

Oslo

Overview

Oslo, the capital city of Norway, is located in the south-eastern region of the country, on the coastal area of the Baltic Sea. This thriving metropolitan city offers a wide range of activities for visitors, making it a perfect place for both a weeks holiday with the whole family, or a romantic weekend away for two. The currency used is the the Norwegian krone (NOK), and there are a number of places to get your foreign currency changed at the airport and in downtown Oslo.

If you are visiting in the wintertime, take advantage of the beautiful snow filled scenery by going skiing in one of the many resorts located near to the city centre, alternatively you can watch the action live at the Holmenkollen ski festival. In the summer months the cities parks are filled with locals and tourists alike who come to relax in the manicured gardens. For shopaholics the Grünerløkka district of Oslo boasts some of the worlds leading and exclusive designer brands, while the Aker Brygge shopping area has been converted into a large centre which features many famous high-street brands.

Fresh high quality food is an integral part of the Norwegian way of life. Why not sample some traditional pickled herring, reindeer steak or fresh Norwegian meatballs? If that doesn't take your fancy then the city also offers a wide range of restaurants serving up international cuisine such as Thai, Indian, British and Italian.

There are a number of transportation options available in the city, and travel is possible by bus, boat, train and plane. Most passengers arrive via the Oslo Gardermoen Airport, which is located 45km away from the city centre. Ferry services operate from the Oslo Port, and a number of cruise ships choose to dock here. For a unique view of the city jump on a passenger day boat around the Oslo harbour, and take in the spectacular views of the Oslo Fjord region.

Oslo has a whole host of accommodation options - from prestigious 5 star establishments, to quaint guesthouses offering affordable accommodation for the budget traveller. The Grand is a luxurious 5 star hotel located in central Oslo, which comes highly recommended by previous guests. Rooms start at NOK 2,841 per night, and for something truly special try the Christian Radich suite, which is delightfully decorated with old maritime souvenirs.