

CCV Study Abroad Spring 2019 Fact Sheet

HIS-2270-VJ01: Society & Environment in History

Course Information

Description

People have interacted with the mountains and fjords of western Norway since shortly after retreat of the Scandinavian ice-sheet 13,000 years ago. As a mountainous landscape with little agricultural land, hunting, seafaring, and small farms have dominated Norwegian history. With the discovery of North Sea oil, Norway has transformed from one of the poorest countries in Europe to one of the wealthiest on Earth.

During our pre-trip classes, we'll examine the ways past societies throughout the world have worked with and against nature. We'll pay particular attention to colonial New England and its legacy of agrarian history seen today in our stone walls and young forests.

The geography and history of Norway and the failed Norse colony in Greenland will also be a focus. In May we'll travel 10 days in western Norway devoting our attention to these questions: How does nature influence culture? And, how does culture, as a result of its unique history, shape the landscape we see today? Students will be immersed in the nature and culture of western Norway in order to understand the ways environment has influenced the history of the people. Much of our content is easily related back to Vermont. See www.ccv.edu/studyabroad for more information and application packet.

Trip Highlights:

- Experience Bergen, Norway's second largest city, where we'll visit a number of museums and hike local trails
- Sail up Sognefjord, the second longest fjord in the world
- Work with sheep on a small family farm and explore how and why rural landscapes are being preserved
- Walk up to a glacier and learn how ice has shaped all of Scandinavia's history
- Hike an ancient trading path through the mountains to a remote farm

Course Meeting Information

This is a hybrid course comprised of four on ground meetings at CCV Upper Valley, one meeting at Marsh Billings Rockefeller National Park, an online component, and a 10 day travel experience. On ground meetings will be held from 10am to 3pm at CCV Upper Valley on:

- February 2, 2019
- March 2, 2019
- April 6, 2019 (at Marsh Billings Rockefeller National Park – rain date April 13)
- May 4, 2019
- June 1, 2019

Travel dates for this course are May 9-18, 2019.

CCV General Education Requirements: This three credit course fulfills the Human Expression or the Global Perspective and Sustainability requirement.

Trip Itinerary in Brief

Day 1: Depart Logan Airport, Boston for Flesland Airport, Bergen

Day 2: Arrive Flesland Airport, Bergen

Day 3: Hanseatic Museum & Maritime Museum

Day 4: Ride the tram from Bergen to Floyen

Day 5: Take the ferry up Sogndal Fjord

Day 6: Jostedalsgreen National Park & Glacier Museum

Day 7: Sheep farm & oldest stave church in Norway

Day 8: Sogn Folk Museum

Day 9: Hike Aurland

Day 10: Depart Flesland Airport, Bergen and arrive Logan Airport, Boston

Course Fees

The course fee is \$3340.11 and will include:

- Nine day study away in Norway
- Airfare to and from Boston, MA
- Lodging (double or triple room occupancy; single room available for an additional fee)
- Daily breakfast
- Ground transportation
- Activity fees

Not include in course fee:

- Course tuition
- Transportation to and from Boston, MA
- Parking fees
- Lunch
- Most dinners
- Airline taxes and fees
- Spending money

Financial Aid and/or the payment plan can be applied towards the course fee. The course fee is subject to change based on course enrollment and airline fuel and tax surcharges. Course tuition is separate.

Things to Consider

- This is a tightly structured, highly academic program NOT a vacation.
Students should understand that they will be doing a moderate amount of physical activity and should be in good health. The average walking distance per day is 8 miles, with an 11 mile walking distance on some days, frequently over uneven surfaces.
- Students with a criminal record should be prepared to discuss this with airport security.
- Students who think they may have any outstanding warrants should know they may be detained.
- Using illegal drugs and excessive drinking is not permitted.
- All issues pertaining to student behavior and course participation are subject to special conditions of participation and those of the college in general as noted in the student handbook (e.g. Disruptive Student policy)
- Any additional airline taxes or fees due to fuel costs will be announced and be will the student's responsibility to pay.

Enrollment Details

CCV Study Abroad application packets are available on the [CCV website](#). Submit a completed application packet to linda.schlott@ccv.edu or drop off a copy at your local CCV center. Please retain the original copy.

The application packet has four sections:

1. Conditions of Participation
2. Publicity and Passport Information form
3. Authorization for Emergency Medical Care and Emergency Contact Information form
4. Statement of Purpose

We are only accepting 18 students into the program.

To qualify for CCV study abroad a student must:

1. Be in good academic standing. Instructors' comments will be taken into consideration as a part of the approval process.
2. Demonstrate the ability to pay: financial aid/payment plan/cash.
3. Submit a completed application packet.
4. The Experiential Learning Committee will review applications in the order received. Notification of approval for study away will be as soon as possible after receipt of application.
5. Once the student has been approved, the student will be contacted by Linda Schlott. Linda will enroll students into the course.

Approval for study away does not guarantee a place in the course. Enrollment for approved students happens on a first come, first served basis, as with any other course.