



Skjolden - at the end of Norway's longest fjord. Photo: Karlis Bremers

# SKJOLDEN

## Gateway to the national parks

The charming village of Skjolden is called the gateway to the national parks due to the short distance to no less than three of the most important national parks - Jotunheimen, Breheimen and Jostedalbreen. The village is also nestled between Northern Europe's highest mountain pass, Sognefjellet (1434 m.a.s.l.), and the spectacular Jostedal Glacier - the largest glacier on the European mainland. Skjolden is also home to Urnes Stave Church, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The approach is by the picturesque Lustrafjord - the innermost branch of Norway's longest and deepest fjord - the Sognefjord. The fjord is emerald green because of the melting water from the glaciers. Beautiful villages and lush cultural landscapes await along the shoreline on your journey.

### ATTRACTIONS/EXCURSIONS

#### Jotunheimen National Park & Sognefjellet

National Scenic Route  
Distance: 1 km - 80 km  
Norway's first national scenic route, the Sognefjellet Mountain Road (Route 55) through Skjolden and the Jotunheimen National Park, is the highest and most impressive mountain pass in Northern Europe. Explore spectacular and wild mountain scenery on the "Roof of Norway", including alpine tops, glaciers, lakes and waterfalls, and view Scandinavia's highest mountains at close range!

#### Jostedalbreen National Park, Jostedal Glacier & Nigardsbreen Glacier

Distance: 6 km  
The impressive Nigardsbreen Glacier in Jostedalbreen National Park can be viewed at close range in Jostedalen. This very spectacular branch of the Jostedal

glacier is one of the most accessible glacier arms where you also can join guided glacier walks for the whole family. You can also visit the National Park Centre, Breheimsenteret, to explore the exhibitions.

#### UNESCO World Heritage - Urnes Stave Church

Distance: 30 km  
Urnes Stave Church is a designated UNESCO World Heritage site, as well as Norway's oldest stave church, and known for its unique architecture. It is located in an idyllic setting by the Lustrafjord at the end of the Romantic Road between Skjolden and Urnes. There is also a small café, deer farm, and visitors' centre next to the church, and guided tours are offered every day during the summer season.

#### Breheimen National Park & Mørkrid Valley

Distance: 10 km  
The nature in Breheimen National Park ranges from green valleys to powerful rivers and big glaciers. The

area is essential in the protection of endangered species of certain birds and plants, and offers good opportunities for hiking, skiing and climbing. Mørkrid valley starts from Skjolden and leads you into Breheimen National Park. The road into the valley is 8,5 km and is ideal for a walk or a biking tour.

#### Feigefossen Waterfall

Distance: 16 km  
Feigefossen is one of Norway's highest waterfalls, and the free fall of 218 m can be seen from the fjord, the Romantic Road and the National Tourist Route. There are also many other amazing waterfalls close to Skjolden, such as:  
Åsafossen Waterfall - 3 km from Skjolden  
Drivande Waterfall - 8 km from Skjolden



Nigards Glacier, Jostedal National Park. Credits: Remedy Media, Viggo Sundvold

#### Sengaberget Viewpoint

Distance: 2,5 km  
Sengaberget is the name of Skjolden's most visited viewpoint. It offers outstanding views of the fjord, the Eide lake and the village.

#### Helicopter flights

Experience the fjord and the National Parks from the air. No other place in Norway can offer such a magnificent changing scenery in such a short time.

#### RIB boat tours

Distance: 0,7 km  
Experience the magnificent Lustrafjord, surrounded by steep mountains and waterfalls. The tours take you on an unforgettable guided expedition in a secure and rigid inflatable boat (RIB).



UNESCO Urnes stave church. Photo: Terje Rakke Nordic Life AS

#### Llama-safari

Distance: 1,5 km  
Visit on a Norwegian farm and take a guided Llama-walk in Skjolden. The farm grows raspberries and has large flocks of both llamas and sheep.

#### Wittgenstein's cottage

Distance: 3 km  
The Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889-1951) was one of the greatest philosophers of the 20th century. He had a cottage in Skjolden where he worked for several years. The cottage was rebuilt in 2018.

#### From authentic West to authentic East

Distance: 83 km  
The Sognefjellet scenic route from Skjolden runs across the "roof of Norway" to the friendly village of Lom in the Gudbrandsdalen Valley, which is known for being an authentic and well preserved eastern Norwegian village.



Jotunheimen National Park & Sognefjellet. Photo: Torunn Kjøk

#### The Ice Tunnel

Distance: 76 km  
50 meters into the ice - 6000 years back in time. Learn about climate changes, wildlife and humans living in the highlands in this carved ice tunnel.

#### The Romantic Road

Distance: 0-32 km  
The road from Skjolden to Urnes is called the Romantic Road. It carries a long history as it took almost 70 years to finish and is truly special when you travel as a cyclist.

#### Safthuset - factory museum & village store

Distance: 10km  
Safthuset is the old, restored jam and juice factory at Sørheim where the famous jam and juice producing company, Lerum, started their production.

### PORT OF SKJOLDEN

Position: 61°28'53"N 7°35'32"E  
Website: [www.skjoldenport.com](http://www.skjoldenport.com) / [www.sognefjordcruise.com](http://www.sognefjordcruise.com)  
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Distance from pilot station: nm  
South: 118 nm  
North: 142 nm  
Pilot channel: Ch. 13 and 16  
Port VHF channel: Ch. 12 and 16  
Barents Watch: [https://nais.kystverket.no/poi/nt/7.591450285005294\\_61.48140844961313](https://nais.kystverket.no/poi/nt/7.591450285005294_61.48140844961313)

### TOURIST INFORMATION

Website: [www.sognefjord.no](http://www.sognefjord.no)  
E-mail: [info@sognefjord.no](mailto:info@sognefjord.no)  
Location: Town center  
Local Guide service: Skjolden Guide Handling - [marianne@skjolden-sognefjord.no](mailto:marianne@skjolden-sognefjord.no)  
Which languages: EN / DE / NO

### PORT INFORMATION

Designated cruise quay: Skjolden Cruise Pier  
ISPS: Yes  
Maximum ship length: 400 m  
Maximum ship draft: 12 m  
Maximum beam: No limitations  
Maximum air draft: During 2024/2025: Approx. 70 m due to power line upgrades over the Sognefjord  
Bollard strength (certification): On shore: 2x 200 ton, 2x 150 ton. On pier: 4x 75 ton  
Tidal movement: Max. 1,5m

### ANCHORAGE/ TENDER (YES OR NO)

Max size: No  
Ship tenders allowed: Yes  
Type of bottom: Mud/Clay  
Depth: Approx. 40m

### PORT SERVICES

Gangway available: No  
Tugboats: No  
Crew facilities: Free WiFi, WC, town map  
Bunkers delivery: No  
LNG bunkering: No  
Waste handling: Upon request  
Grey water: Upon request

### SUSTAINABILITY

Shore Power: No  
EPI: Yes  
ESI: No  
Max ship per day: 2  
Max passenger per day: 5000 if more than 1 ship  
Restrictions in harbour: No  
Sustainable activities: Working towards realizing shore power in the future. Enough capacity in the local grid to support 12 MVA.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Turnaround facilities: No  
Terminal/Restrooms in pier area: Yes  
Shuttle bus: No  
Parking place for buses: Outside of cruise terminal: 7 bays, room for 3 extra buses just outside of bays.  
Capacity for approx. 15 more 400 meters from cruise terminal (stand-by).  
Public transportation close by port: No  
Distance from port to airport: 70 km  
Distance from port to city centre: 1.2 km  
Distance from port to nearest hospital: 95 km



Quay	Water depth	Length	Height	Fenders	Shore Power	Grey Water	Max Ship size
Skjolden Cruise Pier	12 m	127,5 m	Unlimited	Yokohama, 2,4 m	-	-	400 m
Skjolden Hydro Pier	5 m	51 m	Unlimited	Truck tyres	-	-	On request
Skjolden Tender Pier	4 m	36 m	Unlimited	-	-	-	-

