



Norway

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Best Places to Eat

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- ➔ Renaa Matbaren (p836)
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- ➔ Kasbah (p829)

Best Places to Stay

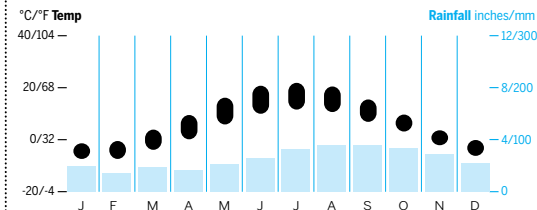
- ➔ The Thief (p829)
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Why Go?

Norway is a once-in-a-lifetime destination and the essence of its appeal is remarkably simple: this is one of the most beautiful countries on earth. Impossibly steep-sided fjords cut deep gashes into the interior, grand and glorious glaciers snake down from Europe's largest ice fields, and the appeal of the Arctic is primeval. The counterpoint to so much natural beauty is found in the country's vibrant cultural life. Norwegian cities are cosmopolitan and brimful of architecture that showcases the famous Scandinavian flair for design. Yes, Norway is one of the most expensive countries on the planet, but it'll pay you back with never-to-be-forgotten experiences many times over.

When to Go

Oslo



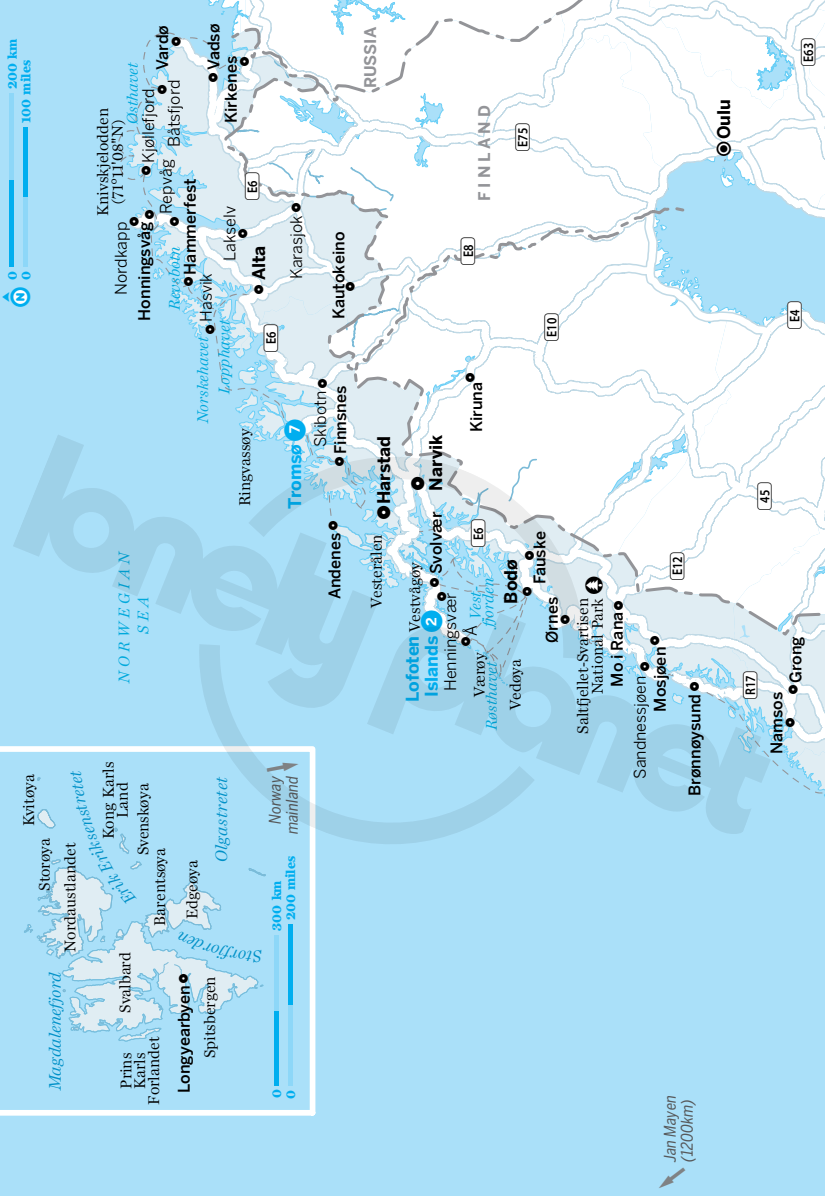
Mar There's still plenty of snow, but enough daylight to enjoy winter sports.

Jun–Aug Summers are short but intense, and the White Nights beyond the Arctic Circle magical.

Sep The stunning colours of the autumn season make this prime hiking time up north.

Norway Highlights

- 1 Explore Norway's No 1 fjord on the ferry from Hellesylt to **Geiranger** (p837).
- 2 Head for the Arctic and arguably Europe's most beautiful archipelago, the **Lofoten Islands** (p839).
- 3 Linger amid enchanted Bryggen buildings along the waterfront of **Bergen** (p832).
- 4 Hop aboard the **Oslo to Bergen railway** (p835). Norway's most spectacular rail trip.
- 5 Hike high above Lysefjord to Norway's most breathtaking lookout at **Pulpit Rock** (p835).
- 6 Journey up Norway's peerless coast from Bergen to Kirkenes aboard the **Hurtigruten coastal ferry** (p844).



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