



The National Museum of Art, Architecture and Design. Photo: Børre Høstland

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The vibrant capital where culture meets nature

Oslo is one of the most exciting capitals in all of Europe, with amazing changes going on in everything from local cuisine to architecture and city development. Combine this with excellent attractions and a rare closeness to nature, and you have a cruise destination quite out of the ordinary.

Two cruise quays located right in the city centre. Walk along the Harbour Promenade in one direction, and you'll soon hit the lively Aker Brygge wharf and the Tjuvholmen district with its state-of-the-art architecture. Walk the other way, and you can enjoy wonderful views from the roof of Oslo's famous Opera House, MUNCH and the new cool borough The Oslo Bay. A ten-minute ferry ride takes you to the Bygdøy peninsula, where some of the city's most popular attractions await.

Astrup Fearnley Museet

The modern Oslo landmark Astrup Fearnley Museet is designed by the renowned Italian architect Renzo Piano. It houses a collection of modern and contemporary art that is counted among the most significant of its kind in Northern Europe. Temporary exhibitions complement the permanent collection of works. The museum is flanked by Tjuvholmen Sculpture Park, also designed by Renzo Piano.

Oslo Opera House

Oslo's iconic opera house is located right at the harbour, with an angled, white exterior that appears to rise from the water. It invites visitors to climb its roof and enjoy panoramic views of Oslo and the fjord, all year round. The Opera presents a varied program from three stages, and guided tours are available in Norwegian, English and German.

National Museum

Experience older and modern art, contemporary art, architecture and design all under one roof and in completely new ways. The National Museum holds one of the world's finest collections by Edvard Munch. Other highlights include Tidemand and Gude's national-romantic masterpiece Bridal Procession on the Hardangerfjord as well as the work of Harald Sohlberg's Winter Night in the Rondane Mountains.

Nobel Peace Center

The Nobel Peace Center offers a combination of changing and permanent exhibitions that focus on issues relating to war, peace and conflict resolution. Permanent installations include a presentation of all Nobel Peace Prize laureates in a beautiful "garden" of fibre-optic lights. The centre has daily guided tours in English and Norwegian during summer season, and on weekends the rest of the year.

Oslo City Hall

Inaugurated in 1950, Oslo City Hall is Oslo's administrative body and the seat of the City Council. The building has been decorated by great Norwegian art from 1900-1950, with motifs from Norwegian history, culture and working life. The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded here in December every year.

Royal Palace

The royal residence at the top of Oslo's main street Karl Johan is home to HM King Harald V and HM Queen Sonja. The building is in neoclassical style, and was completed in 1849. The Royal Palace Park, with grassy areas, majestic trees, small ponds and statues, surrounds the palace. Changing of the guards every day at 1.30 p.m. Guided tours are offered daily.

Akershus Fortress

The venerable Akershus Fortress is a great place to explore Oslo's history. The building of the fortress commenced in 1299 under King Håkon V. King



Viking Ship Museum. Photo: Mir/AART architects

Christian IV (1588-1648) had the castle modernised and converted into a Renaissance complex and royal residence. The Akershus Fortress Visitors Centre offers guided tours for both individuals and groups.

Nordic Bible Museum

Home of an original page from a Gutenberg bible. The only Bible Museum in the Nordic countries, based on a collection of more than 3,000 bibles. Highlights includes an edition of the Swedish king Gustav Vasa's bible from 1541, an original page from a 15th century Gutenberg bible, unique hand-written manuscripts from the 13th century, a miniature Bible collection with the world's smallest printed Bible and a King James Version exhibition. Print your own Bible page with the medieval printing press.

Ibsen Museum & Theatre

Henrik Ibsen's apartment next to the Royal Palace, is restored with the original interior, original colors and decor. The Norwegian playwright lived here the last 11 years of his life. The museum also features an exhibition that provides a deeper insight into the world-renowned playwright's thoughts, inspirations, and creative process.

SALT

A nomadic art and culture project located vis á vis the Opera House, in the middle of Oslo. SALT offers an eclectic atmosphere with a whiff of northern Norwegian fishing villages and artist districts in Berlin. Here tourists and artists, the city and the coast, the new and the old, and the monumental and the simple meet.

The Viking Planet

- resurrects the Viking times with VR-technology, holograms, interactive screens and 270-degrees films. At this digital museum you can learn about and experience how the Vikings lived, join them on their expeditions, feel the power of the elements onboard a Viking ship in a storm, and take a picture of yourself in Viking armor. Here you can use all you senses to learn about the Vikings religion, mythology, ships and cultural heritage.

Ekebergparken

Ekebergparken is a sculpture and national heritage park, boasting a collection of sculptures and outdoor art installations of international standing. The art works are surrounded by beautiful scenery, with many spectacular lookout points. Ekebergparken is always open, and is free to visit.



The Rose Castle

Vigeland Sculpture Park

Vigeland Sculpture Park is the life work of Norwegian sculptor Gustav Vigeland (1869-1943), and includes more than 200 sculptures in bronze, granite and cast iron. With more than one million visitors every year, the park is one of Norway's top tourist attractions. It is free to enter at all times.

Holmenkollen Ski Jump and the Ski Museum

Norway's most visited attraction includes a ski museum, jump tower, souvenir shop and a ski simulator. The ski museum presents more than 4,000 years of skiing history, Norwegian polar exploration artefacts and an exhibition on snowboarding and modern skiing. The ski jump tower offers breathtaking views of the city, the forest and the fjord.

The Rose Castle

In 2020, it was 80 years since Norway was attacked in 1940, and 75 years since its liberation in 1945. Rose Castle 2020 is an art installation and educational project aimed at telling the story of the occupation of Norway and of the basic principles of democracy, the rule of law and humanism that were then put out of force. We want to tell the story of the war without demonizing or glorifying, central to the narrative is the individual and its choice. We touch on both known and lesser-known aspects of the occupation: the sufferings of prisoners of war, the unknown individual, everyday life, the drama of war sailors, the resistance struggles in the south and north. The persecution of the Norwegian Jews receives great attention in the series of images and anti-Semitism, before and during the war, is depicted.

The Mini Bottle Gallery

Holds the world's largest collection of miniature bottles. Of the museum's total of 54,000 bottles, 12,500 of them are exhibited in 50 different installations over 3 floors. The exhibition holds miniature bottles from all corners of the world, mini bottles of different themes, mini bottles in chandeliers, in ceilings and floors - and to top it off; a slide. A museum out of the ordinary.

TBS Gallery

An art centre featuring the work of the sculptor and painter Tore Bjørn Skjølsvik. The gallery is located in a property, next to the Royal Palace, that includes a villa and a former stable, surrounded by a lush sculpture garden. With its idyllic setting, sculpture garden and the ambience of a working artist's studio, TBS Gallery is a gallery for all seasons and welcomes visitors throughout the year. Some of the sculptures and paintings are on permanent display, while others are for sale.



Holmenkollen Ski Jump and Ski Museum. Photo: Andreas Bache Wiig

Bygdøy Peninsula:

Museum of the Viking Age, opening 2027

The Viking Ship Museum is closed for rebuilding, and will reopen as the Museum of the Viking Age. Norway has the best preserved Viking ships in the world. In addition to the ship burials from Oseberg, Gokstad, Tune and Borre, the museum will exhibit weapons, jewellery and other extraordinary objects from the entire Viking Age. Can't wait to see the Museum of the Viking Age? Explore selected Viking treasures at the Historical Museum in the city center.

Fram Museum

Fram is the strongest wooden ship ever built, and still holds the records for sailing farthest north and farthest south. At the Fram Museum, you can come on board the ship and see how the crew and their dogs managed to survive in the coldest and most dangerous places on earth. The comprehensive exhibition is translated into ten languages: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Norwegian.

Kon-Tiki Museum

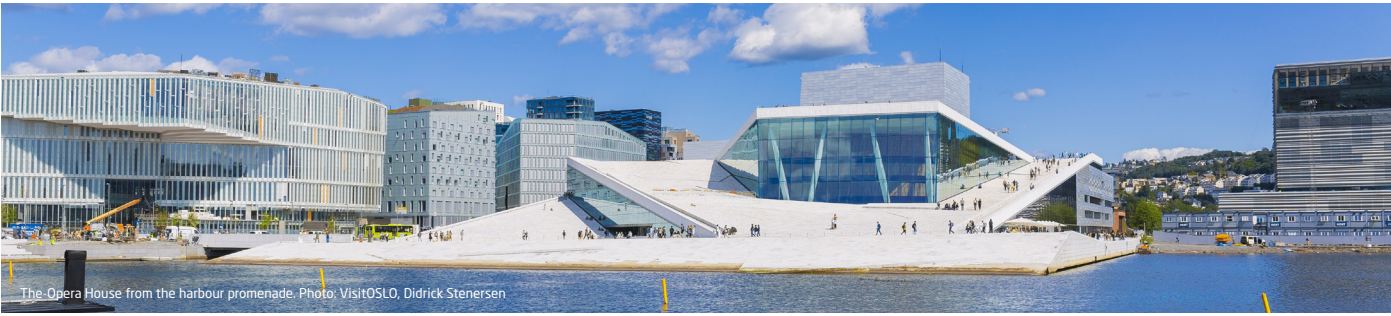
Thor Heyerdahl (1914-2002) gained worldwide fame when he crossed the Pacific Ocean on the balsa wood raft Kon-Tiki in 1947. He later conducted spectacular expeditions on the reed boats Ra, Ra II and Tigris. At The Kon-Tiki Museum, you can see the original vessels and up-to-date exhibits on Heyerdahl's adventures.

Norsk Folkemuseum

Norwegian Museum of Cultural History with one of the world's oldest and largest open-air museums. The wooden stave church from the 1200s, historical farmsteads, and city homes show daily life and regional culture through different times. Comprehensive indoor exhibits display national treasures and artefacts such as folk art, folk dress, church art, handicraft, and Sámi culture.

Norwegian Maritime Museum

Norway's national museum for shipbuilding, seafaring, fishing and marine archaeology is beautifully located on the waterfront at Bygdøyneis. Highlights include Norway's oldest boat, the Viking boat work shop and a boathall with Norway's largest collection of traditional boats. Interactive zones for kids and exhibitions that documents Norwegian shipping and maritime activities in recent times.



The Opera House from the harbour promenade. Photo: VisitOSLO, Didrick Stenersen

