

Geirangerfjord

Møre og Romsdal · Norway

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Geirangerfjord is a narrow fjord in western Norway. It is about 15 km long, with steep mountain walls and many waterfalls that fall straight into the water. UNESCO lists it with Nærøyfjord as the West Norwegian Fjords, a World Heritage Site since 2005. The small village of Geiranger sits at the head of the fjord.

It suits a stay of one to three nights built around boat trips, short hikes and mountain drives. Tourism is the main business in the village. The summer season is busy, and many cruise ships call at Geiranger. Outside the season the village is very quiet and some roads and services close.

When to visit

The main season runs from about May to early September. June to August has the longest days and the best chance of open mountain roads and running boat services. Rain is common in every month, and snow can stay on the high ground well into summer.

On days when cruise ships are in port the village and viewpoints are crowded. Ship schedules are published by the port.

Mountain roads such as the road to Dalsnibba and Trollstigen close in winter, and dates change with the snow. Check road status before you plan a drive.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for watersports	1° / 6° Feels like -4°	-4° / -14°	22 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for watersports	1° / 6° Feels like -3°	-5° / -17°	20 rainy days · Dry air
March	Poor Poor for watersports	3° / 7° Feels like -1°	-4° / -14°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Poor Poor for watersports	6° / 12° Feels like 3°	0° / -7°	18 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Fair Fair for hiking	11° / 18°	5° / -1°	19 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Fair Fair for hiking	15° / 22°	9° / 4°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Fair Fair for sightseeing	19° / 26°	12° / 8°	23 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Fair Fair for sightseeing	18° / 25°	12° / 8°	23 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
September	Fair Fair for hiking	15° / 21°	9° / 4°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Poor Poor for watersports	9° / 14°	4° / -3°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Poor Poor for watersports	4° / 10° Feels like -1°	-1° / -10°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Poor Poor for watersports	1° / 7° Feels like -3°	-4° / -15°	22 rainy days · Dry air

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights



- A Geirangerfjord og Nærøyfjord is the heart of the visit. The fjord is about 15 km long and very narrow, so the cliffs feel close from a boat or from the shore. It is a World Heritage Site that protects the steep landscape, the waterfalls and the old mountain farms.
- The Seven Sisters waterfall is the best known of the waterfalls, with seven separate streams. The Suitor (Friaren) falls face it across the fjord, and Bridal Veil (Brudesløret) is another famous one. All three are easiest to see from a fjord boat.
- B Dalsnibba is a mountain summit at about 1,500 m. A private toll road with 11 hairpin bends leads to the top, where a skywalk viewing platform gives wide views. Snow can lie there even in midsummer.
- C Flydalsjuvet is a gorge on County Road 63 with a viewpoint beside the road. It is a classic place to photograph the fjord from above.
- Ørnesvingen, on the Eagle Road (Ørnevegen), is a viewpoint on the hairpin road that climbs from Geiranger to about 620 m. It gives a wide view back over the fjord.

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What to experience

- Take a fjord cruise or sightseeing boat from the harbour to see the Seven Sisters, the Suitor and Bridal Veil from the water.
- Join a guided sea kayak tour on the fjord. Guided tours of different lengths run from Geiranger.
- Walk to the abandoned mountain farm of Skageflå. It lies about 250 m above the fjord. Allow 2 to 4 hours on foot from the village. A boat can take you part of the way.
- Visit the Norwegian Fjord Centre in Geiranger, the visitor and education centre for the World Heritage fjords. It is a good choice on a rainy day.

Day trips

Two trips are worth considering. The second takes a full day.

- **Hellesylt**: about 65 minutes by ferry along the fjord, when the ferry is operating. Check the operator before you plan this trip.
- **Trollstigen and Åndalsnes**: Trollstigen is a famous mountain road with 11 hairpin bends and a steep drop. It links A Åndalsnes with the Geiranger area. The route uses the short Eidsdal–Linge ferry. The road is closed in winter.



Where to explore

Nearby places in Møre og Romsdal:

- For Trollstigen and the Rauma valley: Åndalsnes.
- For a larger town on the coast: Molde.
- A long way west, on the coast near Ålesund: Runde, an island known for its sea cliffs and bird life.

Getting there

- **By air**: Ålesund Airport Vigra (AES) is the main gateway, with flights from Oslo and other cities. Molde Airport Årø (MOL) is another option. Ørsta-Volda Airport Hovden is about 1 hour 50 minutes from Geiranger.
- **By bus and ferry**: when the ferry is operating, a bus runs from Ålesund to Hellesylt and the fjord ferry continues to Geiranger. Allow roughly half a day.
- **By ferry**: the Geiranger–Hellesylt ferry is a seasonal service (normally April to October, about 65 minutes, carries cars). It does not run every year or season, and the operator can suspend it, so check the Fjord1 page before building a plan around it: Fjord1 Geiranger–Hellesylt.
- **By car**: County Road 63 passes through the village. It links Geiranger with Åndalsnes over Trollstigen, using the Eidsdal–Linge ferry (about 10 minutes). Parts of the road close in winter.
- **Road status**: traffic information from the Norwegian Public Roads Administration.

Getting around

- **On foot**: the village is small and you can walk around it. Most viewpoints and trails start outside the village and are steep.
- **Taxi and bus tours**: local operators run taxi and bus trips to Dalsnibba, so you do not need a car for the summit.
- **E-bikes**: rental is available in season.
- **Boats**: sightseeing boats, water taxis and kayak tours leave from the harbour.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The village is small and easy to walk, but nearly all trails and viewpoints are steep.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Low

Roads around the fjord are steep and winding, so cycling suits only fit riders. E-bikes can be rented.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?** It helps if you want to visit Dalsnibba, the Eagle Road and Trollstigen on your own schedule. For the village and the fjord you do not need one.
- **Mountain roads**: roads are steep, with many hairpin bends. County Road 63 sections to Geiranger and over Trollstigen close in winter and spring, usually from early November to late May.
- **Trollstigen**: vehicles longer than 12.4 m are not allowed.
- **Dalsnibba**: the last 5 km is a private toll road. Buy the ticket before you drive.

Food & drink

Geiranger is small. Most cafés and restaurants are in the village by the harbour, and the choice is limited.

Places can fill up on cruise-ship days. Book ahead for dinner in the high season.

What to eat & drink

DINNER

Fårikål
Lamb and cabbage stew simmered with whole peppercorns; widely regarded as Norway's national dish, especially in autumn.

Cured salmon · Gravlaks
Salmon cured in salt, sugar, and dill, served thinly sliced with a mustard-dill sauce.

Fermented fish · Rakfisk
Trout fermented for months, eaten cold with flatbread, sour cream, and onion. A strong-smelling acquired taste.

Dried salted cod · Klippfisk
Cod salted and air-dried, then rehydrated and cooked into stews such as bacalao.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Brown cheese · Brunost
A caramel-colored whey cheese with a sweet, slightly tangy flavor, typically sliced thin onto bread or waffles.

Potato flatbread · Lefse
A soft flatbread made from potato, rolled up with butter and sugar or cinnamon.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Waffles · Vafler
Heart-shaped, thin waffles served with sour cream and jam, a common café treat.

DRINKS

Caraway spirit · Akevitt
A potato-based spirit flavored with caraway and other spices, traditionally aged in oak sherry casks and served at holidays.

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Safety & health

Geiranger is very safe for visitors. The main risks come from the mountains and the weather.

- Mountain trails are steep and can be wet. Some viewpoints have sharp drops, so keep to marked paths and wear good shoes.
- Weather changes fast, and snow can remain high up in summer.
- The mountain Åkerneset above the fjord is monitored for rockslides, and warning sirens are installed. Follow local signs and instructions.
- Tap water is safe to drink.

History

For centuries, farmers lived on narrow ledges high above the fjord. The farm at Skageflå was inhabited from the Middle Ages and was abandoned in 1916. It is now a tourist attraction. Another abandoned farm, Knivsflå, can be reached by boat.

Tourism later became the main business of Geiranger. In 2005, UNESCO inscribed the fjord, together with Nærøyfjord, as the West Norwegian Fjords (Geirangerfjord og Nærøyfjord on the map).

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Norway at a glance:

CURRENCY
NOK kr

ELECTRICITY

Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
Norwegian Bokmål, Norwegian Nynorsk

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Geirangerfjord's Absolute Essentials

Geirangerfjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site in Norway's Sunnmøre region, is defined by its deep blue waters, 1,700-meter-high mountains, and the famous Seven Sisters waterfalls. This list features the historic Ørnevegen (Eagle Road) with its 11 hairpin bends and the Ørnesvingen viewpoint. It includes essential transport hubs like the Geiranger ferry terminal and Skagehola landing, alongside active exploration points like the Geiranger Kayak Center and high-altitude paragliding launch sites overlooking the S-shaped fjord.





A Geirangerfjord and Nærøyfjord

The Geiranger Fjord is a fjord in the Sunnmøre region of Møre og Romsdal county, Norway. It is located entirely in the Stranda Municipality.

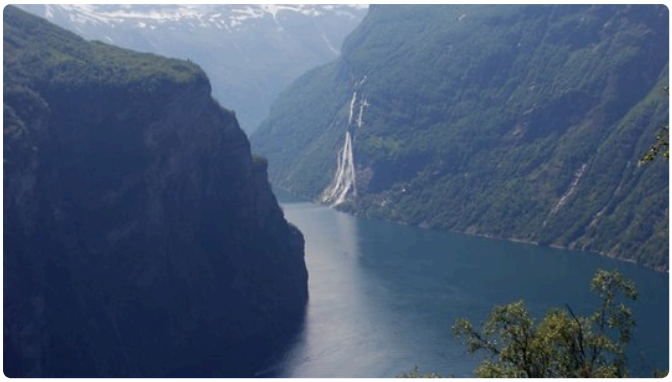
Ørnevegen, 6216, Norway (62.11769, 7.18163)



B Ørnesvingen

The highest hairpin bend on the Ørnevegen (Eagle Road), situated 620 meters above sea level. It features a designated viewing platform with views of the Seven Sisters waterfalls and the fjord's deep S-curve.

Ørnevegen, 6216, Norway (62.12625, 7.16674)



C Geirangerfjord

The Geiranger Fjord is a fjord in the Sunnmøre region of Møre og Romsdal county, Norway. It is located entirely in the Stranda Municipality.

6216, Norway (62.10360, 7.06657)



D Geiranger

Main docking point for the car ferry connecting Geiranger and Hellesylt. Located at the head of the fjord, it serves as a primary transport hub for visitors arriving by sea.

Geiranger - Hellesylt, Norway (62.10365, 7.20261)

E Geiranger

Docking area for the Geiranger–Hellesylt ferry service, providing direct access to the village center.

6216, Norway (62.10305, 7.20093)

F Gjerdefossen

A waterfall located along the Ørnevegen mountain road, visible during the steep ascent between Geiranger and Eidsdal.

(62.12724, 7.15723)

G Geiranger Kayak Center

Rental facility offering kayaks and guided tours departing from the shore at Grande. Provides water-level access to the Seven Sisters and Bridal Veil waterfalls.

Homlungsvegen, 6216, Norway (62.10510, 7.18178)

geirangerfjord.no/guided-kayak-tours, +4770263007

H Geiranger

Docking facility for small boats and private vessels located at the eastern end of the fjord.

(62.10139, 7.20444)

I Løstad

A viewpoint situated on the hiking trail between Homlong and the historic Skageflå mountain farm, offering an elevated perspective of the fjord.

Ørnevegen, 6216 Geiranger, Norway (62.11026, 7.20277)

J Skagehola

A boat landing point at the base of a cliff. It serves as the starting point for the steep uphill hike to the abandoned Skageflå mountain farm.

6216, Norway (62.11060, 7.11836)

geirangerfjord.no/hiking-tour-fjord-farm-skagefla

K Geiranger, Ørnevegen (Mølsæter) 460 m (PP3)

A paragliding and hang gliding launch site located at 460 meters elevation along the Eagle Road.

649 Ørnevegen, 6216, Norway (62.12417, 7.17778)

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L Geiranger, Ørnevegen 700 m

High-altitude takeoff point for free flying sports, situated at 700 meters above sea level near the top of the Ørnevegen pass.

6216, Norway (62.13028, 7.17389)

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M Geiranger, Ørnevegen-Veststarten (Toppen av passet)

A western launch site for paragliding located at the summit of the Ørnevegen mountain pass.

6216, Norway (62.13163, 7.19293)

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Geirangerfjord Peaks and Viewpoints

The Geirangerfjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is defined by its deep blue waters and mountain peaks reaching over 1,500 meters. This selection highlights prominent vantage points like Ørnesvingen on the Eagle Road and high summits such as Keipen and Geitfjellet. These locations offer views of the fjord's distinct shape, the Seven Sisters waterfalls, and historic mountain farms like Knivsflå, showcasing the dramatic alpine landscape of the Sunnmøre region.





A Ørnesvingen

Viewing platform at the highest hairpin bend of the Eagle Road. It offers views of the Seven Sisters waterfalls and the abandoned Knivsflå mountain farm.

Ørnevegen, 6216, Norway (62.12625, 7.16674)

B Littlenibba

Mountain peak situated on the northern side of Geirangerfjord.

6216, Norway (62.10608, 7.02307)

C Robbenibba

High-altitude peak located on the mountain ridge north of the fjord.

6218, Norway (62.11483, 7.01353)

D Furneshornet

Mountain peak overlooking the Geirangerfjord from the north.

6216, Norway (62.13041, 7.00734)

E Lundanesegga

Mountain ridge situated above the northern coastline of the fjord.

6218, Norway (62.12034, 6.98961)

F Robbeheia

Mountain plateau area located on the northern side of the fjord.

6216, Norway (62.12267, 7.04899)

G Grautnibba

Peak on the northern side of the fjord, providing views of the Sunnmøre Alps.

6216, Norway (62.10232, 7.03842)

H Ytstehornet

Mountain summit located on the northern ridge overlooking the fjord.

6216, Norway (62.10570, 7.06625)

I Geitfjellet

Peak located above the Eagle Road, providing a panoramic view of the fjord and the village of Geiranger.

6216, Norway (62.13097, 7.06100)

J Teinnosa

High-altitude mountain peak in the Sunnmøre region.

6216, Norway (62.12503, 7.08689)

K Steegga

Mountain ridge located on the southern side of the Geirangerfjord.

(62.05235, 7.16518)

L Blåhornet

Mountain peak accessible via hiking trails from Vesterås, offering views of the fjord and surrounding valleys.

(62.07300, 7.16442)

M Keipen

High peak known for its dramatic perspective of the fjord's sharpest bend and the Seven Sisters waterfalls.

(62.09025, 7.16609)

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