



Nordland

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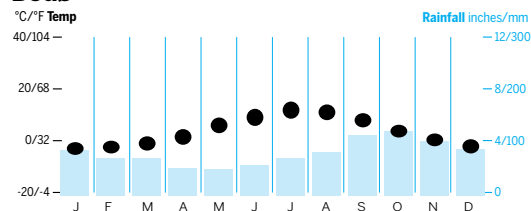
Why Go?

For those with a love of all things Arctic, this is where Norway really starts to get interesting. Heading northwards through long, slim Nordland, lush fields give way to lakes and forests, vistas open up, summits sharpen and the treeline descends ever lower on the mountainsides. Above the imaginary curve of the Arctic Circle, travellers get their first taste of the midnight sun in summer, while in winter, the northern lights dance across the night sky.

Linger along the spectacular Kystriksveien Coastal Route. Or travel the inland Arctic Highway, more direct, almost as lovely, yet still lightly trafficked. And then there's Lofoten, where razor-sharp peaks stab at the sky and timeless fishing villages survive. Connected by bridges, the islands are easy to hop around, cycling is possible and hiking is as gentle or as tough as you care to make it.

When to Go

Bodø



Late Mar Take
in Lofoten and then Svolvær's World Cod Fishing Championship.

Mid- to late Jun
Activities are in gear and southern European visitors are yet to arrive.

Late Jun Join
2000 walkers for Narvik's mass hike on the last Saturday in June.



Nordland Highlights

- 1 Ferry hop and hug the splendid **Kystriksveien Coastal Route** (p281), at least from Sandnessjøen to Storvik.
- 2 Take the **ferry from Skutvik or Bodø to Lofoten**, one of the world's great ferry trips.
- 3 Return to the postcard-perfect fishing past of Lofoten in the lovely village of **Nusfjord** (p299).
- 4 Experience the eider-duck economy and leave the clamour of the modern world behind in Unesco-recognised **Vega** (p282).
- 5 Linger in the tiny, preserved fishing village of **Å** (p300) in Lofoten.
- 6 Discover the reborn and isolated village of **Nyksund** (p308), then hike the coastal **Queen's Route** (p305) to Stø in Vesterålen.
- 7 Take to the seas to look for whales from the port of **Andenes** (p306).
- 8 Get cold feet on one of the glaciers in **Saltfjell-Svartisen National Park** (p276).