**, where we arrive just after lunch. There follows visits to both **Works** and **Depot** where those much sought after northern locos and DMUs. We overnight in Trondheim.

Day 6 - Tuesday 29th May

The final day and an early departure from Trondheim will see us into Oslo by mid afternoon. This will facilitate an evening flight home for some otherwise we can arrange an additional night at the Hotel.

**Remember - Do Not Book Your Flight
Until We have Confirmed The Tour As Running**