

## **Spalding High School**

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Norway Adventure Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2026

The Geography department is delighted to inform you that we are proposing a visit to Norway in October 2026. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience a unique landscape. This trip is only being offered to GCSE and A Level students. Whilst it is not a compulsory part of this course it will certainly extend the knowledge and understanding of units taught and will enhance students' awareness of this amazing environment. The country offers an opportunity to see, at first hand, an amazing array of geographical landforms and landscapes.

## Some of the proposed excursions to be included during the trip will include:-

- Explore Bergen, including a trip on the Fløibanen funicular in to Mount Fløyen
- Visit Sognefjord and travel across the mountains and past some spectacular waterfalls, to the mighty Sognefjord ("the King of the Fjords").
- Visit Stalheim, A short stop at the 'Eagle's Nest' site of Stalheim Hotel, which stands on the edge of a 400m cliff, overlooking the surrounding mountains and valleys.
- Mini Cruise Nærøyfjord Cruise The best view of the fjords is from the water! Enjoy a 2-hour cruise through
  one of the narrowest fjords in Norway, with steep mountain sides plunging down into the water. The cruise
  includes a short stop in the picturesque village of Undredal to stretch your legs.
- Flåm Railway Ride on one of the world's steepest railways and experience contrasting landscapes as you pass through tunnels, waterfalls and green hills down to the fjord village of Flåm.
- Full-day excursion by coach to Folgefonna National Park, to see glacial processes in action! Take a memorable lunch break in the middle of the ice with views of the sea and the Rosendal mountains, while your guide tells you all about the local culture and the physical geography
- Visit Steinsdalsfossen This remarkable 50m high waterfall is one of Norway's most famous (and most visited) sights.

NB – The itinerary is still subject to change

The dates for the trip are Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025 with flights from London Gatwick with Norwegian air. The cost of the trip will be approximately £1,300 - £1,350 (this approximation is due to flights not currently being available to book) and is inclusive of flights, return travel to and from the airport, excursions, a trip hoody and insurance, full-board accommodation for 3 nights at Heimen Hotel which has ensuite facilities.

Please note that as this is an "optional extra" trip, full payment is compulsory and the school will not be able to provide any financial assistance.

The deadline for expressing your child's interest is Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Priority will initially be given to the current Year 10 and Year 12 students as well as Year 11 students who are committed to studying Geography A Level at Spalding High School and will be allocated on a first come basis. It may also be necessary to take into account students interest in Geography, attendance and behaviour at school, so as not to place the safety of students, staff and their peers at risk. Please be aware before you commit, that this trip is very active and a certain level of physical fitness will be needed to take part in the activities. Once a place has been once confirmed you will then be able to access the online payment system to pay the non-refundable deposit of £100.00 no later than the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 as well as completing the booking form. Please be advised that deposits cannot be returned or transferred to another trip if your child changes their mind.

If you decide you would like your child to reserve a place on this exciting overseas trip, then please complete the form by <a href="Interest in Norway October 2026 - Fill out form">Interest in Norway October 2026 - Fill out form</a>. If you would like further information about the trip, please visit the PowerPoint presentation available on the School website.

Please do contact me if you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely

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