



PLACES OF INTEREST

PLACES OF INTEREST

1 Akershus Castle is situated on a cliff just above the ship's berth. This fortress was originally built in 1300 but the present structure dates mainly from the 17th century. It is still used for State occasions. The Castle grounds afford beautiful views of Oslo and the Fjord, as well as containing many quaint buildings and gardens within its grounds.

2 Resistance Museum, situated close to the Castle, contains exhibits from the German Occupation of World War II.

3 City Hall (Rådhuset) is situated close to the harbor, and was built in a modern design during the 1950's. Inside are a series of murals painted by Norwegian artists, as well as contemporary sculpture, woodcarvings and tapestries.

4 Oslo Cathedral (Domkirken), situated near the Market Square on Stortovet, was consecrated in 1697, but has been restored many times.

5 Munch Museum is located at 53 Toyen Gate, in the eastern section of the City. Edvard Munch is considered Norway's greatest contemporary artist. He gave all his art to the City when he died in

1944 and it is now housed in this spacious museum, which contains over 1,000 paintings in addition to other works.

6 Viking Ship Museum is located on Bygdøy Peninsula, approximately 3 miles by road from the Ship, and houses three authentic Viking longships, dating from 800 to 900 A.D. The Museum also contains a collection of utensils and jewelry.

7 Kon Tiki Museum, also located on Bygdøy Peninsula, houses the balsa-wood raft on which Thor Heyerdahl sailed from Peru to Polynesia. Also on display is the RAI, the papyrus boat on which Heyerdahl travelled from Morocco to Barbados. Several Easter Island statues are also displayed.

8 Fram Museum, the third of the Bygdøy Peninsula museums, houses the ship that took Fridtjof Nansen to the Arctic in 1893 and Roald Amundsen to the South Pole in 1910. Visitors can walk throughout the ship.

9 Vigeland Sculpture Park is situated in the 80 acre Frogner Park, approximately 4 miles from the Ship's berth, in the western section of Oslo. The Park contains monumental sculptures depicting the whole cycle of human life from birth to death, created by Gustav Vigeland who began the work in 1921. He died in 1943.

10 Slottet (Royal Palace) is the King's residence. The surrounding park is open to the public, although the palace is not. Changing of the Guard daily at 1:30 pm.

Hollmenkollen Ski Tower is situated in the suburbs of Oslo's western hills, approximately 6 miles from the Ship's berth. Ski jumping originated here in 1892 but the present facility was built in 1952 for the Winter Olympics of that year. On a clear day there is an excellent view of the Fjord and Oslo from this site.

SHORE EXCURSIONS To make the most of your visit to Oslo and its surrounding areas we suggest you take one of our organized Shore Excursions. For information concerning tour content and pricing consult your Shore Excursion Brochure or contact the Shore Excursion Desk. When going ashore, be advised to take with you only necessary items and secure any valuables onboard.

LOCAL CUSTOMS Bargaining: There is little or no opportunity to bargain in Norway.

Tipping: Service charges are included in restaurant pricing. It is appropriate to tip 10% for good service. Taxi fares are usually rounded up to the nearest 5 or 10 NOK.

Local Cuisine: Like other Scandinavian countries, the 'Koldtbord' (Cold Table) or Buffet style meal is popular, emphasis being placed on fish, particularly Salmon which is a national favorite. 'Får i Kål' is one of the more traditional dishes, a stew of lamb and cabbage, kjottkaker (meatcakes) are also quite common, served with sauerkraut, flavored with caraway. Reindeer appears on many menus, particularly further north, similar to beef, but richer, slightly sweet flavored meat. The Norwegians are partial to wild berries, either as an accompaniment to meat or as a dessert. Two varieties native to Norway are Lingonberries, similar to cranberries, and Cloudberries, like orange colored raspberries, they are a little crunchy and have a sharper taste.

Drink Specialties: The Norwegians drink a lot of coffee. Although alcohol is very expensive in Norway, the favorite tippie is the local brand of Aquavit, a potato based liqueur, common through-out Scandinavia, usually served ice cold and drunk as a shot. Bottled water is recommended.

SHOPPING FACILITIES The main shops are located approximately 1 mile from the Ship's berth, centered around Karl Johans Gate. There are also many shops at Aker Brygge, just around the harbor from the Ship's berth and a popular tourist attraction, the shops here stay open until 8:00 pm and some may open on Sundays. In general, shopping hours are from 9:00 or 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, closing at 2:00 pm on Saturday.

Local handicrafts include the traditional knitted sweaters in nordic design, good quality silverware, pewter, wrought-iron accessories, glass and ceramics, national costumes and furs. Trolls make popular souvenirs, as do candles and the Norwegian invented Cheese Plane or slicer.

U.S. Dollars may be accepted in some of the more touristic stores and most major credit cards are widely accepted.

Value Added Tax (VAT), is added to most purchases. Visitors who spend over a certain amount may be entitled to re-claim some or all of the tax paid. In Scandinavia many stores participate in "Tax Free Shopping." ask for a "Tax Free" receipt, this is usually reimbursed

before departing the country although Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.® cannot guarantee the cooperation of local authorities.

LOCAL CURRENCY The unit of currency in Norway is the Krone (NOK). There are 100 øre to the Krone. Krone bills are available in the following denominations; 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1,000.

POST OFFICE AND TELEPHONE FACILITIES The main Post Office is located at Dronningens gate 15.

Telephone cards can be purchased at the Post Office, Narvesens and/or newspaper kiosks. Local coins are required to use public telephones. It is possible to dial-direct for international calls, ('00'). You can also place a call with your personal calling card using the following access codes (coin may be required):

AT&T: 800.19.011

MCI: 800.19.912

TOURIST INFORMATION The Tourist Information Office is located in the old Vestbanen railway station, Sentralstasjon (#11).

TRANSPORTATION A limited number of taxis are available at the Pier. Taxis generally operate by meter or can be hired by the hour.

Oslo has a good bus and tram network, all services stop at Jernbanetorget opposite Oslo 'S' Station (#11). There is also a subway system, of which all lines converge at Stortinget, which is about a mile from the Ship.

A ferry service operates from Rådhusbrygge (City Hall Pier) to Bygdøy Peninsula, the site of the Viking Ships Museum, Kon-Tiki Museum and Fram Museum.

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Yes • Ja

No • Nei

Good Day • God Dag

Good-bye • Ha Det

Thank-you • Tak

You're Welcome • Versegod