

Norway's Mountains & Fjords Road Trip - 7 Days



Get behind the wheel for stunning vistas, where driving is part of the adventure.

Your Itinerary

Steer a relaxing weeklong course through the highs and lows of Norway's spectacular landscapes: from the dizzying zig-zag heights of the Trollstigen (Troll's Ladder) to the depths of Sognefjord, the country's deepest fjord. You'll enjoy the freedom of setting your own pace when visiting museums and UNESCO World Heritage Sites, not to mention plenty of opportunities to get out in nature and explore the wonders around you. Buckle up and pack your camera — this is going to be one gorgeous drive!

Brief Itinerary

Day	Highlights
Day 1	Arrive to Oslo -> Drive to Ringebu
Day 2	Trollstigen -> Drive to Øye
Day 3	Fjordcruise on Geirangerfjord -> Drive to Fjærland
Day 4	Explore Fjærland
Day 5	Drive to Solvorn
Day 6	Drive to Oslo
Day 7	Depart Oslo

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive to Oslo -> Drive to Ringebu

Welcome to Oslo! Norway's rapidly growing capital is still considered a small city, helped by the fact that it's surrounded by mountains and sea. The city center and outlying neighborhoods -- filled with charm and character -- are easily accessible by public transport, so jump on a tram, train, or bus and explore all of what Oslo has to offer.

Oslo is known for its museums, some of which celebrate the famous works of Edvard Munch or the stunning ships of the Viking era, while others celebrate niche interests such as music and ski history.

The city also has a popular café culture, with locals and visitors enjoying some of the best coffee in the world. In warmer weather, there's nothing like sitting outside on the patio with coffee and a pastry or sandwich on freshly baked Norwegian bread. On chilly days, stepping into one of Oslo's local cafés will make you feel cozy and warm.

During summer months, the city comes alive to celebrate extended daylight hours, with various festivals and celebrations happening each week.

Spend the day exploring the city, then pick up your rental car and take a three-hour drive for 150 miles (240 km) to Ringebu and stay overnight.



Day 2: Trollstigen -> Drive to Øye

Enjoy a long and relaxing breakfast before you get ready for a day of stunning views. Today's four-hour drive is 200 miles (322 km) and includes the steep and narrow turns of Trollstigen, the Troll's Ladder. Be sure to stop at the viewpoint to appreciate the jagged climb and the long view of the valley below.

From here, you're headed through peaceful countryside to the eye-popping Norangsfjord, an arm of the Hjørundfjord towered over on all sides by the Sunnmørsalpene mountains.

It's possible to explore this beautiful area either by car, fjord cruise, fjord boat charters (express or high-speed boats), or simply on foot.

You'll savor panoramic views and the changing colors of the fjord at sunset over dinner or an evening cocktail.

Stay overnight in Øye.



Day 3: Fjordcruise on Geirangerfjord -> Drive to Fjærland

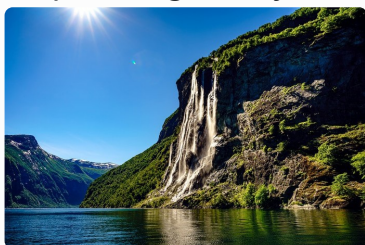
Use the morning to get deeper into nature on foot, by fjord cruise, or even by kayak.

The landscapes on your drive to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Geirangerfjord are stunning in any weather, and your pictures today will be among the best of your entire trip.

Drive down to Hellesylt, where you'll join an hour-long fjordcruise through this breathtaking fjord. The Geirangerfjord is the world's most famous fjord, and the cruise's spacious external deck is ideal for those interested in landscape photography. While Geirangerfjord's sheer mountain cliffs and many waterfalls are dramatic, it's the evidence of people who once lived and worked here -- some until the 1960s -- but who have now abandoned their farms and shoreline smallholdings that will leave a lasting impression. The cruise acquaints you with stories and local legends of these remote dwellers.

In the late afternoon, continue your drive to Fjærland; be sure to leave at least four hours for this 110-mile (177 km) stretch.

Stay overnight in Fjærland.



Day 4: Explore Fjærland

This is your chance to take in the views of Norway's longest and deepest fjord, called Sognefjord. While here, you can head for Fjærland's village center, called Mundal, and visit the famous Hotel Mundal -- an elegant wooden hotel from 1891.

Other noteworthy sites include the Norwegian Booktown, which consists of several second-hand bookshops, some combined with cafés, art galleries, and souvenir shops.

Also not to miss is the Norwegian Glacier Museum, an award-winning architectural marvel situated at the head of the Fjærlandsfjord. This hands-on museum is the leading center in Norway for knowledge regarding glaciers and climate change.

Stay overnight in Fjærland.



Day 5: Drive to Solvorn

Your short drive today ensures you'll have the freedom to spend the morning in nature as you please, perhaps either hiking or kayaking around the Sognefjord as the mood strikes.

From Fjærland, you'll head eastward toward the idyllic village of Solvorn. From here, a scenic 35-minute ferry across the Lusterfjord delivers you to Urnes and its wooden church built in the 12th century. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this Romanesque structure (and Norway's oldest place of worship) is an outstanding example of traditional Scandinavian wooden architecture, bringing together traces of Celtic art and Viking traditions. Your ticket will include a fascinating 45-minute guided tour.

Stop for a refreshing coffee break in Urnes, then return to Solvorn on the ferry for dinner. Stay overnight in Solvorn.



Day 6: Drive to Oslo

Your final four-hour, 200-mile (322 km) drive brings you back to Oslo. You'll want to hit the road early this morning in order to enjoy as much of the afternoon and long evening exploring Norway's thriving capital city as possible.

Suggested activities include:

- Walk along the Havnepromenaden (harbor promenade) -- a new five-and-a-half-mile waterfront park, which combines sightseeing, history, art, architecture, and a little bit of adventure.
- Get your history on at the Viking Ship Museum or your art fix at the Munch Museum.
- Enjoy a late afternoon stroll through the Vigeland Sculpture Park where you can see 200 larger than life sculptures depicting the ups and downs of life and the raw emotions of human beings. Bring your camera!
- For dinner and drinks, head to Aker Brygge, an area on the Oslofjord full of beautiful, modern buildings where you can find bars and abundant nightlife. It acts as a sort of courtyard for the city of Oslo and brings together both tourists and locals alike to enjoy the great food, atmosphere, and entertainment.

Stay overnight in Oslo.



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Day 7: Depart Oslo

It's time to say farewell to Norway! Enjoy your last few hours walking around Oslo's neighborhoods, relaxing in a café, or visiting local boutiques for one-of-a-kind souvenirs.

Meals included: Breakfast



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