

# NORWAY ROAD TRIP - CLASSIC

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### DAY 1: WELCOME TO OSLO

When you arrive at Oslo's Gardermoen Airport, make your way into **Oslo's** city centre by taking the express train to Oslo Central Station, or through a private transfer Nordic Visitor will arrange for you (at additional cost). For those arriving early, we recommend exploring Oslo by foot, spending the afternoon at sights including the **Royal Palace**, Akershus Fortress, **Oslo City Hall**, Oslo Opera House, and the **Aker Brygge** area. Other notable attractions include the beautiful Vigeland Sculpture Park, the Viking Ship Museum and Karl Johans street.

Spend the night in Oslo.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Aker Brygge - Oslo - Oslo City Hall - Oslo Opera House - The Royal Palace (Oslo)

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### DAY 2: OLYMPIC TOWN OF LILLEHAMMER

Collect your rental car in the morning and drive to **Lillehammer**, the host of the 1994 Winter Olympics.

In Lillehammer you can visit **The Norwegian Olympic Museum** and the Lysgårdsbakken Olympic arena, the Lillehammer Art Museum, and the **Maihaugen open air museum** which includes a collection of more than 200 houses from as far back as the 12th century and until today, including the Garmo stave church. After sightseeing, visit one of Lillehammer's cosy restaurants for a meal and Lillehammer Bryggeri for a local pint of beer.

Spend the night in Lillehammer

*Driving distance: 168 km / 105 mi*

*Estimated driving duration: 2 hours and 30 minutes (without stops)*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Lillehammer - Maihaugen - Olympic Arenas

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### DAY 3: GUDBRANDSDALEN VALLEY & GEIRANGERFJORD

Kick off your morning with a drive north to **Geiranger**, through the magnificent **Gudbrandsdalen** valley, which is surrounded by several national parks like Rondane National Park, Breheimen and Reinheimen. Along the way, you will pass the historic village of Lom and the **Lom Stave church**, one of the largest and most beautiful stave churches in Norway.

To survey the surroundings, we recommend visiting **Dalsnibba** skywalk on your way to Geiranger. It's Europe's highest fjord viewpoint by road and you will enjoy sweeping views of **Geirangerfjord**, as well as across to the mountains and the mighty Blåbreen glacier. After the skywalk, continue to Geiranger through twisty roads and beautiful mountain scenery.

Spend the night in Geiranger

*Driving distance: 265 km / 165 mi*

*Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Dalsnibba - Geirangerfjord - Gudbrandsdalen Valley - Lom Stave Church

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## DAY 4: GEIRANGERFJORD AT LEISURE

After breakfast you can spend the morning exploring Geiranger until noon. We recommend soaking in the fantastic fjord scenery during a morning hike or an optional activity like kayaking. For those after some pampering, the nearby spa at Hotel Union is ideal to relax and get a treatment or two, followed by a trip to the chocolate factory in town for a little more indulgence.

In the afternoon we recommend that you head to **Loen** on a 90-minute ferry ride, with your car, through the UNESCO-protected Geirangerfjord where you see famous waterfalls like the **Seven Sisters**, and the **Bridal Veil**, along with abandoned fjord farms in the mountains. The sightseeing ferry ends in the small village of Hellesylt where you drive south to Loen.

Spend the night in Loen.

*Driving distance: 61 km / 38 mi*

*Estimated driving duration: 2 hours and 30 minutes (without stops and including ferry)*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Geirangerfjord - Loen - Seven Sisters & Bridal Veil

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## DAY 5: LOEN, GLACIERS & FJÆRLAND

You will kick off your morning in lovely Loen. We recommend an optional activity boarding the magnificent **Loen Skylift**, a cable car to the altitude of 1011 metres with amazing views of the fjord, or to do some hiking in the region. Your journey will continue south along **Jostedal** glacier, mainland Europe's largest icecap and the Fjærlands road. We recommend stopping at the Norwegian Glacier Museum in **Fjærland** before reaching **Sogndal**, a village beautifully situated by the **Sognefjord**, Norway's longest and deepest fjord.

Spend the night in Sogndal

*Driving distance: 128 km / 80 mi*

*Estimated driving duration: 1 hours and 54 minutes (without stops)*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Fjærland - Jostedalsbreen National Park - Loen - Loen Skylift - Sogndal - Sognefjord

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## DAY 6: SOGNEFJORD AND FLÅM

Start the day with a short ferry crossing from Sognefjord towards **Aurlandsfjord**, an especially beautiful slice of Norway. We recommend a stop at the **Stegastein viewpoint** for panoramic views before reaching the village of **Flåm**, where you find the famous **Flåm Railway** (Flåmsbana), a steep train ride between Flåm and Myrdal - a treat for photographers or train enthusiasts alike!

After a stop in Flåm, your journey continues to Bergen through villages including **Gudvangen**, **Stalheim** and Norway's adventure capital, **Voss** before ending the day in Bergen.

Spend the night in Bergen.

*Driving distance: 237 km / 147 mi*

*Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Aurlandsfjord - Bergen - Flåm - Flåm Railway (Flåmsbana) - Sognefjord

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## DAY 7: THE CAPITAL OF THE FJORDS

Spend the day exploring beautiful Bergen. Here you'll find **Bryggen**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, along with remarkably preserved old houses, a lively fish and flower market, cable cars offering stunning views, great museums and more. We recommend riding the **Fløibanen Funicular** to Mount Fløyen to enjoy stunning views

over the city or to take a cable car up Mt. Ulriken. Bergen is surrounded by 7 mountains, so this is an ideal place for hiking.

For those after some culture, Bergen is known for its museums that cover the city's history, architecture, music and art and we recommend visiting the Edvard Grieg museum and the KODE art museum, which is Scandinavia's largest museum for art and music. If you wish to explore the fjords further, optional fjord cruises are available.

Spend the night in Bergen.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Bryggen - Fløibanen Funicular (Funicular Railway) - King Håkon's Hall - Maria Church - Rosenkrantz Tower

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## DAY 8: HARDANGERFJORD & GEILO

From Bergen, you will embark on a scenic drive along **Hardangerfjord** and past Hardangervidda National park, a region of great natural beauty. On your way you will pass the impressive waterfall, **Vøringfossen**—the highest in Norway with a 182-metre cascade—and the dramatic and narrow Måbødalen valley, along Eidfjord.

Upon reaching **Geilo**, we recommend visiting Geilojordet which is an idyllic area with ancient buildings from the 1700-1800's and a lovely place to spend some time exploring.

Spend the night in Geilo.

*Driving distance: 244 km / 151 mi*

*Estimated driving duration: 4 hours and 10 minutes (without stops)*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Bergen - Geilo - Hardangerfjord - Vøringfossen

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## DAY 9: RETURN TO OSLO

Before heading back to Oslo, we recommend passing the town of **Gol** which is known for Gol Stave Church, a Viking village and the Hahaug trolls cave. From Gol, continue to Oslo where you can choose to return the rental car tonight or the next morning. Spend the remainder of the day exploring highlights of Oslo.

*Driving distance: 220 km / 136 mi*

*Estimated driving duration: 3 hours and 17 minutes (without stops)*

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Gol - Oslo

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## DAY 10: DEPARTURE FROM OSLO

For transportation to Oslo-Gardermoen Airport, you can take the Flytoget express train from Oslo Central Station or book a private transfer through Nordic Visitor that will deliver you to the airport directly from your hotel. If your flight is in the afternoon, take the opportunity to do some last-minute shopping, visit one of Oslo's many museums or just relax at a café after this amazing journey.

*Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.*