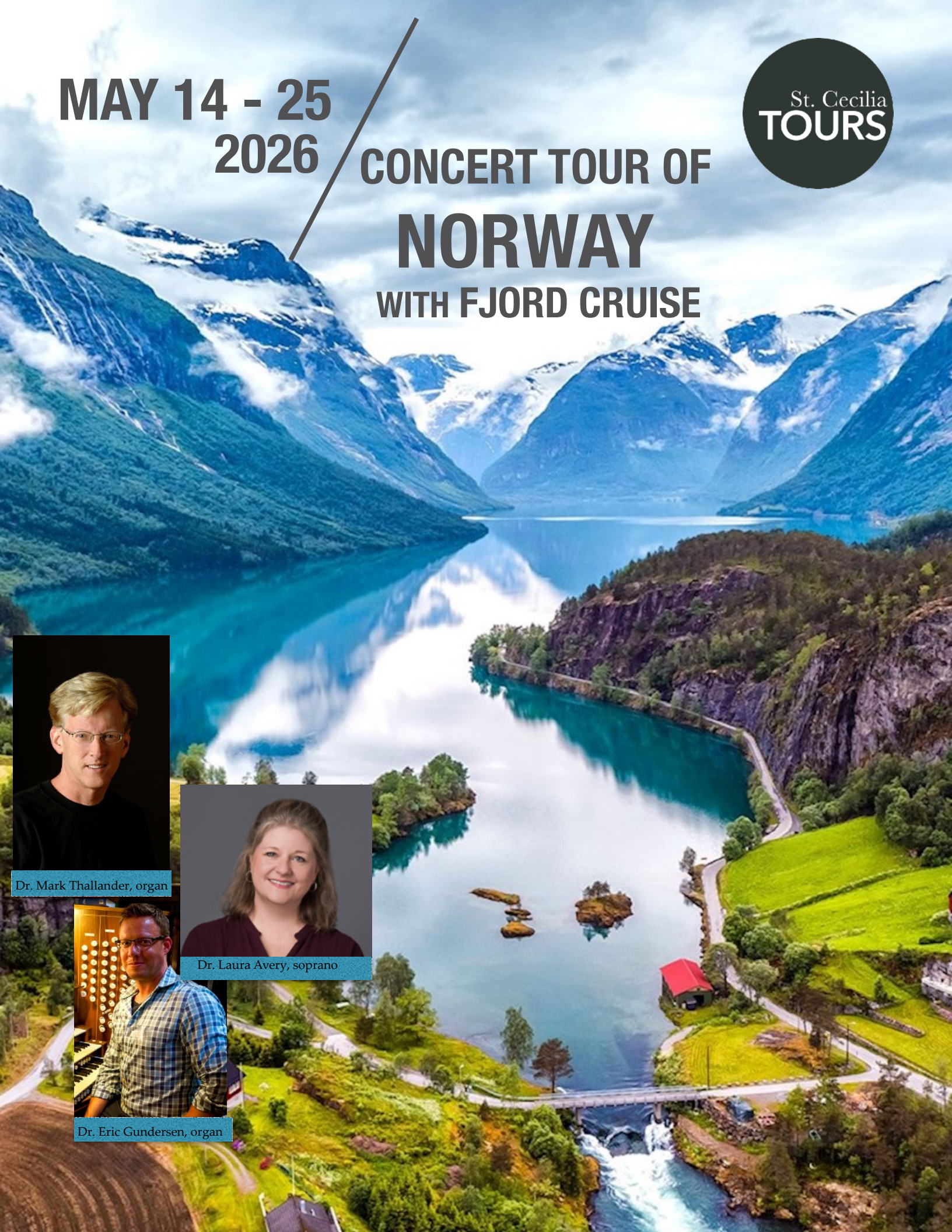


**MAY 14 - 25
2026**

**CONCERT TOUR OF
NORWAY
WITH FJORD CRUISE**



Dr. Mark Thallander, organ



Dr. Laura Avery, soprano



Dr. Eric Gundersen, organ

Dearest friends,

We would like to invite you on a most memorable adventure through Norway, celebrated with personalized concerts and exclusive touches along our journey. Our tour will begin in Oslo, where all tour participants will have views of the Oslo Fjord from their hotel rooms. Our tour group will experience Norway's Constitution Day in Oslo on May 17. You will enjoy front row seats of the world's largest children's parade, which concludes with the royal family greeting the parading children and marching bands at the royal palace, as depicted in the image below.

We will tour the newly re-opened Viking Museum, and learn of the various crafts and ship building industry of the Vikings. The views you will experience as we cross the glacier by train from Oslo to Bergen are simply breathtaking. The journey is rated as one of the most scenic in the world. In Bergen, we will stay on the picturesque and historic wharf, which is an UNESCO world heritage site. The funicular, by our hotel in Bergen, will transport us to the highest peak where we admire the views of the archipelago of the Bergen coast line. We will learn about the trade history and commerce that shaped and developed Norway's relationship with central Europe.

As we cruise north and enter the fjords we will have a private guided tour of the Geiranger Fjord, which is depicted on the cover page of this brochure, perhaps the most picturesque landscape in the world. We see and experience the snowcapped mountains with its cascading waterfalls dropping into the waters below. In Trondheim, we learn how christianity was introduced to Norway by King Olav the Holy, and we visit his burial place within the majestic Nidaros Cathedral, which is the largest cathedral in northern Europe. Music will be celebrated in historic cathedrals and churches along our journey, offered by Dr. Avery, Dr. Gundersen, and Dr. Thallander.

Join us, we look forward to traveling with you!

Eric, Laura, and Mark

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026

DAY 1 - DEPARTURE: We depart from Houston or your preferred airport to Gardermoen Oslo Airport, Norway. Meals and beverages are served on board our international flights.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

DAY 2 - ARRIVE OSLO: Upon our arrival in Oslo, we meet our St. Cecilia Tour host who accompanies us throughout our time in Norway. We board a state of the art tourist coach and travel to the Radisson Plaza Hotel, which is located in the heart of Oslo, by the promenade to the Royal Palace. We meet at the bar of our hotel for a welcome toast, followed by a brief informational meeting. Enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. [L]

SATURDAY, MAY 16

DAY 3 - VIKING MUSEUM: Enjoy a delightful breakfast at our hotel, which is included every day of our tour. We transfer to the museum district, where we will pay a visit to the Viking Museum, which displays the history and infrastructure of Norway during the Viking period. We return to our hotel, and enjoy the evening at leisure. [B]

Oslo, 17th of May, Parade





Bergen Wharf

SUNDAY, MAY 17

DAY 4 - NATIONAL DAY IN OSLO: We begin our day with the sound of children parading and celebrating on the promenade by our hotel. Numerous marching bands will play traditional Norwegian marches, culminating with the King's Guard, who will conclude the festivity of the parade by the royal palace. The food and the sights in Oslo will be epic, and this is truly a unique day to experience in Oslo. [B]

MONDAY, MAY 18

DAY 5 - OSLO TO BERGEN: We travel from Oslo to Bergen by a relaxing train ride, and enjoy the scenery of nature along our journey. Bergen was founded by the Vikings, and soon after became a Hanseatic trade town. The historic wharf and old town is now a romantic area dotted with restaurants, and bars overlooking the water. Our charming hotel is also on the harbor, where we enjoy easy walking distance to many sites and attractions. Dinner will be served at a local restaurant this evening. [B,D]

TUESDAY, MAY 19

DAY 6 - BERGEN: This morning, we drive a few minutes to Troidhaugen, which is a neighborhood in Bergen, to visit the home of Edvard Grieg. We return to Bergen for lunch before we enjoy a concert at the historic Bergen Domkirke. Domkirke is the equivalent of cathedral, and parts of the church are from the Viking age. This evening we gather for dinner as a group at a restaurant by the water, and enjoy a traditional Norwegian meal. [B,D]

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

DAY 7 - FJORD CRUISE: Before boarding our cruise this afternoon, we have more time to enjoy Bergen. We take the funicular to the top of a scenic outlook point that offer great views of the city and ocean. We board our cruise, and enjoy a delicious meal as we depart Bergen and sail the old Viking route along the Hjeltefjord. [B,D]

THURSDAY, MAY 21

DAY 8 - ÅLESUND AND GEIRANGER FJORD: Ålesund is renowned for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture and Atlanterhavsparken, one of northern Europe's largest saltwater aquariums. We set sail into Geirangerfjorden, pictured on our brochure cover, where we will witness some of the most magnificent scenery in Norway. Once in the fjord, you may see the famous Seven Sisters waterfalls cascading down the cliffs. [B,D]

Nidaros Cathedral



FRIDAY, MAY 22

DAY 9 - TRONDHEIM: Our cruise arrives Trondheim this morning, and after disembarking, we head to Nidarosdomen, which is the largest Cathedral in Northern Europe, and founded by the viking king: Olav the Holy. After a tour of the cathedral, we take time for lunch before we check into our hotel, located in the historic downtown area of Trondheim. [B]

SATURDAY, MAY 23

DAY 10 - TRONDHEIM: We begin the day with a guided tour of the Old Town. We see quaint houses, a draw-bridge, and learn of traditional Norwegian customs. After the walking tour, Eric, Mark, and Laura offer a concert in Nidaros cathedral, which sports four historic pipe organs. The afternoon is free time for you to enjoy this beautiful city at your leisure. [B]

SUNDAY, MAY 24

DAY 11 - FREE DAY: Enjoy a full day at your leisure in Trondheim. We gather in the evening for a celebratory concluding dinner at a restaurant near our hotel. [B,D]

MONDAY, MAY 25

DAY 12 - FLIGHT HOME: Our most fabulous tour of Norway must unfortunately come to an end. We head to the Trondheim airport where we will board our flight home. If interested, you may extend your tour with cruise from Trondheim to northern Norway. Please ask for details and pricing. [B]

Geiranger Fjord



Your Tour includes

- Deluxe Hotels w/Daily Breakfast,
- Meals as Outlined in the Itinerary
- Fjord Cruise (Bergen - Trondheim)
- Entrance Tickets to Museum and Venues
- Deluxe Coach & Train Transportation
- Round-Trip Flights from Houston IAH - Oslo OSL, Norway
- Returning from Trondheim TRD - Houston IAH
- Itinerary and Venues Subject to Change.

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(Land pkg includes your cruise from Bergen to Trondheim)

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