

73rd Annual Conference 2023 (as of February 3, 2023)

Norway (with an additional meeting in Denmark)



- Main conference in Oslo, Trondheim and Bergen
- Post meeting in Copenhagen, Skjoldenæsholm and Malmö (can also be booked separately as a short conference)



We travel by train between the conference locations of Trondheim, Bergen, Oslo and possibly Copenhagen: An Interrail Pass is therefore recommended for this conference (available with a discount for seniors over 60 years of age). If you only travel with us on the train in Norway, the one-country pass is the cheapest. For everyone else (arriving by train or train/ferry) there is a 5-day or 7-day global pass (incl. train journeys in Germany – but ferry journeys extra!).

The times given here for the individual days are non-binding. The final program booklet, which we always send out about 10 days before the trip, contains numerous other details and information (line network maps, routes, vehicle information and much more). By the way, both countries have their own currencies (not the euro). Our electrical plugs ("Type C + F") are only used in Norway, in Denmark an adapter for the "Type K sockets" that are sometimes still in use there may still be necessary here and there ("Type C" is not available everywhere!).

Monday, 17.7. Arrival (here as an example by ferry from Kiel) to Oslo

-2:00 p.m. from Kiel (arrival the next day) with Color Line

Tuesday, 18.7. Arrival (here by ferry, for example) to Oslo and on to Trondheim

- 10.00h at Oslo
- followed by a train journey to Trondheim (approx. 7 hours), either at 11:42 am or at 2:00 pm (alternatively: Arrival by plane or train via Denmark & Sweden)

Wednesday, 19.7. Trondheim

- Half-day tram program: trip with Strømmenwagen TS 29 and ex SNCV MBw 71 to Munkvoll, visit of depot and museum. Continue with GB Tw 7 to Lian and back, return from Munkvoll with Tw TS 6.

-Afternoon at leisure (day ticket included).



Thursday, 20.7. Thamshaven Railways

- Morning bus transfer to Løkken
- Late afternoon ride back to Trondheim on the 22km long electric meter gauge museum railway
- 11:17 p.m. Departure night train to Oslo (sleeper or 2-seater cabin)
- alternatively: flight to Bergen (on your own - possibly only on Friday)

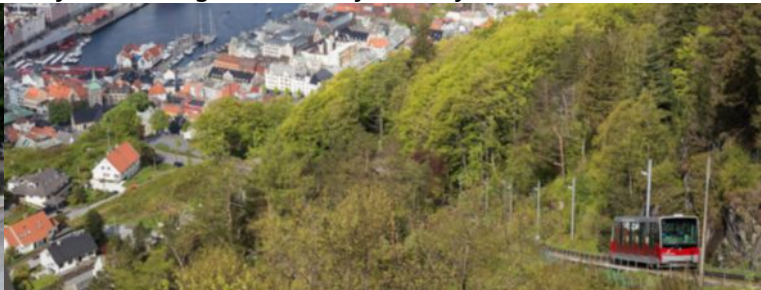


Friday, 21.7. Transfer to Bergen (full day)

- 06.50 Arrive in Oslo (with time for breakfast at the train station)
- 08.25 Transfer to Myrdal
- 1.05pm Arrive Myrdal
- 13.13 Continuation with the Flåmsbana to Flåm
- 14.11 Arrival Flåm, possibility to visit the Flåm Railway Museum
- 3.30 pm Catamaran ferry ride to Bergen
- 20.45 arrival Bergen
- Moving into the hotel at the light rail terminus at the airport

Saturday, 22.7. mountains

- In the morning: Visit to the tram museum and take a ride
- In the afternoon: Fløiban (funicular), on your own: light rail, trolleybus (day ticket included)



Sunday, 23.7. Gamle Vossebanen

- Morning: bus transfer to Gares or Midtun
- Ride on the 18 km long museum steam train (1,067mm), unfortunately no steam operation after an accident
- back to Bergen in the late afternoon



Photos: Vossebanen

Monday, 24.8. Transfer to Oslo

- 08.15 train journey to Oslo 15.02 arrival
- in Oslo (then free time)

Tuesday, 25.8. Oslo

- Requested program in Oslo: Museum tour, museum tram and suburban train; Visit to a metro depot (day pass included)
- possibly in the evening: VDVA general meeting in Oslo



Wednesday, 26.7. Oslo or Hamar

- Free time in Oslo
- alternatively: day trip to the Norwegian Railway Museum in Hamar



Thursday, 27.7. Journey home or (here as an example) onward journey tonight session in Denmark

- 10.10 a.m. train ride to Gothenburg (if you depart earlier, a short visit by trolleybus Landskrona and tram Lund is possible - on your own)
- 1.45pm arrival in Gothenburg and 2.40pm train journey to Lund
- 5.37pm arrival in Lund
- 5.59pm train journey to Copenhagen and 6.49pm arrival in Copenhagen
- or further stay in Oslo on your own (when booking through us by Saturday, July 29 at the latest)

Friday, 28.7. Copenhagen (night session)

- Free time or visit the new metro depot in the morning (requested) or visit sights on your own (day ticket included)

Saturday, July 29th Copenhagen (night session)

- Train ride to Borup in the morning, bus transfer to the Tram Museum
- Trafikdag at Skjoldenæsholm Tram Museum (with Smørrebrød for our group) late afternoon return to Copenhagen



Sunday, 29.7. Malmö (night session)

- Return day to Germany
- morning day trip by train to Malmö Tram Museum
- in the early afternoon return journey by train to Germany (via Copenhagen)
- who likes: on the way back a stopover in Odense on your own (with overnight stay)



All photos: Wikipedia

Subject to change.

An optional extension of your stay is of course possible (we can also organize an earlier arrival). Non-members are always welcome - our members have priority when registering. If you are interested, please register now! Flights or ferry can

already be booked, but it is better to wait for the confirmation of participation. When planning the vehicles to be rented (we want all of them to be seated during the special trips), please be sure to state in the registration form - as soon as it is available - which special trips you want to take part in and which not. We reserve seats on the trains (for a fee).

We ask for your understanding that we do not offer each trip to be booked separately (if you are on one of the Day trips or special trips do not want to take part, e.g. to travel the network yourself, the conference fee for this part of the conference still has to be paid).

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Attachment to VDVA Circular 2/2023

dated May 4, 2023

Information on the Norway Conference 2023:

Getting to Oslo: We have already informed you about the possibilities of getting to Oslo. In fact, only a small group will use the Color Line ferry from Kiel on Monday, July 17 at 2 p.m. Please keep in mind that the check-in time ends at 1 p.m.! ***When arriving by train, please plan for a corresponding delay to be on the safe side***, several participants will therefore travel on Sunday and stay at the "ibis Styles" in Kiel. Then you are on the safe side!

Getting there: Unfortunately, there was no group agreement with the Color shipping company for the journey, the prices were (much) less favorable than on the Internet. Since quite a few participants will be flying given the high cabin prices, we would not have been able to get the required 20 people together for a joint outward and return journey.

Therefore, unfortunately, you have to book the ticket for your arrival and, if necessary, your return journey with Color Line yourself.

Train rides: Arriving in Oslo, the new timetable no longer specifies the onward journey to Trondheim at 11.42 a.m. with the high-speed train, but at 2.02 p.m. with a journey time of almost 7 hours, arrival in Trondheim at 8.53 p.m. For this group trip as well as on the other days, you can order a seat reservation for the Interrail ticket through us. We calculate the original price (plus a small commission from the travel agency) at €5.00 per trip and seat.

For that we need them **Your Rail Pass number, this is on the back of the cover** (1 letter plus 8 numbers), please enter this in the group seat reservations area at the top right of the registration form, thank you.

For those who do not yet have a Rail or Interrail pass: You can get this either on the Internet or at the train station from the international ticket office or in a travel agency with the DB logo. Attention: Since the sales commission has recently been dropped at travel agencies, a small surcharge may be charged.

Night train on THU, July 20th: The booking of a compartment for the night trip Trondheim – Oslo on Thursday, July 20th is in the upper price range (price per cabin or compartment), the reservation of a sleeper chair is subject to a charge.

Seat reservations and Flåm Railway: For all other specified train connections, we block the necessary seats for the flu (if desired), there is no possibility of reservation for the journey on the Flåm Railway, but the ride costs a surcharge of €30 on top of the rail pass.

In Flåm you have time for that **Flam Railway Museum** to visit.

Ferry Flam – Bergen: The subsequent trip on the express ferry from Flåm (departure 3.30 p.m.) to Bergen (arrival 8.45 p.m.) costs the equivalent of €90 for adults (under 67 years of age) and €50 for seniors (from 67 years of age!).

Danger: Contrary to old information from the previous year ("... for night journeys, the day of arrival is entered in the Interrail pass you can continue on the same day") it now states that **the day of departure must be entered in the passport, an additional day is required for the onward journeys!**

It is likely that many of you who bought the pass early will now need **for the cheapest route Oslo - Trondheim** a single ticket, this costs on the Internet at **www.vy.no/en 740 NOK** (almost 65 €) and **for seniors from 67 years then 617 NOK** (good 52 €).

You can also buy the ticket in Oslo at the train station (and order a seat reservation from us).

Depending on participation, the following days of use are required during the conference: Tuesday

1st, July 18th, Oslo – Trondheim

2. THURSDAY, July 20, Trondheim – Oslo (night train

3 FRI, July 21, Oslo – Myrdal – Flåm

(alternatively: Oslo – Bergen direct)

4 MO, July 24, Bergen – Oslo possibly

5 THU, July 27, Oslo-Göteborg-Malmö-Copenhagen

6 SUN, July 30, Copenhagen – Hamburg – journey home

Hotels: The now reserved comfort hotels in Trondheim, Bergen and Oslo belong to the Choice Group. The hotels are not air-conditioned, but have windows that can be opened, are equipped with minibars (to also cool bought small bottles of drinks overnight), and there is a hair dryer in the bathroom.

In Copenhagen we use a hotel from the Scandic group, which we have known in Sweden since 2019. Hotel am Sydhavnen is fairly new, located near the S-Bahn station of the same name - only three stops from Central Station. Technically it is equipped the same.

Day trips:We have scheduled a trip by vintage bus from Trondheim on THU July 20th to the Thamshavnbanen in Løkken, a narrow-gauge industrial railway, with a visit to the Orkla Industrial Museum. From Bergen on Sun 23 July we travel to the Gamle Vossebanen, a museum railway on 1,067 mm gauge from Garnes to Midtun. From Oslo you can visit the Railway Museum in Hamar on WED July 26th.

You can book these day trips as an option.

We consistently planned the rest of the day to explore the city and local transport. It is therefore possible for the women to do something together in the respective city, while the men can take part in the corresponding program.

Optional in Oslo:The Comfort Hotel Karl Johan has reserved a contingent of rooms for us outside of the conference, but at a slightly higher price. You can reserve the rooms through us up to and including Saturday.

Continue to Denmark or Sweden:If you are traveling on to Copenhagen on THU, July 27, please enter your reservation requests accordingly. We have since heard about construction work on the route (summer time = construction site time!). For the latest information, contact the Program booklet – around 10 days before the start of the conference .

Important for seniors:The price of a rail pass for seniors starts at 60 years of age, for train tickets only from 67 years of age, as well as for trams and city transport from 67 years of age.

Post-meeting Skjoldenæsholm:After our visit to the Danish Tramway Museum in 2019, many participants were so pleasantly surprised by the nature of the open-air museum and the size of the fleet of vehicles that the desire to travel there again was expressed several times. On the last Saturday in July, the traffic day takes place especially for members, the trains run every 5 minutes (almost) the whole day! Some museum railways are only used for a few laps.

Therefore, there is the possibility to continue to Copenhagen after the Norway conference and to visit the tram museum in Skjoldenæsholm on Saturday.

On Saturday July 29th we will visit the Danish Tram Museum. The journey is arranged in such a way that we take a through train to Borup, where a youngtimer bus picks us up and takes us to the museum. You can move around freely there and make unlimited trips. The well-known Danish Smørrebrød will be served as a snack at noon, and there will be a surprise for us in the afternoon before the return trip.

short conference:At the same time we are offering an additional short conference Denmark with arrival via Hamburg - Flensburg to Copenhagen on Friday 28 July (or earlier), on Saturday then excursion to Skjoldenæsholm. On Sunday 30 July there is the possibility of a detour to Malmö to visit the local museum tram (as practiced at the end of July 2019).

Northern Germany could be reached again via Copenhagen by Sunday evening. We recommend that all other participants return by train on Sunday morning.

Return to Germany:Most want to travel back via Flensburg on Sunday morning, July 30th. Apparently there is also construction work going on there, since the first stage with a change is already being made via Fredericia. In Hamburg there are connections in all directions.

If you intend to make a detour to visit a new company, please find out about the relevant train connections in good time.

For questionsI am at your disposal on telephone 0 22 33 – 92 23 66.

If necessary, please leave a short message on the answering machine during the day with your telephone number and when you can best be reached. My office hours vary, but are best reached in the afternoon and then until 7 p.m.

We still have a lot to prepare and organize in the coming weeks - but this year's conference will certainly be a very eventful conference - like 2019 in Sweden.

See you in Oslo (on the way there), in Trondheim or in Bergen – to the conference.