

to smoke in public buildings and other places open to the public, nor offices and other places of work. This includes Hotels, bars and restaurants. You must be over 18 years or over to purchase tobacco in Norway.

Spitsbergen

Halfway between the coast of North Norway and the North Pole you will find the Svalbard archipelago. Longyearbyen, the Norwegian administration centre of the islands, can be reached by aeroplane from Tromsø all year and a weekly cruise sails from Tromsø in the summer. Longyearbyen is a modern community and organised tourist activities are available all year. About two thirds of Svalbard is covered by glaciers. Svalbard is an Arctic region, so warm windproof clothing as well as Arctic equipment is a necessity when travelling outside the settlements. Individual tourism is restricted. Anyone planning tours outside the settlements should contact the Governor's office, Sysselmannen på Svalbard, for information about the restrictions. For further information contact:

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Summer time 2007

Norway is one hour ahead of Britain. Norwegian summertime begins 25th March 02.00 and ends 28th Oct 03.00.

Telephones

Norwegian pay phones take 1, 5, 10 or 20 kroner pieces. The minimum charge is NOK 5. Phone cards which can be used as payment in one of the 8,000 greencard phones, cost from NOK 40 to 140 and can be bought in Narvesen kiosks, MIXkiosks and at post offices. Credit cards (Visa, American Express, Diners and Eurocard/Mastercard) are accepted in approximately 5,500 card phones. For directory enquiries, dial 1881 for Norway, Sweden and Denmark, 1882

for all other countries and 115 for the operator when calling collect. To call Norway from the UK dial 00 47+ an eight digit number. When calling from Norway to the UK dial the following: 00 44 + area code (dropping the zero) + number.

Climate and seasonal variations

Norwegian summer weather is like British summer weather - unpredictable. Some days it is cloudy and raining, on others the sun blazes down at near Mediterranean temperatures! Please check reports in one of the major national papers before leaving home and then be prepared for all eventualities. Alternatively, you can check the weather report on www.visitnorway.com

Midnight sun

The best time to see the midnight sun in Norway is in the early season and the high summer. The sun does not sink below the horizon at the North Cape from the second week in May until the last week in July. The whole disc of the midnight sun is visible as follows:

North Cape	May 11 – July 31
Hammerfest	May 13 – July 28
Tromsø	May 20 – July 22
Svolvær	May 27 – July 17
Bodø	June 3 – July 8
Longyearbyen	April 20 – August 21

The dates may change by 24 hours from year to year.

Daylight Hours

Southern Norway, June 23rd:	
Bergen	4.10am–11.12pm
Oslo	3.54am–10.44pm
Trondheim	3.02am–11.39pm

(3.5 hours additional twilight)

Northern lights

You can hope to see the Northern Lights, or Aurora Borealis to call them by their scientific name, between November and February. Unfortunately, however, you are never guaranteed this treat, as it depends on certain meteorological conditions. You need to go north of the Arctic Circle, which cuts Norway just south

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES AT 13:00 HRS OC

Month	Oslo	Stavanger	Bergen	Trondheim	Bodø	Tromsø	Spitsbergen
January	-2,3	2,9	2,7	-1,6	-1,3	-3,8	-14,0
February	-1,3	3,4	3,0	-0,7	-0,9	-3,1	-14,7
March	2,4	5,1	4,9	2,1	-1,0	-1,0	-12,8
April	7,3	8,2	8,0	5,1	3,8	1,7	-9,7
Mai	14,0	12,8	12,9	10,5	8,5	6,1	-2,7
June	17,6	15,0	15,1	13,2	11,8	11,0	3,2
July	19,9	16,8	16,6	15,3	14,1	13,7	6,9
August	18,7	17,1	16,3	14,9	13,8	12,5	5,7
September	13,7	14,0	13,3	11,3	10,7	8,4	1,4
October	8,1	10,4	9,8	6,7	6,0	3,3	-5,3
November	2,3	6,3	5,8	1,8	1,7	-1,0	-9,4
December	-1,4	3,8	3,3	-1,1	-0,5	-3,0	-12,6

1971-2000) Source: DNMI (Climate Division)

NORMAL PRECIPITATION

Month	Oslo	Bergen	Trondheim	Bodø	Tromsø	Vardø
January	49	190	63	86	95	55
February	36	152	52	64	87	41
March	47	170	54	68	72	34
April	41	114	49	52	64	33
May	53	106	53	46	48	30
June	65	132	68	54	59	42
July	81	148	84	92	77	49
August	89	190	87	88	82	55
September	90	283	113	123	102	54
October	84	271	104	147	131	58
November	73	259	71	100	108	59
December	55	235	84	100	106	53

In mm (average 1961–1990) Source: DNMI (Climate Division)

LENGTH OF DAY IN HOURS AND MINUTES

Date	Oslo	Trondheim	Tromsø
1/1	6h 3m	4h 44m	-
1/2	7h 58m	7h 13m	5h
1/3	10h 30m	10h 15m	9h 36m
1/4	13h 19m	13h 32m	14h 3m
1/5	16h 16h	43m 18h	48m
1/6	18h 17m	19h 44m	24h
1/7	18h 41m	20h 21m	24h
1/8	16h 49m	17h 43m	20h 52m
1/9	14h 8m	14h 29m	15h 23m
1/10	11h 28m	11h 22m	11h 7m
1/11	8h 42m	8h 8m	6h 32m
1/12	6h 30m	5h 20m	-

Source: Norsk Almanakk

of Bodø on the Nordland coast. However, the Northern Lights may, under

particular weather conditions, also be seen in Southern Norway.

Consumer Rights

Foto: Nancy Bunt/AN



Norway has strong consumer protection laws. Have you purchased goods or services that are unsatisfactory? Write a complaint to the shop or service provider. If you don't get anywhere, European Consumer Centre UK can help. Contact your ECC office in the UK for more information or learn more about Norwegian consumer rights on the Norwegian Consumer Council's website:
www.forbrukerportalen.no/english

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