Norway gave the world the cheese slicer
No one knows how long the Norway coastline is
The world’s longest road tunnel is in Norway
The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded in Oslo
Humans have lived in Norway as early as 9,000 to 8,000 B.C
Modern and ancient skiing were invented in Norway
Europe’s biggest herd of wild reindeer lives here
Hydroelectricity represents about 98% of Norway’s domestic power usage
KINGDOM OF NORWAY

- Democratic Government
- Population @ 5,312,300
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} highest average income per person
- 8\textsuperscript{th} highest cost of living index
- Major industries: Oil & Gas, Hydropower, Seafood, Shipping, Tourism
- Mixed economy
- UN ranked happiest nation in the world
GETTING AROUND:
CRUISE SHIP
FERRY
CAR OR CAMPERVAN
FLIGHTS
TRAINS & BUSES

HTTPS://WWW.SMARTERTRAVEL.COM/GETTING-AROUND-NORWAY-TRANSPORTATION-TIPS/
SEGMENT 1: OSLO

Photo via Radisson Hotels
Arrival
Museums of Bygdøy

- Norwegian Folk/Cultural Museum
- Fram Museum
- Kon Tiki Museum
- Viking Ship Museum
Holmenkollen Ski Jump

Vigeland Sculpture
Frogner Park

Oslo Harbor
THE TEACHERS ANSWER "NO"

December 1940: NS demand a declaration of loyalty by all civil servants. Teachers immediately answer NO.

February 1941: NS demand the right to carry out propaganda in the classroom. The teachers answer NO.

June 1941: The government dismisses the teachers' representatives, and appoints locals (commissars) to run the teachers' organisations. Teachers respond by resigning, and setting up their own clandestine organisations.

February 1942: NS introduces compulsory enrolment of all school pupils in the youth service. Teachers are compulsorily organised in the "Norwegian Teachers' Union", and are told that they must teach the principles of Nazism. Teachers answer NO.

March 1942: The Ministry of Education withholds teachers' salaries, clamps down on schools, and sets a deadline for the teachers' refusal. When this deadline is reached, every teacher teacher, was hundred in all, arrested on the basis of false charges by NS. Only a handful of teachers succumb in pressure; others once again answer NO, though they are willing to continue teaching.

April 1942: The schools are re-opened, teachers read out in their classes a manifesto in which they repeat their NO to the Teachers' Union, and solemnly declare that they will not teach anything conflicting with their conscience.
SEGMENT 2: VESTERÅLEN & LOFOTEN
ARCHIPELAGOS
5-7 NIGHTS
Vesterålen Archipelago

Interisland connections
- Bridges
- Ferry to Lofotens
Nyksand

The Queen's Route
(Nyksund - Stø)
Stock Fish

Farm Mounds
The Haseltine church
The Norwegian Fishing Village Museum in Å
SEGMENT 3: ÅLESUND & GEIRANGER
3-4 NIGHTS
ÅLESUND
The Art Nouveau Town
The Alesund Museum

Uraed/Brudeegge
Mount Aksla
THE GEIRANGERFJORD: ÅLESUND TO GEIRANGER
Fjord Ferry/Fly

Alesund (AES) → Bergen

7 hours + layover

Fjord Ferry/Coastal Ferry
or Buses/Coastal Ferry

Bergen → Geiranger

9 hours + poss. layover

Bus

Bergen → Geiranger

9½ hours
SEGMENT 4: BERGEN & THE SOGNEFJORD TOUR TO OSLO 3-4 DAYS
BERGEN
The Hanseatic Wharf
THE SOGNEFJORD
BERGEN TO FLAM
Flåm
Flamsbana Railway

Kjosfossen Waterfall
NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL TOURS
TIPS:
1. Check harbor schedules to try to avoid as many cruise ships as possible – 15-20K people can land in one day.
2. Use TripAdvisor Norway Forum if you get stuck on routing.
3. You are expected to leave your non-hotel accommodations clean and mopped.

REFLECTIONS:
1. Although there were some great cities on this trip with many more things to see or do, we were both glad we slanted most of our trip on the natural scenery.
2. Perfect time of the year!
3. Norway and New Zealand currently top my list on the most striking countries I’ve visited.
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**SAVINGS TIPS:**

**MINIPRIS TRAIN FARES @ 50% DISCOUNT WHEN FIRST BECOME AVAILABLE. @ 90 DAYS OUT.**

**BUS COMPANIES OFFER SENIOR RATES & ARE TYPICALLY CHEAPER ON WEEKDAYS.**

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**ESTIMATED BUDGET/EXPENSES**

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- Dining out typically once per day; grocery store purchases for other meals
- Deb used Frequent Flyer Miles for most flights
- Accommodations ranged from budget to mid-range. No points used.
- DIY saves a lot of money!
OUR ACCOMMODATIONS

TROMS Sunhill Apartment Kleiva $82USD One bedroom apartment with sofa bed nice view, 15-minute drive from the Evenes Apt

SANDSET Skjellbogen Hyttegrend $71 USD+ linen rental A remote cabin with bunk beds & sofa bed located seaside within mountains.

MELBU Apartment in Melbu $82 USD 1 BR with kitchen, washer/dryer, 1 km from ferry. Weird set-up but ok for one night.

SENNESVIK 255 Sennesvikveien $132 USD 1st floor, private apartment with ocean view. One bedroom with four twin beds. Cute, rural, knockout view!

SAKRISOY Sakrisoy Rorbeaur, $174 USD (our intended splurge).

ALESUND Scandic Parken Hotel $286 for 2 nights. Two beds, breakfast buffet (lots of accom. here @ all price points)

GEIRANGER Hotell Geiranger $162 USD We were given a free upgrade to a room with a fantastic fjord view. Breakfast included – they surprised us with a packed breakfast @ 4am!

BERGEN Comfort Hotel Strandgaten $264 USD/2 nights including breakfast, great location for touring the old sections

FLAM Flam Camping Hostel $114 USD for one night. Small, ensuite bath; bunk beds, community kitchen. Although Flam is on the NIN, accommodation options are meager & pricey. I secured this reservation via email before it went on their site.

OSLO Saga Poshtel Central $270 for two nights. Twin bunk beds, ensuite bath, free breakfast
NEXT TIME AROUND...
Norsk Hydro
THE SOUTHERN COAST
NORWEGIAN SCENIC ROUTE
HELGELAND COAST
COASTAL FERRIES
Operating between Bergen and Kirkenes

**Hurtigruten** – Historic; **Port to Port**; Review from traveler

**Havila Kystruten** - New; green option as ships operate on battery & liquified natural gas
John’s Collection

Norway

Local secrets
Best planning advice
100% researched & updated
RESEARCH RESOURCE LINKS

Norway in Microcosm (A great getting started tool!)

Movies Filmed in Norway

Blog: 7 Reasons To Add Vesterålen to Your Northern Norway Itinerary

Inga Sami Reindeer Farm

Blog: How to Plan an Epic Road Trip in Norway

Norway National Scenic Routes

Lofoten Islands Accommodations

http://www.sortland-camping.no/resources/Brosyre%20Engelsk.pdf

NEXT TIME AROUND...

Nordic Wanders Wandering Scandinavia & the Nordics
The White Towns of Southern Norway – like pears on a string
South Norway Road Trip: 25 Best Places to Visit
Southern Norway: The Norwegian Riviera in Pictures
Northern Norway Itinerary
Guide To Tromso
Winter Packing List
Sami 4-hour Tours
Visit Rjukan
Blog: South Norway Best Places
Tips for Hurtigruten with car

COVID UPDATES + US STATE DEPARTMENT + US EMBASSY IN NORWAY

Fjord1 - Operates in Fjord Norway, Eastern Norway, and Trøndelag

Norled - Operates in Eastern Norway, Southern Norway, Fjord Norway, Trøndelag, & Northern Norway

Fjord Line - Operates in Fjord Norway

Kolumbus - Public transport in Rogaland in Fjord Norway

Rødne Fjord Cruise - Operates in Fjord Norway

Torghatten Nord - Operates in Nordland & Troms in Northern Norway

The Senja Ferries - Operates in Troms & Vesterålen in Northern Norway

Bjørklid Ferjerederi - Operates in Lyngen in Northern Norway

Bastø Fosen - Between Moss and Horten in Eastern Norway