

8 great reasons to explore Oslo.

Here's a look at why Norway's capital is topping travellers' wish lists.



1 | The culture is captivating. The city's Viking roots endure amidst hip and walkable Scandinavian modernity. Forward-looking architecture like the glacier-inspired **Oslo Opera House** sits alongside the ancient – like 14th century **Akershus Fortress**. See the National Opera & Ballet or sample the city's gritty rock venues. Experience a complete medieval village and bite into freshly baked traditional *lefse* bread at the open-air **Norwegian Museum of Cultural History**.

5 | Nature is never far away. National parks are nearby; ice skating rinks wait in public parks; and the city's Harbour Promenade offers a 9-kilometer stroll.



6 | You can do some serious sledding. If you had a snowless childhood, make up for lost time at **Korketrekkeren**, a massive wintertime tobogganing track. Rug up and hire sleds onsite.

7 | Craft beer is on tap. Taste the excellent work of Norwegian brewers – We love **CrowBar & Brewery**.

2 | It's got a great foodie scene.



While you'll find **Nordic specialities** like smoked fish, reindeer steaks and lingonberries, you'll also find plenty of excellent international cuisine – especially cold weather comfort foods like woodfire pizza and hearty burgers. **MammaPizza** is our pick.

3 | You can island hop. Take a short ferry ride for lunch at **Lille Herbern**, an open-air café amidst beautiful beaches.

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You can see actual Viking ships.



Don't miss a visit to **The Viking Ship Museum**, where three intact ships wait along with all sorts of incredible artifacts.



8 | It's home to adventure history. **The Fram Museum** is devoted to polar exploration: Board the ship Roald Amundsen's team sailed to conquer Antarctica and try the polar simulator. And in **Kon-Tiki Museum**, discover Thor Heyerdahl's sailing by balsa raft from Peru to Polynesia – proving the possibility of historic links. ■

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