



If a lingering winter is giving you some seasonal blues, try visiting the land of happiness: Norway.

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Geographic features:

Located on the Scandinavian Peninsula

It has a very elongated shape, one of the longest and most rugged coastlines in the world, and some 50,000 islands off the extremely indented coastline.

Norway is one of the world's most northerly countries, and one of Europe's most mountainous countries with large areas dominated by the Scandinavian Mountains

Capital: Oslo

Population: 5,267,146 people

Currency: Norwegian krone

Area: 323,802 km²



A dramatic night photograph of a Norwegian fjord. In the foreground, a winding road with glowing yellow lights curves through a snow-covered landscape. The middle ground shows a small town with lights reflecting on the water. In the background, jagged, snow-capped mountains rise from the water under a dark, cloudy sky.

Climate

Although it occupies almost the same degrees of latitude as Alaska, Norway owes its warmer climate to the Norwegian Current (the northeastern extension of the Gulf Stream), which carries four to five million tons of tropical water per second into the surrounding seas. This current usually keeps the fjords from freezing, even in the Arctic Finnmark region.



Why is it so popular with tourists?

- Norway has something to offer to travelers of all kinds. From the vibrant contemporary art and theater scene of Oslo to the coziness of remote fishing villages, Norway contains a spectrum of attractions.
- Many tourists flock to Norway for an unobstructed view of natural phenomenon such as the northern lights and the midnight sun, and one of the best places to glimpse the Aurora Borealis is the Lofoten Islands, in northwestern Norway.
- Stunning natural beauty abounds throughout the country, including the Geiranger and Hardanger fjords, as well as the Preikestolen, a 2,000-foot rock face.



Oslo
The capital city of Oslo is famous for its cutting edge architecture and daring contemporary art
For a weekend in Norway, Oslo has much to offer, a sampling of the fjords, a taste of Viking history, and a bevy of stylish hotels, modern restaurants, and chic nightlife.

Lofoten Islands

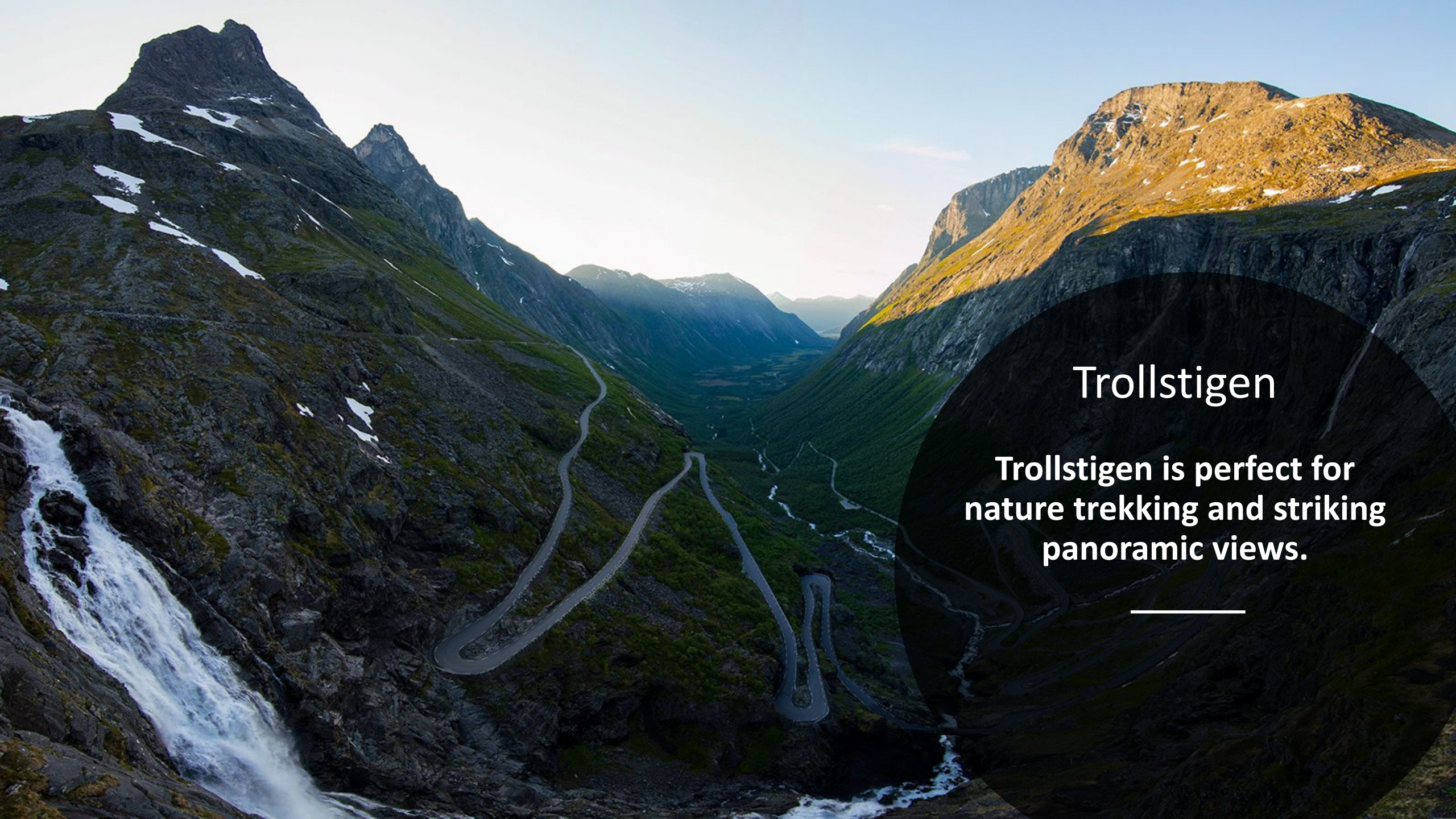
The Lofoten Islands attract visitors for their fishing and views of such natural phenomenon as the northern lights and the midnight sun.





Oslo Opera House

The Oslo Opera House was designed to accommodate plenty of roof visitors — perfect for a view of the water.

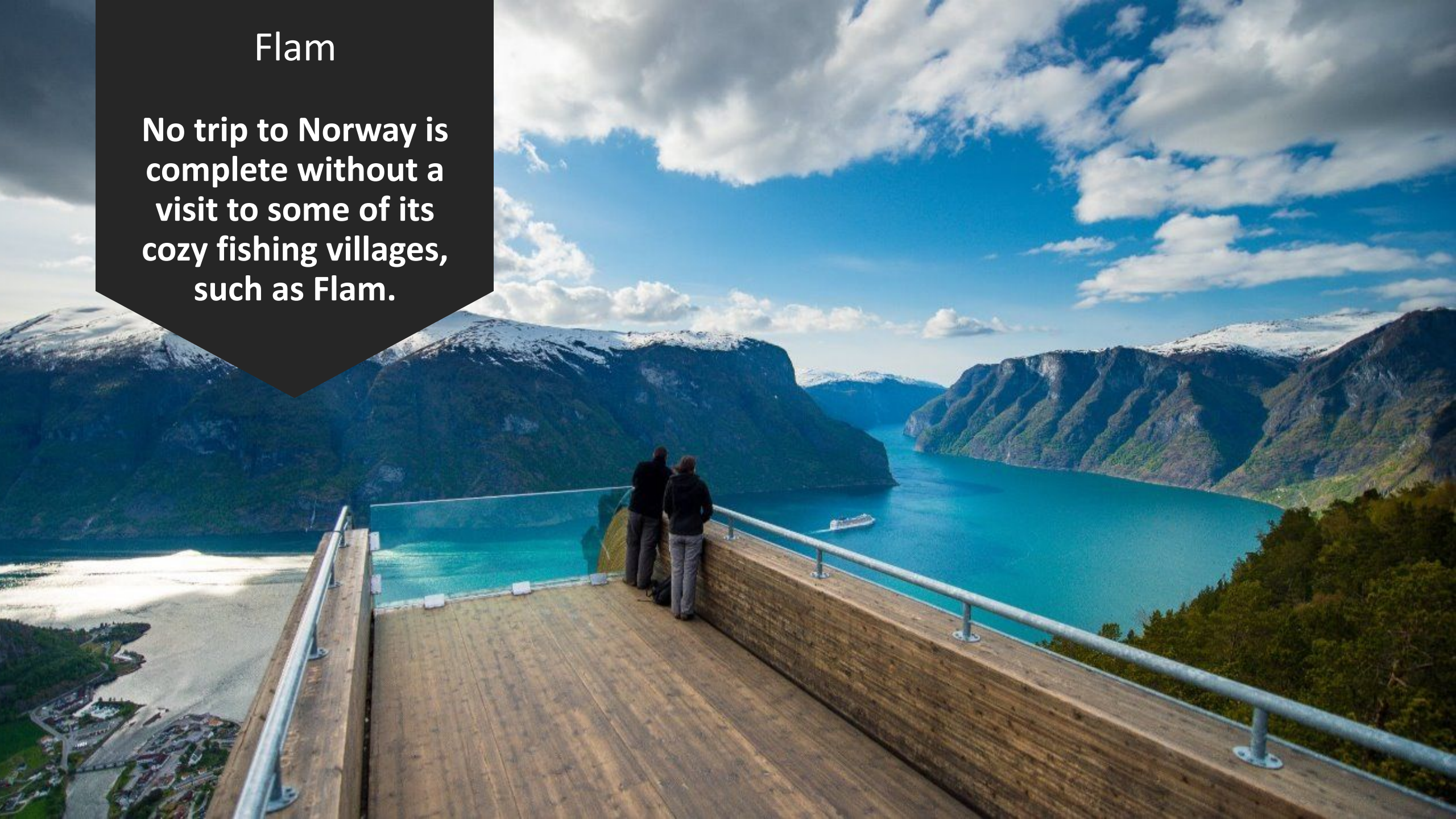


Trollstigen

**Trollstigen is perfect for
nature trekking and striking
panoramic views.**

Flam

No trip to Norway is complete without a visit to some of its cozy fishing villages, such as Flam.





*Have an EPIC adventure
in Norway!*