

# ALESUND PANORAMAS & CHARMING NORSKE ISLANDS



## ENSEMBLE EXPERIENCE *Complimentary Shore Event in Alesund*

- Enjoy an introduction to Alesund
- Travel via under-fjord tunnel to the pretty islands of Giske & Godoy
- Visit Alnes & savor refreshments at the lighthouse
- Admire the splendid panoramic vistas from atop Mt Aksla

Ålesund is famous for its Art Nouveau architectural style which emerged in 1904, making this one of the most beautiful towns in Norway. On your *Ensemble Experience* you'll enjoy an overview of Alesund and discover the delightful island communities of nearby Giske and Godoy.

Drive on a network of bridges and under-fjord tunnels to the **historically important island of Giske**. Also called Saga Island, it was here in 872 AD that King Harald allegedly cut off his unkempt hair to signal his success at creating a unified Norway! Viking Chief Rollo, later Robert – First ruler of Normandy (France) – was born here in 846 and archaeological digs have revealed activity dating back to The Bronze Age.

You'll learn about Giske's history and visit the **charming church built of imported marble that dates back to 1150**.

From Giske you'll continue over to **Godøy Island**. Dominated by the nearly 1500 ft tall mount Sloktinden, the island is well **known for its wildlife and natural beauty**. You'll transit one of the extensive tunnels in the area to reach the northwest headland and the **pretty fishing village of Alnes**.

In Alnes you'll climb to the top of the Old Lighthouse for the view out over the Atlantic. Then, downstairs **enjoy freshly baked cake and refreshments at the old lighthouse keeper's cottage**.

You'll return to Ålesund, pausing along the way at **Mt. Aksla for fine panoramic views** of the archipelago, the beautiful town center and the amazing Sunmøre Alps.

Finally, you'll return to the pier or – if you wish to further explore Ålesund – you'll be dropped off in town to return at your leisure.