

# NORWAY'S ICE KINGDOM - THE NATURAL PARADISE



It is no secret that Norway's west coast hosts some of the most stunning nature in Europe. For those who love steep drops, glaciers, rough terrain and amazingly varying heights, Norway is a must. It is a mobile frozen paradise, with an absolute mass of things to see. The Norwegians would not be particularly wrong in suggesting that their country is one of the most unique on the planet, certainly unique in European terms.

What is absolutely fascinating is that, with the influence of global warming, the Norwegian landscape changes with the seasons depending on the state of the glaciers in particular. The phrase of the arrogant tourist: "Been there, done that and seen that" is not valid in western Norway. There is the Jostedal fjord, **the biggest glacier in continental Europe**. Although the Norwegian territory of Svalbard, further away, boasts bigger, Jostedal is the most stunning in mainland Norway.

In terms of sightseeing, one can always turn to the Urnes Stave Church, dating back to 1132. This is just one example of the sights to see in Norway. However, the stress surely must lie with the incredible nature. Let's furthermore take the example of the Sognefjord, a 204km long mass of rock. It plunges in some places to 1300 metres. The road to Turtago also provides stunning views, at a height of 884 metres above sea level.

To put it simply, whereas tourists in most places around the world have to go out of their way to find stunning views and unforgettable experiences, it is impossible to avoid them on Norway's west coast. It is an absolute haven for hikers, photographers and those wishing for an experience that will stick in the mind, if not forever, then certainly for a long time.

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