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# The Classic Roundtrip from Ålesund

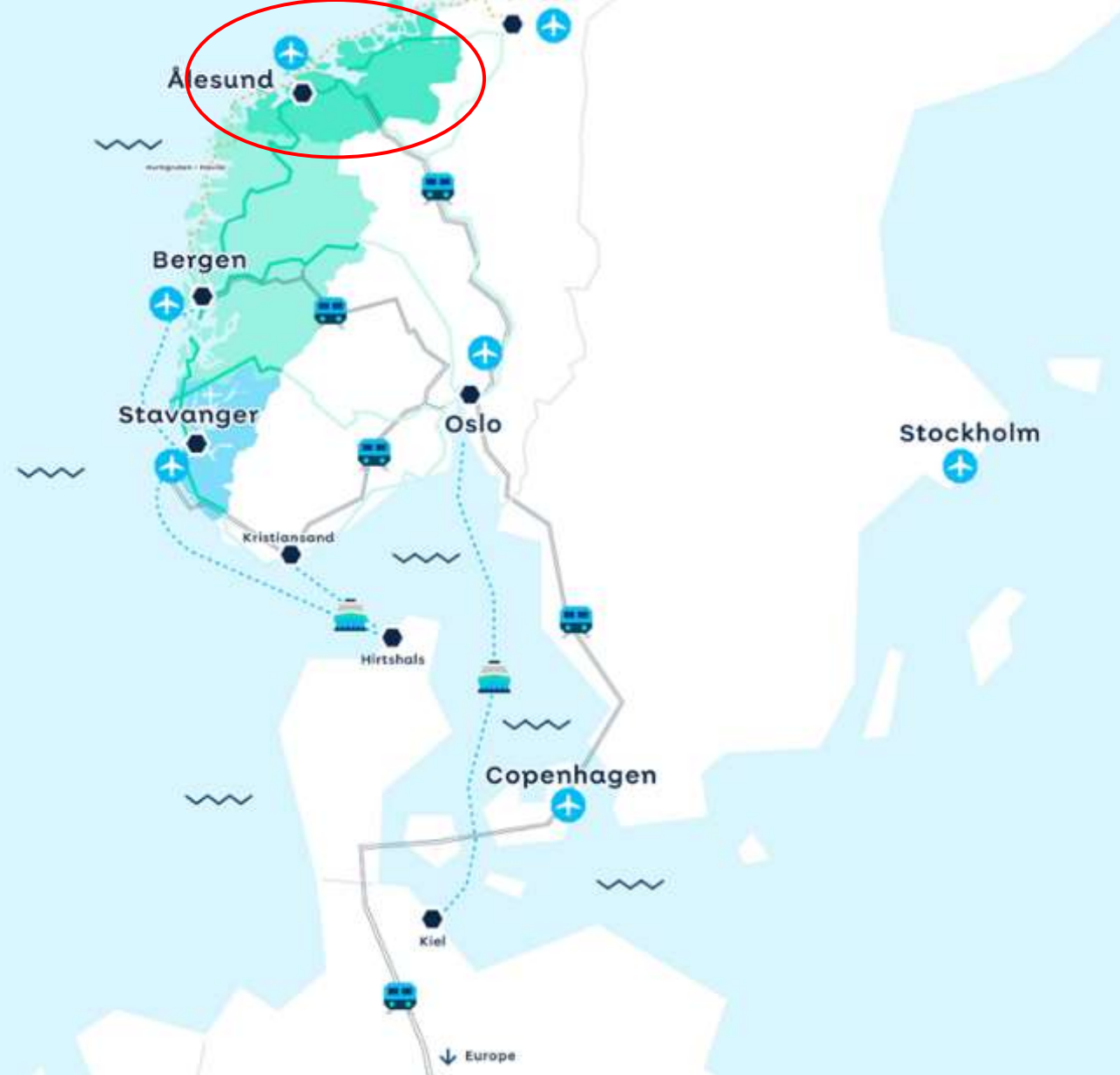
Ålesund-Hjørundfjord-Geiranger-Åndalsnes-Trollstigen-Atlantic Road

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This is where you find us!

# CLASSIC NORWAY ROUNDTRIP

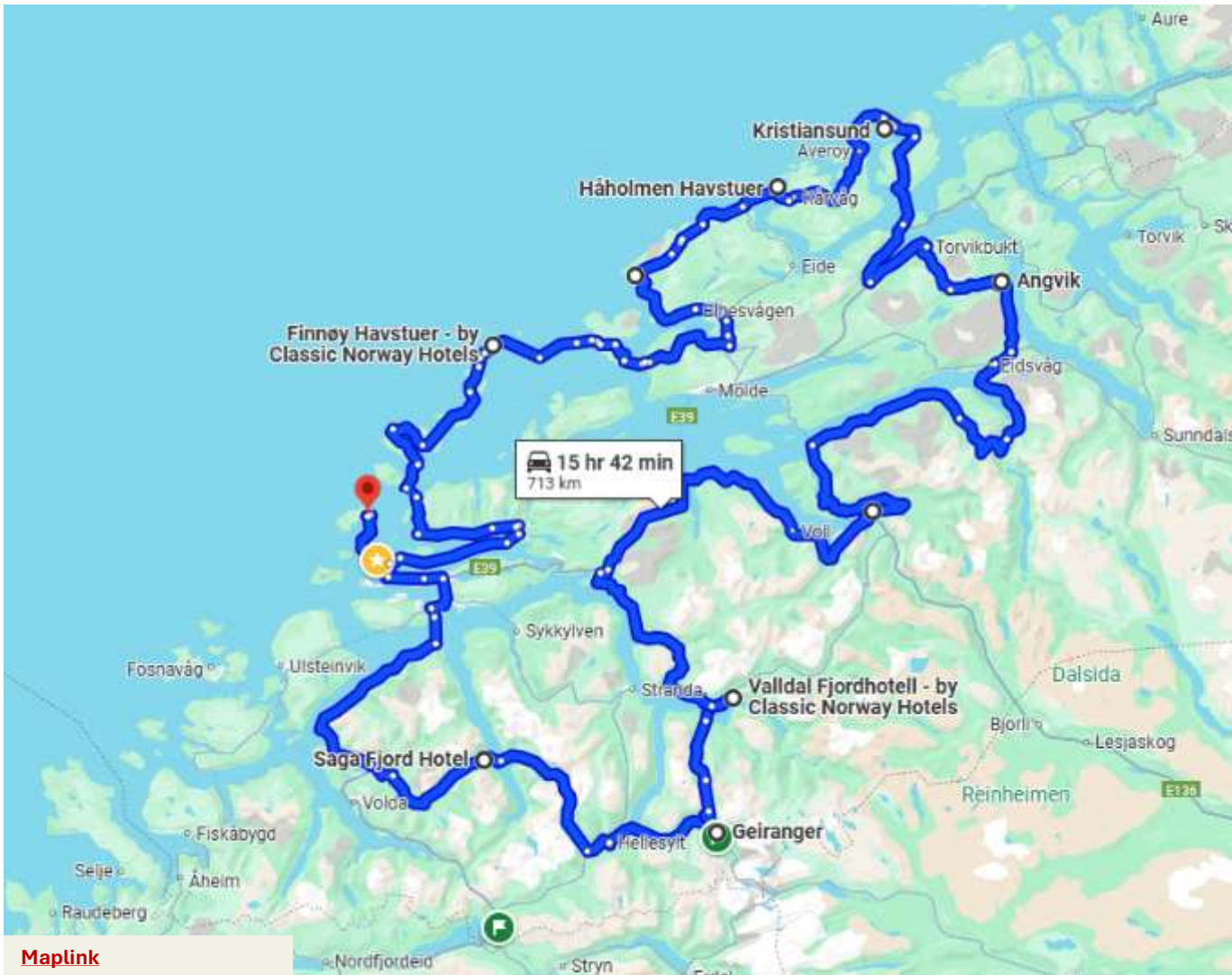
## Welcome to the north western part of Fjord Norway

The trip is designed for 2 persons either as a self drive or with car/driver. We aim to add the highlights of the region and to spend time to enjoy the scenery and lower the shoulders as they travel. If preferred this idea can be redesigned to have fewer accomodations spot and rather do day trips.

### Day 1:

Arrival Ålesund Airport. Pick up car, proceed to Sagafjord Hotel in Sæbø, Hjørundfjord.

- ✓ Optional: Add a quick stop in Ålesund before continuing to Sæbø
- ✓ Check in at Sagafjord Hotel-by Classic Norway, Hotel Union Øye or Rekkedal Landscape rooms
- ✓ Dinner at the hotel







# Sagafjord Hotel

By Classic Norway Hotels

Located at Sæbø and by the beautiful Hjørundfjord, the Sagafjord Hotel (Hotel - Lodge - Marina - Resort) reopened to welcome guests the last week of June 2012

The old wooden walls that one finds in parts of the building is over 200 years old. The former "School house" is a separate part of the hotel and contains one suite, 2 mini suites, 4 double and a comfortable lounge with fireplace, which can also be used as an informal meeting space for smaller groups of up to 16 people

[Read more](#)

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FROM AIRPORT	ROOMS	BEDS	MEETING SPACE	MEETING CAPACITY	BANQUET	EXHIBITION M²	PARKING
HOV 27 km	35	74	2	80	-	TBA	Private







# Hotel Union Øye

by 62°NORD

In the village of Øye by the Norangsfjord you will find one of the most distinct hotels in all of Europe.

It has been a place where visitors come to savor the good life and the tranquility in magnificent surroundings since 1891. It has been a favorite venue of royalties, writers and lovers for generations.

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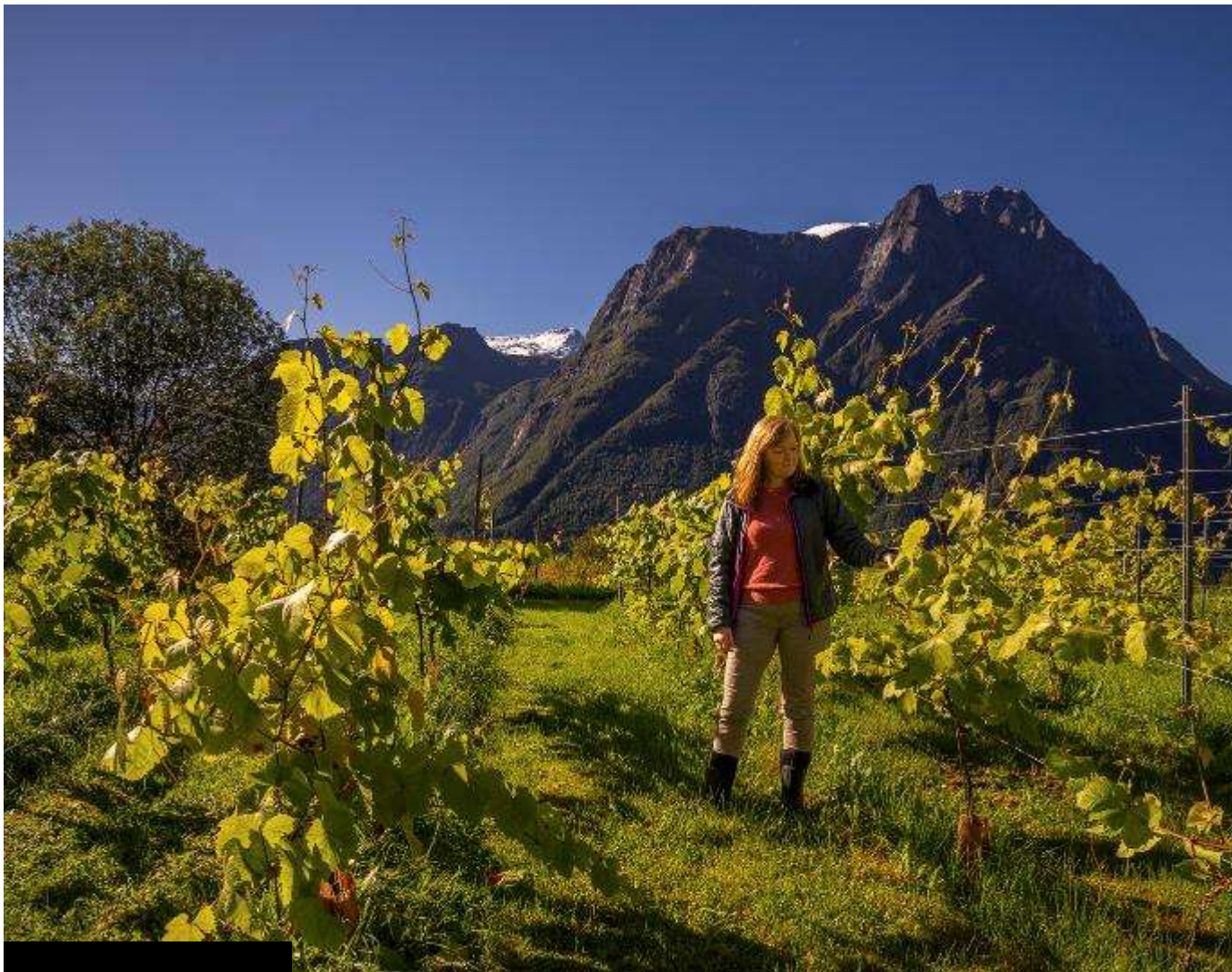
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# Program day 2

## Day 2

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Private boat to Bjørke and Viddal (in the end of the fjord) to visit [Bakketunet](#), a farm rooting from medieval ages and as today is a gallery and also the home of the knitting company Hjørundfjordstrikk (Hjørundfjord knitting). Lunch at the farm.
- ✓ Visit to [Haula Vineyard](#) where Nina is experimenting on growing grapes for wine production. If successful, this farm will be the worlds northern most winery.
- ✓ Return to hotel for dinner, optional dinner at [Rekkedal Gjestetun](#) or [Christian Gaard](#)





Rekkedal Guesthouse © ASTIR

# Rekkedal Guesthouse

by Hjørundfjorden

Tailored experiences in a culturally historic environment with good local food, drink, culture and dramatic nature. This lovely yard is located a few minutes from the wonderful Hjørundfjord. The wine cellar is filled with self-imported wines from smaller wine farms in Northern Italy.

At Rekkedal Guesthouse they have 5 different locations/environments they can serve in, up to 80 persons. focus on local food, experience and good hostmanship

[Read more](#)



# Christian Gaard

at Trandal Village

## Exciting History

Christian Gaard Bygdetun is idyllically located by the Hjørundfjord in the small village of Trandal in Ørsta municipality. The place has a long history filled with both drama and humor. It is run by the Storeide family, and guests are welcome to ask the hosts about the fascinating stories of the estate when visiting.

## How to get there

There is no road connection to Trandal, so you'll need to travel by ferry from Ytre Standal or Sæbø, by shuttle boat, or by the public boat that runs in summer between Ålesund, Trandal, Sæbø, Urke, and Øye. Christian Gaard Bygdetun also offers several shuttle boats of various sizes, available for both short trips in the local area or longer journeys along the coast, including to Ålesund.





Photo: Visit Alesund

## Day 3 Hjørundfjord-Geiranger

Up up and away! After breakfast it's time to continue our journey along the fjords and hidden gems. A short car-ferry ride from Sæbø to Leknes will take us towards Øye and the [scenic drive through Norangdal](#). Our first suggested stop is to do a hike (short or long) in Urke. This can be [mount Saksa](#) or [Urke ridge](#), (use google translate on this) or a shorter version to [Bentebu](#), one of two mountain shelters in the village.

On the way from Urke to Hellsylt you pass the distinct Hotel Union Øye and of course you can plan your drive and include a lunch at the hotel. (must be prebooked)

While driving through the valley make sure to find time to stop at lake [Lygnstøylsvatnet](#) and Stavbergsetra.





After driving through the Nordangsdal Valley and the Queens route it's time to prepare a visit to one of Norway's most iconic destinations, the UNESCO Geirangerfjord.

A car ferry will take you from the village of Hellsø to Geiranger (all-year car ferry bookable via an agreement with [Norways Best](#))

The Geirangerfjord is a 15-kilometre-long branch of Storfjord and has been inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List. The Geirangerfjord is one of Norway's most popular attractions and offers a spectacular introduction to this iconic Norwegian geographical feature. On the 50 minute sailing you can choose to download an audioguide or listen to the onboard guiding (summer)

Once arriving in Geiranger there are several options for activities.

- ☐ Boat tour and hike to one of the Fjord Farms (can be curated with private guide from [Offbeat Adventures](#))
- ☐ [Visit to Møll](#), a farm inhabited from the medieval time and where Anette and Willy still welcomes guests to their home.
- ☐ Drive to [Dalsnibba Viewpoint](#)
- ☐ [Kayak](#) the fjord
- ☐ Lunch or dinner at [Westerås Farm](#)

Drive via the National Scenic Route to Valldal (road + ferry)





# List of accomodation in Geiranger

In Geiranger:

- ❑ [Hotel Union Geiranger](#)
- ❑ [Havila Hotel Geiranger](#)
- ❑ [Grande Fjord Hotel](#)

Between Geiranger and Eidsdal:

- ❑ [Kilsti Compact Lodge](#)





# The national scenic route

Geiranger to Valldal

[The National Scenic routes](#) are parts of our regular roads that represents natural beauty and that in some parts has been emphasized with architectural features. For this region [the road starts](#) close to Dalsnibba in Geiranger and stretches over the Trollstigen Road to Åndalsnes, and then the Atlantic Road.

I suggest that if your guests do not prefer to stay overnight in Geiranger (summer can be quite hectic in there, shoulder and winter seasons a completely different case) to rather travel to Valldal.

A very scenic drive where the first stop could be at [Ørnesvingen/The eagle road](#) and perhaps the second at lake Eidsvatnet (photo)

Take the car ferry from Eidsdal to Linge and drive towards Valldal for your overnight stay. Choose between:

- ☐ [Valldal Fjord Hotel](#) – by Classic Norway Hotels
- ☐ [Valldal Fjord Lodge](#)
- ☐ [Sylte Hotel](#)
- ☐ [Juvet Landscape Hotel](#)





Photo: Uteguiden

# Activities in Valldal

-The Adventure Valley

- ☐ Rafting in summer
- ☐ Kayak the fjords
- ☐ Hiking (dependent on level)
- ☐ Cider tasting
- ☐ Beer tasting
- ☐ Visit the monastery
- ☐ Visit the hidden gem of Tafjord
- ☐ Cycle to Trollstigen
- ☐ Walk parts of the pilgrim route

For adventures, contact

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[Uteguiden](#)





## Day 4 (5) Valldal-Åndalsnes

[Part 2 of the National Scenic route](#) takes you from Valldal via Trollstigen to Åndalsnes.

Stop at [Gudbrandsjuvet](#) and the [Trollstigen Viewpoint](#) before driving down the hairpin roads towards Åndalsnes. The driving time is about 90 minutes from Valldal and over the mountain. Please note that this part of the road is a summer road and opening times are dependant on snow conditions. I therefor add an optional route.

### [Optional road map](#) Valldal-Sjøholt-Åndalsnes

Drive from Valldal along the scenic Storfjorden to Sjøholt. Suggest to stop in Sjøholt and go on a guided tour or e-bike tour with [Offbeat Adventures](#). They will give you options depending on your clients.

Continue along the fjords to Åndalsnes and check in at your hotel.

We suggest [Grand Hotel-by Classic Norway Hotels](#) or [Hotel Aak](#).





# Grand Hotel

by Classic Norway Hotels

Situated in the heart of Åndalsnes, at the foot of the Romsdalseggen ridge, the hotel has been a popular destination for tourists from around the world for many years, thanks to its dramatic natural surroundings. The history of the hotel dates back to 1890. Since then, it has undergone several transformations, including reconstruction after a fire.

## Comfortable rooms with views

The hotel offers 88 rooms, including single and double rooms, as well as suites, all with views of the Romsdalsfjord and Romsdal mountains. The rooms are bright and uniquely decorated with photo wallpapers.

[Read more](#)

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FROM AIRPORT	ROOMS	BEDS	MEETING SPACE	MEETING CAPACITY	BANQUET	EXHIBITION M²	PARKING
MOL 55 km	88	-	5	-	-	TBA	Public







# Hotel Aak

Explore Hotel Aak in Romsdalen – a historical hotel with modern amenities and a scenic location.

Embracing the philosophy of "travel less, experience more," Hotel Aak has made a conscious choice for greener travel: stay for a minimum of two nights, immerse in local experiences, and contribute to a smaller environmental footprint. Find tranquility, recharge, and embrace the Aak atmosphere. Join short-travelled Romsdal adventures, savor local cuisine, and act sustainably: reuse towels to save the environment.

[Read more](#)

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MOL 60 km	16	33	2	-	-	TBA	Private







# Activities in Åndalsnes

and Romsdalen-the mountain capital of Norway

- ☐ E-bike to Trollstigen in spring, summer and autumn
- ☐ Hiking-all categories
- ☐ RIB tour on Romsdalsfjord
- ☐ Cable car to Nesaksla
- ☐ Via Ferrata
- ☐ Golden Train
- ☐ Rauma Railway
- ☐ Ski touring in winter
- ☐ Viking and norse mythology at Horgheim

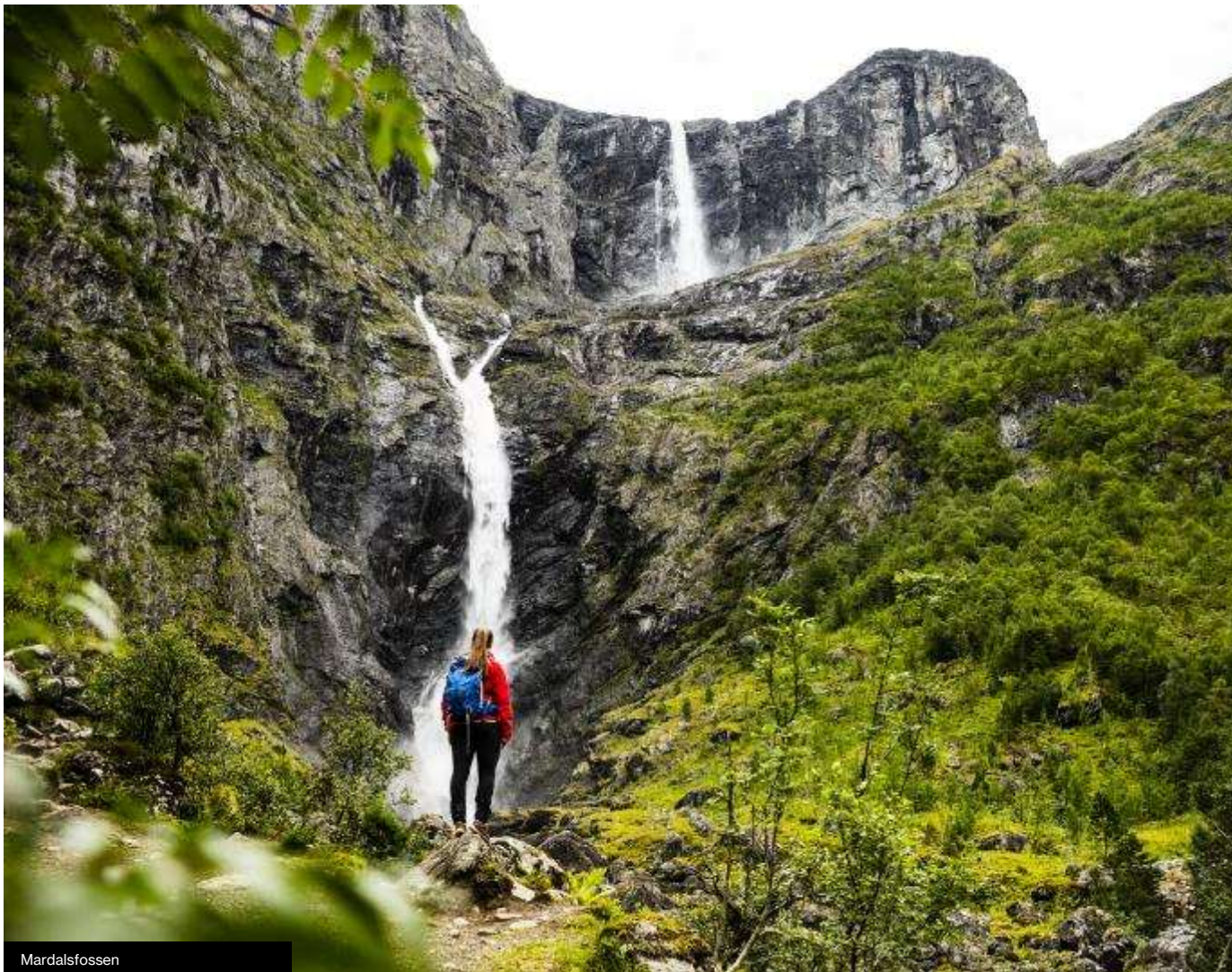
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[Uteguiden](#) (if accomodation is Grand Hotel)

[Hotel Aak](#) (if accomodation is hotel Aak)

[Horgheim](#) (Norwegian websites, please use google tranelate)





Mardalsfossen

## Day 5 (6) Åndalsnes-Angvik

Choose 1 or 2 nights in Åndalsnes before starting the next part of the journey from Åndalsnes to Angvik.

I highly recommend you to make a detour and stop on the way to Eikesdal and [Mardalsfossen](#) (open June 20th to August 20th), northern Europe's highest waterfall before arriving in Angvik Gamle Handelssted-your accommodation for the next days. ([map](#))

Once arriving at the hotel there are plenty of options to relax and enjoy the Badehuset spa, which offers a heated bath, or the Turkish steam bath as well as various types of treatment. In the museum Handelshuset Angvik, located in the old "Gustavbua", there is cultural history dating back to the Dutch era in the 16th century.





# Angvik Gamle Handelssted

by Classic Norway Hotels

Experience Angvik Gamle Handelssted - An exclusive small hotel with a homely atmosphere by the Tingvollfjord, located between Molde and Kristiansund.

The hotel offers a perfect balance between exclusivity and a casual homely atmosphere.

## Rooting back to the 16th century

Angvik Gamle Handelssted has roots dating back to the 16th century when Dutch sailing ships anchored in the bay to buy timber. They started a tradition of taking care of the travellers. At the end of the 19th century, this included steamship quays, trade, and barrel production. Eventually, the place became a hub for transportation.

[Read more](#)

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MOL 50 km	37	-	5	140	-	TBA	Private







Innerdalen

## Activities near Angvik Gamle Handelssted

- ☐ Rowboats available for free from the hotel's own pier. Life jackets are provided. Motorboat rental.
- ☐ Fishing rods available for free. Try your luck from the dock or borrow one of the boats.
- ☐ The hotel offers bicycles for free. Helmets are included. Set out on a pleasant ride on the nearby roads. There is little traffic.
- ☐ **Angvik as a base by car:**
  - Drive/walk to Innerdalen, also known as "Norway's most beautiful valley."
  - Round trip by car to Eikesdalen, Mardalsfossen, Aursjøvegen, and Sunndal.
  - Trip to Romsdalseggen, Trollveggen, and Trollstigen.
  - Round trip to Kristiansund, Atlantic Road, and Molde.
  - Summit hike to Kirketaket, Ekkertind, Prestaksla and a paradise of other peaks in the vicinity.





Kristiansund

## Day 7 (8) Angvika-Kristiansund-Håholmen

After breakfast and check out it's time to visit Kristiansund. The town of Kristiansund was appointed its name by King Christian of Denmark/Norway in 1742 at the same time as he gave the town its brand as a trading town. It is a good hour drive to Kristiansund via [this directon](#).

If time allows it we'd recommend to visit the little fishing village of [Grip](#). There is a boat departure at 10 in the morning from the end of May to Sep 1.

Upon return there is an option to have lunch at [Bryggekannten brasserie](#), and as simple as it sounds,- the recommendation is fish and chips!

It's advised to rest or take a slow stroll after this lunch, or perhaps just jump onboard the «Sundbåten», the little passenger boat travelling in between the islands Kristiansund is located. This little boat is nothing less than the worlds oldest, still operating, public transport!

Once your little stop in Kristiansund is over it's time to move towards the Atlantic Road and Håholmen. Please note that you will be asked for arrival time when booking Håholmen or the villa at Korsholmen as there are no road connection to the islands.





# The Atlantic Road

— part of the National Scenic Route

## Named the world's most beautiful road trip

This iconic stretch is a national scenic route where nature's forces and engineering blend into an unforgettable driving experience close to the sea. Completed in 1989 after a construction period that endured 12 hurricanes, the road takes you through the contrasts of the coastal landscape – from the open seas to sheltered coves and historic fishing villages. The journey between Bud and Kristiansund is a cohesive experience of coast, culture, and history. In 2005, the Atlantic Road was voted the construction of the century in the 20th century.

[Read more](#)





# Håholmen Havstuer

by Classic Norway Hotels

## Authentic fishing village at Håholmen

Håholmen, an island by the Atlantic Road, offers a unique glimpse into history. Stay in charming houses from the 17th and 18th centuries and enjoy traditional food such as clipfish. This historical island, formerly a community based on trade, fishing, and maritime transport, is now a popular destination for accommodation, meetings, and events.

## Comfortable rooms and local delicacies

Håholmen offers 47 unique rooms, each with its own character. Blending rustic charm with modern comforts, you can relax and enjoy the island's peaceful atmosphere.

[Read more](#)

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KSU 40 km	47	-	5	100	-	TBA	Public

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# Korsholmen

- by Classic Norway Hotels

Korsholmen, a private islet in the ocean gap, offers a unique and luxurious accommodation experience. With two houses containing bedrooms, living rooms, kitchens, and bathrooms, this place is a perfect combination of exclusivity and discreet elegance. The islet is known for its richly detailed interiors and relaxing atmosphere, ideal for those seeking a peaceful retreat.

**Facilities:** 6 rooms with a total of 10 beds, distributed across the villas.

**Food and Drink:** The experience at Korsholmen is enhanced by the exquisite food and drink selection, served by the staff from Håholmen. Here you have the opportunity to participate in cooking with fresh ingredients from the sea, adding an extra dimension to the stay.

**How to get to Korsholmen:** To reach Korsholmen, one must travel by boat or arrive by helicopter. Håholmen Havstuer, which manages Korsholmen, can offer transport with Viking ships, fishing boats, or speedboats.

[Read more](#)

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## Day 8 (9) Continue on the Atlantic Road

### The spectacular viewpoints

Along the Atlantic Road, you will find the [Svevestien trail on Eldhusøya](#), a path that "hovers" above the terrain and offers views of the open ocean, perfect for a break and panoramic views. Be sure to visit [Askevågen](#), where a rugged viewing platform made of untreated steel provides a raw encounter with the forces of nature. This is more than just a drive – here you can stop and explore on foot, by bike, or try your luck fishing in some of Norway's most bountiful waters. And for the adventurous: surfing in the waves of the Atlantic Ocean is an experience that leaves its mark.

Continue to the village of Bud, and look deeper into activities to enhance your experiences along the Atlantic Road in [this article](#)





Aukrabolten. Photo: Eline Karlsdatter Fladseth

## ...and onwards

Leaving Bud and the Atlantic Road could have led you to [Molde](#) for a visit, but this time we have chosen to go coastal and [continue to the island of Finnøy](#).

The island of Finnøy on the Romsdal coast was originally pasture for the farmers on Sandøya. The facility that is today Finnøy Bryggehotell was originally established with a shop, shipping trade and fish reception on an islet (Holmen) by Finnøya. In the premises that are now restaurants and meeting rooms, cuttlefish and salted herring were produced.

On Finnøya, Nils Finnøy established himself as the first permanent resident. He established a mechanical workshop on Finnøya, and he built the first Norwegian-built boat engine – the Finnøy engine – in 1902. This was the start of a new era with motorized fishing boats and the introduction of modern fishing activities.

Please note that from Bud to Finnøy there are three car ferries. The first from Aukra to Hollingsholmen, the second from Småge to Orta, and the third from Orta to Finnøy. Check the schedules as they may vary.





# The Northern Islands

Ona, Finnøy, Harøy, Fjørtoft, Longva, Haramsøy, Lepsøy

What are these islands?

A string of large and small islands that extend north from Ålesund towards the Romsdalsfjord. Some of these islands are connected to the mainland by bridges and tunnels, while others can only be reached by boat and ferry, like the little island of Ona or Sandøy. The coast of Sunnmøre has a rich fisheries and industrial history. Agriculture and shipbuilding are the biggest industries.

The people who have lived on these islands have always used the sea to get around, but the new Nordøyvegen road now links many of them to the mainland by bridges and tunnels, while others still use boat services to the other islands and to Ålesund.

[Read more](#)





# Finnøy Bryggehotell

by Classic Norway

We want Valldal Fjord Lodge to be an informal lodge where you can recharge your batteries for several days.

Find peace and recharge at Valldal Fjord Lodge. Valldal and its surroundings offer a wealth of activities to enjoy. While Valldal is perhaps best known for its delicious and fresh strawberries, it's also a hotspot for adventure. You can try everything from canyoning, climbing parks, kayaking, to hiking.

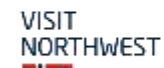
It's also a short distance to stunning locations such as Tafjordfjella, the Sunnmøre Alps, Geiranger, Trollstigen, Åndalsnes, and Ålesund.

[Read more](#)

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AES 80 km	50	-	3	12-100		TBA	Privat







# Activities

Aukra and Nordøyane/Northern Islands

- ☐ Hike Ørnehaugen and Aukrabolten [read more](#)
- ☐ Play on one of the many sandy beaches [read more](#)
- ☐ Visit Ulla lighthouse in Haramsøy [read more](#)
- ☐ Swim at «Håp i havet» swimmingpool [read more](#)
- ☐ Do island hopping from Finnøy to Ona [read more](#)
- ☐ Hike to mount Skulen [read more](#)
- ☐ Visit the fairytale forest in Lepsøy [read more](#)
- ☐ Visit Rønstadhellaren, dated back to 200 BC [read more](#)
- ☐ Visit Bjørnøya coastal fortress (WW2) [read more](#)
- ☐ Walk to Harøyburet [read more](#)
- ☐ Visit Lepsøyrevet lighthouse [read more](#)
- ☐ Test teh Aquavite bar at Finnøy Bryggethotell (on request)
- ☐ Join a fishing trip from Finnøy Bryggethotell (on request)





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## Day 11 (12) Via the Nordøy road to Ålesund

After the island adventure it's time to move on to Ålesund and spend a couple of days in the Art Nouveau/Jugend style town.

Enjoy the drive over the spectacular Nordøy road with bridges and tunnels, and look out for wildlife like eagles and seals that at times are fascinatingly close to the road.

Once arrived in Ålesund you can safely park your car and even plan to return a rented car as the town is easy to walk around and well connected with public transport.

Enjoy one of the many restaurants and bars, take a stroll in the streets and take in the architecture. Buy fresh prawns from the local fishing boats and enjoy lunch «al fresco» on a bench or in the park (just wrap up the waste so the seagulls don't feast on them!)

Extra time? Do a fjord cruise, rent a bike, book time in the saunas, do a Via Ferrata, visit a gallery, go fishing, visit the Atlanterhavsparken Aquarium or the Art Nouveau center, take the bus to Sunnmøre Museum, try Coaststeering or travel to Runde to look for the puffins in the summer.

[Read more](#)





# Hotel 1904

Hotel 1904 is a boutique hotel situated in the center of Ålesund.

Built in 1904, the Art Nouveau-style hotel has been welcoming guests for over 100 years as Ålesund's oldest hotel.

Guests can relax in the espresso bar and dining lounge Green Garden - situated both inside and outside of Hotel 1904's old backyard. You can be quite sure you will meet some of Ålesund's own citizens here as this is a very popular hangout for the morning coffee and lunch.

You stay in the middle of the town, so you only need your feet to take you around, but if you wish to explore more, we recommend you use public transport by bus or boat or rent a car for your adventure.

[Read more](#)

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AES 17 km	71	—	1	30	—	TBA	Public





Geiranger/Eagle road view point

## Not quite ready to go home yet?

Add a few extra days and do Nordfjord and Loen, explore the wonders of UNESCO Geirangerfjord, do the Havila Coastal Voyage to Bergen, rent a bike and go cycling, or pack a backpack for a longer hike with one of our many guide companies.

Need more ideas? We'd be happy to discuss options and layout of the program.

Warm regards

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