

MOUNT HOREB AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FOLK ART, FJORDS & FIDDLES:

**EXPLORING SOUTHERN NORWAY
WITH AUTHOR KATHLEEN ERNST**

MAY 15-25, 2023 - 11 DAYS

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Journeys to Extraordinary Lands

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 Folkemuseum 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 Area 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

Monday, May 15 – Depart U.S.

Depart Chicago on the transatlantic flight to Bergen via Amsterdam.

Tuesday, May 16 – Arrival in Bergen

Connect in Amsterdam with the continuing flight to Bergen, 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 Fløyen, 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. Overnight at Scandic Byparken (D)

Wednesday, May 17 – Bergen

Enjoy 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 the Syttende Mai (Constitution Day) parade and activities – be sure to eat plenty of ice cream and sausages, typical for the holiday. Overnight at Scandic Byparken (B)

Thursday, May 18 – Bergen/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 Fleisher's Hotel, established in 1889. Overnight at Fleischer's Hotel (B, D)

Friday, May 19 – 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. Hotel check in. Overnight at Brakanes Hotel (B, D)

Saturday, May 20 – 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 meters above the Simadalsfjord. Continue to Lofthus for hotel check-in and dinner. Overnight at Hotel Ullensvang (B, D)

Sunday, May 21 – 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. Overnight at Hotel Ullensvang (B, L, D)

Monday, May 22 – Lofthus/Vrådal

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. Stop for lunch at the historic Dalen Hotel. Check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight. Overnight at Straand Hotel (B, L, D)

Tuesday, May 23 – Vrådal/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 can 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.

See large indoor collections, the world's oldest Open-Air Museum and a 12th century stave church. Check in at your hotel and say goodbye to your tour manager. Overnight at Thon Hotel Bristol (B)

Wednesday, May 24 – 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. Overnight at Thon Hotel Bristol (B, D)

Thursday, May 25 – 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



TOUR CONDITIONS

INCLUSIONS



PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Your reservation holding fee of \$750 per person is 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 November 15, 2022. Final payment is due no later than February 15, 2023. The fee for late payment is \$50 per traveler. For credit card payment, Borton Overseas 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 November 14, 2022 - \$250 per person administrative fee plus any unrecoverable deposits;

November 15, 2022 – February 14, 2023 – \$500 plus any unrecoverable payments to hotels, tour operators or airlines;

February 15, 2022 or Later – No refund.

CHANGES TO GROUP FLIGHTS: The group air fare 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. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline, even if purchased through Borton Overseas. Borton Overseas is not responsible for fees assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, or optional extras such as upgrades, seat reservations, baggage, etc.

COVID-19:

COVID-19 vaccinations are required for all participants of the tour per the request of Mount Horeb Area Historical Society.

AIRFARE: Round-trip economy class airfare from Chicago via an ARC/ IATA approved scheduled carrier.

ACCOMMODATION: Nine nights accommodation in first class hotels, double occupancy, with private facilities. Hotels as listed or similar.

MEALS: Breakfast daily, two lunches, and seven dinners as outlined in the itinerary.

GROUND TRANSPORT: Transfers and transportation by deluxe motorcoach.

SIGHTSEEING: Extensive sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary.

PORTERAGE: Luggage handling of one piece per person at the hotels.

EXPERT GUIDES: An experienced English-speaking tour guide from arrival in Bergen through arrival in Oslo.

GRATUITIES: Gratuities to drivers and guides

TAXES: Airport/foreign departure taxes .

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED:

•Fuel surcharges and/or tax increases levied since the pricing of this tour.

•Beverages other than coffee/tea at breakfast.

•Meals/sightseeing not listed in the itinerary.

•Items of a personal nature.

•Optional travel protection: trip cancellation or interruption, baggage delay or 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.

•Any COVID-19 related testing.

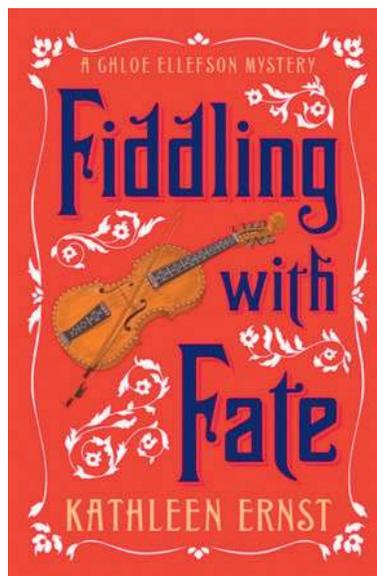
Costs: The tour cost is per person based on current airfare from Chicago (other cities available), double occupancy, tariffs and currency valuations as of August 2022, a minimum of 20 travelers, and subject to confirmation. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed price and/or itinerary, 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.

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Kathleen Ernst, author of *Fiddling with Fate*, will be hosting this tour. If she is unable to travel as planned due to unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstances, we reserve the right to replace Ms. Ernst with a qualified alternate.



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