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## Acclaimed Norwegian author, Tore Fauske, joins a Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' 'Vikings & Glaciers of Norway' cruise

With its Norwegian heritage stretching back several generations, Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines always feels at home when cruising this country's deep, mysterious fjords, and its smaller-sized ships are able to navigate waters that other larger vessels cannot. *Braemar's* eight-night autumnal M1323 cruise, 'Vikings & Glaciers of Norway', will offer an extra-special experience for guests, as the speaker on board will be the acclaimed Norwegian author, translator and Viking expert, **Tore Fauske**, as part of Fred. Olsen's award-winning on board enrichment programme, *Vistas*.

For anyone who wants to find out more about the history of this most fascinating of Scandinavian countries, **Tore Fauske**'s lectures will be an added bonus. Tore is originally from Bergen, and served in the Norwegian Air Force during his National Service, but he has lived in England since 1959, where he has worked as an author, interpreter and translator. His 2000 book, 'Bloody Vikings', is famed as a Norwegian version of '1066 and All That', for its very readable and irreverent approach to Viking history.

This Norwegian fjords odyssey sets sail from Dover on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013, following a classic itinerary, with superb scenery and stunning views. First port of call is the bustling fishing port – and now a cosmopolitan European city – Bergen, Norway's second city. *Braemar* then calls at Skjolden, set at the end of the one of the world's longest fjords, and home to the largest glacier in mainland Europe, Jostedalsglaciar.

These unique fjords never fail to impress, with majestic glaciers and tumbling waterfalls; they are also the setting for some pretty villages, nestling at the foot of the mountains, beside the clear, shimmering waters. Flåm and Eidfjord – the next two ports of call – are amongst the most beautiful of these villages, and visitors can hike, kayak or cycle as they breathe in the crisp, clean air. They can also take a ride on the famous Flåm Railway, as it makes the breathtaking ascent of mountains and glaciers, granting some of the most unforgettable views in the natural world.

The final port is the charming, cobbled town of Stavanger, where guests can take in the delightful shops and cafés, perfect for last-minute shopping and sightseeing, before *Braemar* makes the return voyage to Dover.

Prices for this cruise, with limited availability, start from £632 per person, based on two adults sharing an inside, twin cabin Grade 'I', and include all meals and entertainment on board, and port taxes. There is no charge for attending Tore Fauske's informative, enthralling *Vistas* talks.

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