



Travelling in Norway

General Info

Population: 4.7m

Area: 328,878 sq. km

Currency: Krone (divided into 100 øre) - NOK

Top 10 popular attractions: Geirangerfjord
North Cape
Bryggen village in bergen
The Vigeland sculpture park
Nidaros cathedral
Akershus fortress
Flaam railway
Kirkenes snow hotel
Holmenkollen ski jump
Pulpit rock

Essentials:

Driving licence:

Visitors may drive foreign registered private vehicles (i.e. mopeds, motorcycles of any cylinder capacity, private cars) temporarily imported into Norway, if they have reached the minimum age required in their country of residence.

Visitors riding or driving any vehicle registered in Norway (hired or borrowed) must have reached the minimum age required in Norway. You must be 18 or over to drive/ride private cars and motorcycles over 125cc.

International driving permits (1926, 1949, 1968) are recognised but not required.

Important documents:

When driving in Norway the following documents should be carried:

- Full, valid driving licence* (with paper counterpart)
- Proof of insurance/green card (third party or above)
- Proof of ID (passport)
- Proof of ownership (V5C certificate)

While driving in Norway you are required by law to carry the following items. Hefty on-the-spot fines can be issued for failing to carry specific items:

- Headlamp beam deflectors: depending on your car, you will either need deflector stickers or have to adjust the beam manually
- Lights: it is compulsory for all drivers including visitors to use dipped headlights in the daytime, in towns as well as outside built-up areas. This rule applies to all vehicles including motorcycles and mopeds
- Warning triangle: compulsory on board all private vehicles (except motorcycles)
- Reflective Jacket: although it is not compulsory for foreign registered vehicles, foreign drivers renting a car in Norway will have to make sure the hired vehicle is fitted with a jacket
- Motorcyclists: drivers and passengers of motorcycles and mopeds must wear a crash helmet
- Side mirrors: a vehicle towing a caravan must be equipped with special rear view mirrors

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Useful Links:

- <http://www.rac.co.uk/breakdown-cover/european-breakdown-cover/>
- <http://www.rac.co.uk/insurance/travel-insurance/>
- <http://www.racshop.co.uk/driving-in-europe.html>

Rules of the road & regulations:

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- **Overtaking & passing**

Rules conform to Article 11 of the Convention on Road Traffic (Vienna, 1968).

Stationary trams may be overtaken only on the right at moderate speed or on the left where there is no room on the right.

Moving trams may normally be overtaken only on the right, but overtaking is permitted on the left in one-way streets or where there is no room on the right.

Narrow roads have passing places to allow vehicles to pass. The driver on the side of the road where there is a passing place must stop for any oncoming vehicle.

- **Priority**

As a general rule, vehicles coming from the right have priority.

Vehicles approaching a roundabout must give way to traffic already on the roundabout.

Irrespective of the above-mentioned rules, trams always have right of way.

- **Warning of approach**

Drivers should use horns, traffic indicators and lights when necessary to avoid accidents. Excessive and unnecessary use of such warning devices is, however, strictly prohibited.

Towing:

Trailers and caravans are regarded as motor vehicles and may be temporarily imported under the same conditions.

A vehicle towing a caravan must be equipped with special side mirrors.

Maximum length of car & caravan: 19.50m

Maximum width of caravan: 2.55m

Seat belts:

It is compulsory for the driver and front seat passengers of cars to wear seat belts. Passengers in the rear of the vehicle must wear a seat belt if fitted.

Travelling with children:

A child under 135cm must be placed in a child restraint system adapted to his/her size. If he is seated in a rear-facing seat, the airbag must be deactivated. It is recommended to place children under four years of age in rear-facing systems or to place them in child restraints on the back seat of the vehicle.

A child between 135cm and 150cm can use an adult seatbelt with a booster seat.

Speed limits:

In built up areas: 50km/h (unless otherwise indicated). In residential areas, the speed limit may be as low as 30km/h.

Vehicles of a total weight of less than 3,500 kg	
on motorways and some highways	90 km/h or 100 km/h
on all other roads outside built up areas, unless otherwise indicated	80 km/h
Motor vehicles towing a trailer	
equipped with a braking device	80 km/h
without a braking device and weighing more than 300 kg	60 km/h

Penalties:

- **On-the-spot fines**
The Norwegian police are empowered to impose and collect fines, on-the-spot, for infringement of traffic regulations.
- **Confiscation of vehicles**
If the police stop a vehicle whose driver is intoxicated, they can drive the vehicle to a safe place where it will be kept until it can be collected.

Parking:

- **Parking regulations**
Parking places and 'No parking' areas are clearly indicated by the international signs.
- **Enforcement of parking regulations**
Wheel clamps are not in use, however, vehicles illegally parked may be towed away.
- **Disabled parking access**
Holders of a permit for disabled persons can benefit from:
 - Free parking in public car parks, on designated spaces
 - Free parking in residential areas, on designated places
 - Exemption from tolls on ring roads
 - Exemption from the fee for winter tyres

Traffic lights:

- **Traffic lights**
The international 3-colour traffic light system is used.

Drink/drug driving

- **Legal limit**
The maximum level of alcohol in the blood permitted for the driver of a motor vehicle is 0.02%.
- **Test**
The police may ask a driver to undergo a breath test at random. If this test is positive, a blood test may be required.

Availability of fuel

Fuel is available everywhere, even in small villages.

In general petrol stations are open between 07:00 and 22:00/23:00. In cities some petrol stations remain open 24hrs a day.

- **Price of fuel (April 2014)**

Unleaded petrol ("blyfri") 95 octane	15.68 NOK per litre
Unleaded petrol 98 octane	16.43 NOK per litre
Diesel	14.32 NOK per litre

- **Means of payment**
All petrol stations accept credit cards.

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