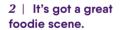
8 great reasons to explore Oslo.

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.





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



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.

- 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 tobagganing track. Rug up and hire sleds onsite.
- 7 | Craft beer is on tap. Taste the excellent work of Norwegian brewers – We love CrowBar & Brewery.



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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