

NORWAY ROAD TRIP - GRAND ITINERARY

DAY 1

DAY 1: WELCOME TO OSLO

When you arrive at Oslo Gardermoen Airport, pick up your rental car and make your way to **Oslo's** city centre where your hotel is located. If you arrive 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 and Karl Johans Street.

Spend the night in Oslo.

Attractions: Aker Brygge, Oslo, Oslo Opera House

DAY 2

DAY 2: OLYMPIC TOWN OF LILLEHAMMER

Start your road trip by driving to **Lillehammer**, the host of the 1994 Winter Olympics. Here you can visit **The Norwegian Olympic Museum** and the Lysgårdsbakken Olympic area as well as the Lillehammer Art Museum. You could also wander through the **Maihaugen open-air museum** which includes a collection of more than 200 houses from as far back as the 12th century, including the Garmo stave church. After sightseeing, you could stop by 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 / 104 mi

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

Attractions: Lillehammer, Maihaugen, Olympic Arenas

DAY 3

DAY 3: RØROS

Get ready to explore the Rondane National Park and Swedish border, as well as the small mountain town of **Røros**. This former mining settlement is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, offering a charming atmosphere with well-preserved old wooden houses and narrow streets home to many artist workshops.

We recommend visiting **Olav's Mine** and learning about the past at Røros Museum Smelthytta, which gives a window into the history of this town.

Spend the night in Røros

Driving distance: 264 km / 164 mi

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)

Attractions: Røros, Røros Museum Olav's Mine, Røros Church

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DAY 4: TRAVEL TO TRONDHEIM

After breakfast at your hotel, head north towards **Trondheim**, the "Capital of the Vikings". Enjoy exploring this vibrant port city that was once the capital of Norway during the Viking Age, back when the city was called "Nidaros". Here you will find the remarkable **Nidaros Cathedral** – with architecture to rival Notre Dame de Paris. Other attractions include the Ringve Museum and Gardens, the Trøndelag Folk Museum, the charming neighbourhood of **Bakklandet** by the old wharf and much more.

Spend the night in Trondheim

Driving distance: 154 km / 96 mi

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

Attractions: Bakklandet, Nidaros Cathedral/Nidarosdomen, Old Town Bridge, Trondheim

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DAY 5: EXPLORE THE CAPITAL OF THE VIKINGS

Enjoy another open day in **Trondheim**, Norway's third largest city. If you're looking for some relaxing activities, you can take a short boat trip to the old fortress island of **Munkholmen** (the Monk's Islet). Or hop on the tram at St. Olavs Gate for a scenic 20-minute ride up to Lian in the Bymarka forest, offering panoramic views of the city. Trondheim also features an excellent selection of restaurants that specialise in regional dishes made with fresh, local ingredients.

Spend another night in Trondheim.

Attractions: Bakklandet, Munkholmen, Nidaros Cathedral/Nidarosdomen, Old Town Bridge, Trondheim

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DAY 6: JOURNEY SOUTH TO KRISTIANSUND

Begin your journey south along the beautiful west coast of Norway towards the island town of **Kristiansund** with its bright, colourful houses. Kristiansund is often referred to as the "opera town", and for a very good reason as the town offers frequent opera performances, an opera festival and an outdoor rendition of "Donna Bacalao" every year. Kristiansund is also known for its tasty clipfish and we recommend trying their local version of fish and chips called "fishan".

Spend the night in Kristiansund

Driving distance: 198 km / 123 mi

Estimated driving duration: 3 hours and 30 minutes (without stops)

Attractions: Kristiansund

DAY 7: ATLANTIC OCEAN ROAD & ÅLESUND

Today you will drive the famous **Atlantic Ocean Road**, with the vast open sea on one side and majestic mountains on the other. Then head to the historically significant fishing village of **Bud**, which was the most important trading centre between Bergen and Trondheim in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Next, drive to the city of **Molde** to take the car ferry to Vestnes and continue your journey to the captivating town of **Ålesund**. This city was almost completely rebuilt after a huge fire in the early 1900s and now has a distinctive character. The architecture features a myriad of turrets, spires and beautiful ornamentation, like something out of a fairytale. Here you also have the opportunity to visit the Atlantic Sea Park and enjoy stunning views from **Fjellstua**.

Spend the night in Ålesund

Driving distance: 175 km / 109 mi

Estimated driving duration: 3 hours and 30 minutes (without stops)

Attractions: Ålesund, Atlantic Ocean Road, Bud, Molde, Mount Aksla & Fjellstua

DAY 8: TROLLSTIGEN & GEIRANGER

If you enjoy twists and turns, you will be impressed with a drive on **Trollstigen**, “the Troll Ladder”, one of the most visited attractions in Norway. Trollstigen takes you over the mountain to the Romsdalen valley and Åndalsnes, passing 11 exhilarating hairpin bends on the way. After the scenic drive, we recommend a stop at Jordbærstova in Valldal. During the strawberry season you can try a number of dishes in which strawberries are the main ingredients, and you simply have to try the strawberry cake!

Next, take a short ferry between Eidsdal and Linge before driving down the twisty **Eagle Road** to **Geiranger**.

Spend the night in Geiranger

Driving distance: 186 km / 116 mi

Estimated driving duration: 3 hours and 40 minutes (without stops)

Attractions: Åndalsnes, Eagle Road (Ørnevegen), Geiranger, Trollstigen

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DAY 9: GEIRANGER AT LEISURE

Today you can explore Geiranger to your heart's content. We recommend soaking in the fantastic fjord scenery during a morning hike or on an optional excursion like kayaking. If you want pampering, the spa at Hotel Union is ideal to relax and get a treatment or two. You could follow that up with a trip to the chocolate factory in town for a little more indulgence.

To take in the vast surroundings, we recommend visiting the Geiranger Skywalk at **Dalsnibba**. 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. Later, return to Geiranger through twisty roads and beautiful mountain scenery.

Spend another night in Geiranger.

Attractions: Geiranger

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DAY 10: GEIRANGERFJORD

Enjoy your morning in the beautiful Geirangerfjord. If you wish to learn more about local culture and nature you could visit the Norwegian Fjord Centre. In the afternoon head to **Loen** on a 65-minute ferry ride through the UNESCO-protected Geirangerfjord. Along the journey you'll see famous waterfalls like the **Seven Sisters**, the **Suitor**, and the **Bridal Veil**, along with abandoned fjord farms in the mountains. The sightseeing ferry ends in the small village of Hellesylt, from where you'll 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)

Attractions: Geirangerfjord, Gudbrandsdalen Valley, Loen, Seven Sisters & Bridal Veil

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DAY 11: LOEN, GLACIERS & FJÆRLAND

You will kick off your morning in lovely Loen. We recommend an optional excursion on the magnificent **Loen Skylift**, a cable car that will take you to the altitude of 1,011 metres (3,300 feet). You'll have amazing views of the fjord and you could go hiking along the top. Your journey will continue south along **Jostedal** glacier, mainland Europe's largest icecap, and the Fjærland 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: 2 hours (without stops)

Attractions: Fjærland, Jostedalsbreen National Park, Loen, Loen Skylift, Sogndal, Sognefjord

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DAY 12: SOGNEFJORD AND FLÅM

Start the day with a short ferry from Sognefjord towards **Aurlandsfjord**, an especially beautiful spot in Norway. We recommend a stop at the **Stegastein Viewpoint** for more panoramic views before reaching the village of **Flåm**. Here you could board the famous **Flåm railway** (Flåmsbana), a steep train ride between Flåm and Myrdal - a treat for photographers or train enthusiasts alike!

Later, your journey continues to Bergen through scenic villages including **Gudvangen, Stalheim** and Norway's adventure capital, **Voss**.

Spend the night in Bergen.

Driving distance: 237 km / 147 mi.

Estimated driving duration: 4 hours (without stops)

Attractions: Aurlandsfjord, Bergen, Flåm, Flåm Railway (Flåmsbana), Gudvangen, Sognefjord, Stalheimskleiva, Voss

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DAY 13: BERGEN AT LEISURE

Spend the day exploring beautiful Bergen. Here you'll find **Bryggen**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with remarkably preserved old houses and a lively fish and flower market. We recommend riding the **Fløibanen funicular** up Mount Fløyen or taking the cable car up Mount Ulriken to enjoy stunning views over the city. Bergen is surrounded by 7 mountains, so this is an ideal place for hiking.

Bergen is also known for its cultural museums that cover the city's history, architecture, music and art. We recommend visiting the Edvard Grieg Museum and the KODE art museum, Scandinavia's largest museum for art and music. If you wish to explore the fjords further, optional fjord cruises are available.

Spend another night in Bergen.

Attractions: Bryggen, Fløibanen Funicular (Funicular Railway), King Håkon's Hall, Maria Church, Rosenkrantz Tower

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DAY 14: 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 (600-foot) cascade - and the dramatic and narrow Måbødalen valley.

Upon reaching **Geilo**, we recommend visiting Geilojordet, an idyllic area with ancient buildings from the 1700-1800s.

Spend the night in Geilo.

Driving distance: 244 km / 151 mi.

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

Attractions: Bergen, Geilo, Hardangerfjord, Vøringfossen

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DAY 15: BACK TO OSLO

Today it's time to close the circle and head back to Oslo through the Hallingdal valley. On this scenic route, you will drive past steep ski hills, through beautiful forests and over valleys with breathtaking views. We recommend visiting the town of Gol, known for being home to **Gol stave church**, a Viking village and the Hahaug troll's cave. From Gol, continue to Jevnaker where you can stop at Hadeland Glassverk to see the glassblowers carry out their traditional craft.

Continue to Oslo where you'll return the rental car tonight.

Spend the next two nights in Oslo.

Attractions: Geilo, Gol, Oslo

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DAY 16: EXPLORE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OSLO

This morning, get an early start to explore the Norwegian capital. We recommend booking a guided bus tour that will take you along the famous landmarks of the city. Highlights include the beautiful **Vigeland Sculpture Park**, the **Royal Palace**, **Akershus fortress**, and **Oslo City Hall**.

Another option is to tour Oslo on your own visiting the above highlights depending on your interests. Or head over to the Bygdøy peninsula to explore other top attractions like the Fram Polar Ship Museum and Kon-Tiki Museum.

Spend another night in Oslo.

Attractions: Oslo, Oslo City Hall, The Royal Palace (Oslo)

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DAY 17: DEPARTURE FROM OSLO

When your time in Norway comes to an end, make your way to the airport. You could hop on the Flytoget Express train from Oslo Central Station or let us book you an easy and convenient private transfer. If your flight is in the afternoon, take the opportunity to do some last-minute shopping, visit one more 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.

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