



MEANY CENTER
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UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

NORWAY: A Musical Sojourn

featuring

The Rosendal Chamber Music Festival

August 3–13, 2024



Riddersalen Concert Hall at Baroniet Rosendal,
site of the Rosendal Chamber Musical Festival
(photo by Liv Øvland)



The Rosendal Chamber Musical Festival (photo by Liv Øvland)

Escape the summer heat and venture to Norway to attend the Rosendal Chamber Music Festival. Founded in 2016 by pianist and Artistic Director Leif Ove Andsnes, the Rosendal Chamber Music Festival has established itself as one of the most interesting and unique festivals of its kind.

Exploring a different theme each year centered around a particular composer or musical period, Rosendal has made its international mark as “a small but big festival in the wilds of Norway” (El Pais), “rich and precious for the quality of the performers and for the depth of its themed programs” (La Repubblica).

Traveling at the height of summer season, with fresh mild air, outdoor dining, and vibrant city streets, our journey will take you for up-close encounters with famous and surprising art masterpieces, remarkable historic sites, ravishing Norwegian landscapes, and exciting new museums. The rhythm of our itinerary works hard to provide a pleasant, wide-ranging experience with a generous sprinkling of outdoor activities, including an amazing sculpture park in Oslo, a fun-filled funicular ride in Bergen, and a remarkable fjord ferry cruise—all resplendent in the Scandinavian summer. We begin our Norwegian adventure discovering Oslo’s urban cosmopolitan panache and unexpected great museums. We continue to Norway’s “second city”, colorful Bergen, famous for its beautiful historic port and jaw-dropping natural surroundings. Then we take a ferry ride through stunning fjords for our four-night stay in Rosendal to attend all of the concerts of the Rosendal Chamber Music Festival. We return to Bergen for a final day of relaxing pursuits.

Tour Highlights

- Attend all the classical concerts at the Rosendal Festival.
- Visit the Munch Museum, one of the most exciting new art museums in Europe of the last twenty years. See its terrific collection, including the famous *Scream*, and admire its beautiful waterfront architecture.
- Dine at the elegant rooftop restaurant of the Munch Museum with unrivalled views over Oslo.
- Visit the private sculpture collection in Ekeberg Park, featuring works by major artists.
- Visit the lovely villa of composer Edvard Grieg.
- Enjoy a guided walk through Bergen’s UNESCO World Heritage port district of Bryggen.
- Sample craft beers at a renowned brewery in Bergen.
- Take a spectacular ferry ride to Rosendal and enjoy a four-night stay in this delightful Norwegian village surrounded by majestic mountains, fjords, and waterfalls.

"Leif Ove Andsnes has put together an exciting program with the theme "Contrasts." We're really excited about the lineup of musicians and the way the program has come together for the 2024 Rosendal Festival."

*-Benedicte Balslev,
Production Manager for
the Rosendal Chamber
Music Festival*

Custom Itinerary

This custom travel program has been created uniquely for the Meany Center for the Performing Arts, University of Washington.

Saturday, August 3

Depart USA

Depart on independent flights from the United States to Oslo.

Sunday, August 4

Welcome to Norway

Arrive at the Oslo International Airport (OSL) in the mid-afternoon and transfer independently to the four-star Thon Hotel Rosencrantz Oslo, a modern design hotel in the heart of downtown Oslo, within short walking distance of Oslo's National Theater. At 4:00pm, meet in the lobby and take the local tram to the Munch Museum for a guided tour of its remarkable collection of art by Norway's most famous painter, Edvard Munch. Established through a bequest from the artist to the city of Oslo in 1940, the collection is home to 26,724 works by Munch, one of the largest collections of works by a single artist. The collection is housed in a striking glass and aluminum-paneled waterfront tower that reflects the day's changing light conditions. Following the tour, ascend to the museum's excellent rooftop restaurant. Soak in the amazing views overlooking Oslo and its harbor and savor delicious Norwegian specialties while toasting the start of a wonderful week of exploration.

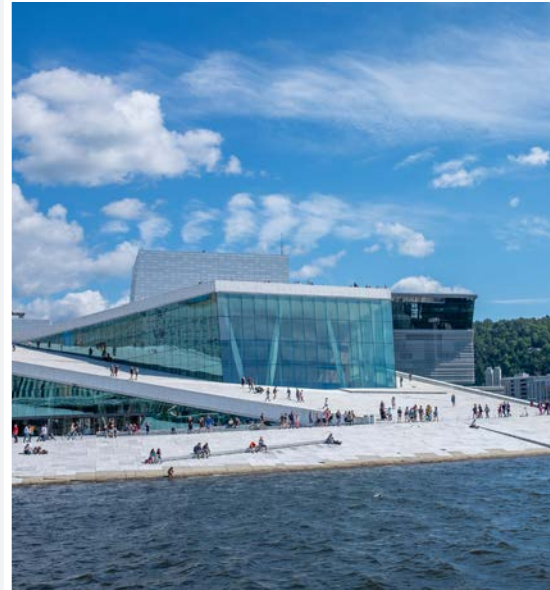
Thon Hotel Rosencrantz Oslo (Dinner)

Monday, August 5

Oslo's Ekeberg Sculpture Park

Start each day with a delicious breakfast served in the hotel. Set forth to the leafy hills of Ekeberg Park, a private sculpture and national heritage park set in a beautiful 25-acre wooded area with panoramic views overlooking Oslo. On a private guided tour of this superlative sculpture park, view works by the world's most renowned modern and contemporary sculptors, including Auguste Rodin, Salvador Dalí, and Elmgreen & Dragset. Experience James Turrell's work *Ganzfeld: Double Vision*. *Ganzfeld* is built inside an old water reservoir from the 1920s, where the room is filled with light and color which is a both visual and physical experience. Then enjoy free time to further explore the trails, visit the indoor museum about the Ekeberg area's history and nature, or shop in the art and design museum store. Enjoy a free afternoon to take in many of the city's best cultural attractions, such as the recently opened National Museum, the spectacular Opera House, or Frogner Parken, to name just a few. The evening is at leisure.

Thon Hotel Rosencrantz Oslo (Breakfast)



Photos (from top): Oslo Opera House (photo by Gunnar Ridderstrom); Edvard Munch's *The Scream*, 1910, at the Munch Museum in Oslo; Louise Bourgeois's *The Couple*, 2003, at Ekeberg Sculpture Park (photo by Marcelo Silva Costa)

Tuesday, August 6

Bergen & Edvard Grieg

Take a short nonstop flight from Oslo to Bergen. Following a casual Norwegian lunch, visit Troidhaugen, a place of pilgrimage for Edvard Grieg lovers from all over the world. The museum consists of the villa where Grieg and his wife lived, the composer's hut, and the couple's gravesite, as well as a modern museum building housing the Troltsalen concert hall. Continue into Bergen's city center and check into the four-star Thon Hotel Rosencrantz Bergen, with a perfect location in the heart of the city within short walking distance of excellent restaurants and shops. Join a guided tour through the enchanting streets and colorful waterfront of Bergen's UNESCO-designated Brygge district, learning about the city's maritime heritage and major connections to the fishing industry. Enjoy an evening at leisure.

Thon Hotel Rosencrantz Bergen (Breakfast, Lunch)

Wednesday, August 7

Fjord Ferry Cruise

Check out of your hotel and take a spectacular two-hour ferry ride through the Hardanger Fjord to Rosendal, a pretty village surrounded by majestic mountains and waterfalls. Soak in the majestic scenery as you glide by dozens of small islands and untamed landscapes. After disembarking in Rosendal, visit the Rosendal Barony, a rare 200+ year old manor, and enjoy a fresh lunch at its café after touring the house and beautiful rose garden. Check into the four-star Rosendal Fjordhotel, set on the mouth of the Hardanger Fjord, and get settled into your room. *(The hotel is situated less than a mile from the Great Hall where most of the festival concerts are performed. Note that transportation to and from all concerts is on foot.)* Over the course of four nights and five days, enjoy eleven concerts and lectures as well as dinner nightly at your hotel's excellent waterfront restaurant.

Rosendal Fjordhotel (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Thursday, August 8

Rosendal Festival

Attend the concerts and lectures included in your Rosendal Festival Package with dinner together in the hotel's restaurant.

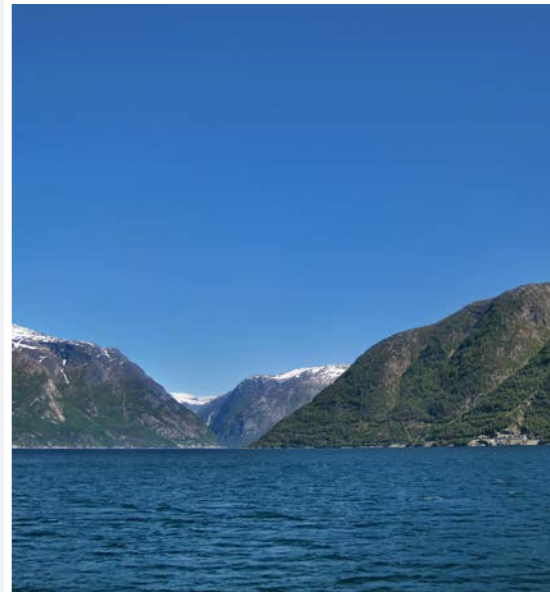
Rosendal Fjordhotel (Breakfast, Dinner)

Friday, August 9

Rosendal Festival

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Rosendal Fjordhotel (Breakfast, Dinner)



Photos (from top): Bergen (photo by Danor Aharon);
Hardanger Fjord (photo by FromTheNorth);
Pianist Leif Ove Andsnes at the Rosendal Chamber Musical Festival
(photo by Liv Øvland)

Saturday, August 10

Rosendal Festival

Attend the concerts and lectures included in your Rosendal Festival Package with dinner together in the hotel's restaurant.

Rosendal Fjordhotel (Breakfast, Dinner)

Sunday, August 11

Rosendal Festival

After checking out of your hotel, attend the concerts and lectures included in your Rosendal Festival Package. In the evening, transfer by private coach and the Gjermundshamn-Årsnes ferry back to Bergen. Check back into the Thon Hotel Rosencrantz Bergen and retire for the evening.

Thon Hotel Rosencrantz Bergen (Breakfast, Lunch)

Monday, August 12

Bergen Fortress & Funicular

During a morning at leisure, sleep in, enjoy strolling around Bergen on your own, or have fun shopping. Lunch is on your own today. At about 2:30pm, gather for a series of fun-filled afternoon activities. Stop by the city's centuries-old fortress, the castle is one of the oldest and best-preserved stone fortifications in Norway. Take the funicular up into the hills around Bergen to enjoy a spectacular view over the city. Stop by a great local brewery for a behind-the-scenes tour and a beer tasting followed by a casual farewell dinner together. Return to the hotel in the early evening to pack and prepare for tomorrow's departure.

Thon Hotel Rosencrantz Bergen (Breakfast, Beer tasting, Dinner)

Tuesday, August 13

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Following breakfast, take independent taxis to the airport and flights from Bergen.



Photos (from top):
The Rosendal Chamber Musical Festival (photo by Liv Øvland);
Bergen with view of the funicular in the background
(photo by Denisbin)

Below: Riddersalen Concert Hall at Baroniet Rosendal,
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Tour Information



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TOUR DATES: August 3–13, 2024

TOUR COST

Land Package	\$6,295
Single Supplement	\$895

Tour price is per person based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 15 paying participants. Festival prices are still being finalized and are subject to change.

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate, good walking ability

FESTIVAL TICKETS: Nonrefundable tickets will be purchased when they become available. Tickets may become unavailable for participants booking late.

DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT: A deposit of \$1,000 per registrant is required to reserve space on the tour, of which \$500 is nonrefundable for ISDI's registration and planning fee unless the tour is cancelled due to low enrollment. This deposit may be paid by check or by Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. Final balance will be invoiced and is due on April 4, 2024 and must be paid by check to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations are accepted after this date on a space- available basis with payment in full by check only.

DONATION: In addition to the tour package price, each tour participant will donate a fully tax-deductible \$1,000 donation as part of our Meany Commissioning Club. We will go behind the "artistic curtain" with Michelle Witt to explore chamber music we hear at the Rosendal Festival to bring back to our Meany stage. Donations are due anytime prior to August 3, 2024. Inquire more details about your donation with Cristi Benefield at cristi@uw.edu or (206)616.6296. Thank you for helping keep chamber music vibrant and live on our stage and for making a world of difference for our audiences and artists!

FLIGHTS: Airfare to Oslo at the beginning of the tour and departing from Bergen at the end of the tour is not included in the tour price. Participants are responsible for all aspects of these air arrangements. **Please do not purchase airline tickets until the operation of the tour is confirmed by ISDI.**

One flight between Oslo and Bergen on August 6, 2024 is included in the tour price.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel insurance is not included in the tour cost, but participants are strongly encouraged to purchase a travel protection plan in conjunction with this tour, including coverage of trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency evacuation/repatriation, medical expenses, lost or damaged baggage, and other expenses and/or losses incurred due to unexpected situations. Should a participant cancel at any time after registering for the tour, ISDI must strictly abide by the cancellation policy outlined herein. Travel insurance information will be sent upon tour registration.

TERMS & CONDITIONS: ISDI requires that all tour participants be vaccinated against COVID-19. Upon receipt of registration, ISDI will send registrant a Participant Tour Agreement detailing the full terms and conditions for this tour. This document must be signed and returned to ISDI before participant's registration is considered complete and any arrangements can be confirmed.

TOUR PRICE INCLUSIONS: 2 nights at the Thon Hotel Rosencrantz Oslo; 3 night at the Thon Hotel Rosencrantz Bergen; 4 nights at the Rosendal Fjordhotel; breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 6 dinners, 1 beer tasting, 2 glasses of wine or beer at welcome dinner and 1 glass of wine or beer at lunches, when available; land transportation by private motorcoach and public ferry; one-way economy flight from Oslo to Bergen on August 6, 2024 with 1 checked bag per person; entrance fees to sites and visits listed in the itinerary; services of ISDI Tour Director; Rosendal Chamber Music Festival Package; gratuities for guides, drivers, and waitstaff at included meals; bottled water for all excursions by private motor coach; handling of 1 piece of luggage per person upon arrival and departure at the hotels; taxes, services, and portage fees..

TOUR PRICE EXCLUSIONS: Airline tickets, airline taxes and surcharges, and baggage fees; airport portorage; passport or visa fees; airport transfers upon arrival and departure; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; gratuities for hotel housekeeping; personal items such as telephone calls, room service, valet service, à-la-carte orders, specialty wines and liquors, laundry charges, travel extensions, or tour deviations; travel insurance; any other items not specifically included in the itinerary.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: Cancellation by participant must be made in writing to ISDI and is effective only upon acknowledged receipt by ISDI. There is a non-refundable registration and planning fee of \$500 per person regardless of cancellation date. Written cancellation received by ISDI on or before April 4, 2024: full refund minus \$500 per person registration and planning fee. Written cancellation received by ISDI between April 5 and June 19, 2024: Refund of all monies paid minus \$3,150 per person cancellation fee (includes registration and planning fee). Written cancellations received on or after June 20, 2024: no refund. Tour registration is nontransferable. In the case of cancellation, substitutions are not allowed. After the tour has commenced, no refunds will be issued for any reason including, but not limited to, unused portions of tour.

If the tour is cancelled by ISDI or Meany Center due to low enrollment, active registrants will receive a full refund of all tour payments.

FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

International Seminar Design, Inc.
202-244-1448 / info@isditravel.com

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Registration Form



Name (Participant 1) _____ Name (Participant 2) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address (Participant 1) _____ Email Address (Participant 2) _____

ROOMING OPTIONS: *(please select)*

- Double Occupancy; I will share a room with _____
 - We prefer separate beds
- Single Occupancy; I understand there is a single supplement charge of \$895.

TOUR DOCUMENTS:

ISDI will send all documents pertaining to the tour by email to the email address listed above.

- If you wish to receive hardcopy versions of the tour documents by post as well, please check this circle. Paper documents will not be sent to your home address unless this circle is checked.

DEPOSIT (\$1,000 per person):

_____ # of persons _____ Amount Enclosed

- Visa MasterCard American Express Check *(make check payable to International Seminar Design, Inc.)*

Card Number _____ Exp. (mm/yy) _____ CVV Code _____

Name as it appears on card _____ Billing Zip Code _____

NOTE: *The Meany Center requires all participants to sign a Release of Liability, Assumption of All Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement form as a condition of your participation on this trip. This form is sent to all participants upon placing a tour deposit and needs to be returned within 30 days after receipt or at least 60 days before the beginning of the trip, whichever is sooner.*

Each participant must sign.

By registering and paying the deposit for this tour, registrant acknowledges that he/she has carefully read and understands all information contained in the tour brochure, recognizes and accepts any risks therein, and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions outlined above.

Signature Participant 1 / Date _____ Signature Participant 2 / Date _____

COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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