**OSLO**

**The European Green Capital 2019**

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

Four cruise quays located right in the city centre. Walk along the quay 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. A ten-minute ferry ride takes you to the Bygdøy peninsula, where some of the city’s most popular attractions await.

**Astrup Fearnley Museum**
The modern Oslo landmark Astrup Fearnley Museum 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 programme from three stages, and guided tours are offered daily in English and Norwegian during summer.

**Tjuvholmen**
Tjuvholmen is a sculpture and national heritage park. It was inaugurated in 1992 by 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. Draping of the guards every day at 1:30 p.m. Guided tours of the palace are offered daily in English and Norwegian. Visitors can also book a guided tour in English and Norwegian during summer.

**Ekebergparken**
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**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 Hakon V. The castle was later remodelled and converted into a Renaissance complex and royal residence. The Akershus Fortress Visitors Centre offers guided tours for both individuals and groups.

**Monolitten**
Visit Monolitten with colourful LED lighting. The venue has a very special atmosphere and is – even the glasses in the bar! The ice-cold temperature makes all the difference.

**Bygdøy Peninsula**

The **Viking Ship Museum**
This popular Oslo museum is home to the world’s best preserved Viking ships, in addition to smaller boats, sledges, tools, textiles and household items excavated from Viking tombs around the Oslo fjord. The adventure film ‘The Vikings Alive’ is screened throughout the day on the ceilings and walls inside the museum.

The 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.

The **Kon-Tiki Museum**
Thor Heyerdahl (1914-2002) gained world-wide 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 and Tigris. All the Kon-Tiki Museums, you can see the original vessels and up-to-date exhibitions on Heyerdahl’s adventures.

The **Nordic Bible Museum**
One of the world’s oldest and largest open-air museums, the Nordic Museum of Cultural History, comprises 135 traditional houses from all parts of Norway and a stave church from the year 1200. The museum also has indoor exhibits that include displays of traditional handicraft items, folk costumes, Sami collections, changing exhibitions.

The Kon-Tiki Museum
Monolitten. Photo: Thomas Johannessen Oslo Opera House. Photo: Getty Images Magic Ice

**Vigeland Sculpture Park**
Vigeland Sculpture Arrangement 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. Vigeland Sculpture Arrangement 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. Vigeland Sculpture Arrangement 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.

**Northern Lights Xpiorium**
An exceptional 10D experience of the Northern Lights in all its beauty. Travel into space to see how the Northern Lights originate from the Solar winds, fly through space at an incomprehensible speed. The journey continues over Norway’s most beautiful landscapes, hunting the Northern Lights, before it finally exposes itself in a breath-taking show on the polar sky. Xpiorium will give new insight to a unique natural phenomenon that has fascinated people for centuries.

**SALT**
A nautical art and culture project located six åvis the Opera House, in the middle of Oslo. SALT offers an eclectic atmosphere with a whirl 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 Beer Academy**
Learn the history, the brewing process and the distinctive styles of Norwegian beer. See how to combine beer with food, which glasses to use and at what temperature the different beer styles should be served. An insight into Viking history and how and what they used to get intoxicated by. The tasting is informal and fun where the goal is to create a warm and unforgettable atmosphere.

**The Mini Bottle Gallery**
Holds the world’s largest collection of miniature bottles. 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 it’s a museum out of the ordinary!

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**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 programme from three stages, and guided tours are available in Norwegian, English and German.

**Nobel Peace Prize**
A museum dedicated to the Nobel Peace Prize laureates in a beautiful “garden” setting at Sinsen. The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded here in December every year.

**The Royal Palace**
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**Holmenkollen Ski Jump and the Ski Museum**
Norway’s most visited tourist 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 cross-country and modern slalom. The ski jump tower offers breathtaking views of the city, the forest and the fjord.

**Kollonsvevet at Holmenkollen Ski Jump**
Kollonsvevet is a ski area stretching from the top of the ski jump and all the way down to the landing area just like a ski jumper. Enjoy the journey with the same amazing view and flight feeling like the jumpers in Kollen. The line itself is 36.2 m long and the height difference between the top and bottom is 1,075 m. The view is amazing, truly the best in Oslo!

**Magic Ice Bar Oslo**
At Magic Ice, almost everything is made of ice – even the glasses! The ice-cold venue has a very special atmosphere and is decorated with illuminated ice sculptures and installations with colourful LED lighting. The bar is open for both individuals and groups.

**The Nobel Peace Centre**
The Nobel Peace Centre 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 fibreglass lights. The centre has daily guided tours in English and Norwegian during summer season, and on weekends the rest of the year.

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Oslo is Norway’s largest city, situated within the Oslofjord on the eastern coast of the Norwegian Sea. Oslo is a dynamic city with a rich history, vibrant culture, and modern architecture. It is a global city with a diverse population of more than 900,000 people, representing 180 different nationalities. Oslo is also a major economic hub, with a thriving business sector, innovative startups, and a growing tech industry. In recent years, Oslo has focused on sustainability and green initiatives, making it a pioneer in environmental policies and renewable energy. Oslo is a city of contrasts, offering both nature and city life, with parks, gardens, and museums complemented by world-class restaurants, bars, and shops. The city is well-connected, with efficient public transportation and easy access to the fjord and its surroundings. Oslo is a destination for those who seek a blend of history, culture, and nature, offering a unique experience for all visitors.