

A scenic view of a Norwegian coastal town at dusk. The foreground shows a calm body of water reflecting the lights from the buildings and boats. The middle ground is filled with a row of colorful wooden houses in shades of red, orange, yellow, and white, some with lit-up windows. In the background, a large, dark mountain rises steeply, partially covered in greenery. The sky is a deep twilight blue.

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



An aerial photograph of a coastal town in Norway, likely Lofoten, during winter. The landscape is covered in snow, with jagged, snow-capped mountains in the background. A winding road, illuminated by streetlights, curves through the town. The town's lights reflect on the water of the fjord. The sky is dark and cloudy, suggesting a twilight or night scene.

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

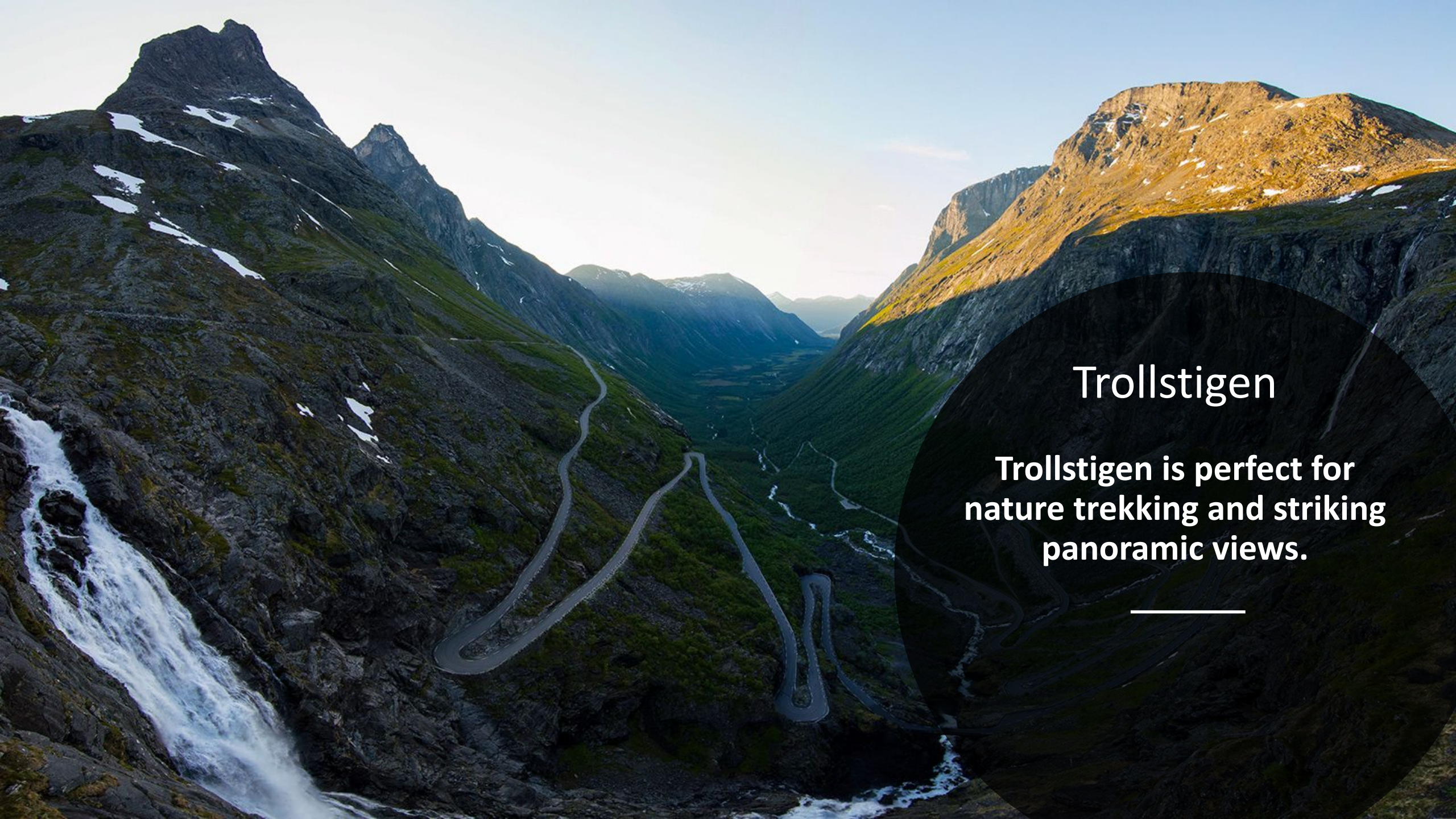
The Lofoten Islands attract visitors for their fishing and views of such natural phenomenon as the northern lights and the midnight sun.





Oslo Opera House

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

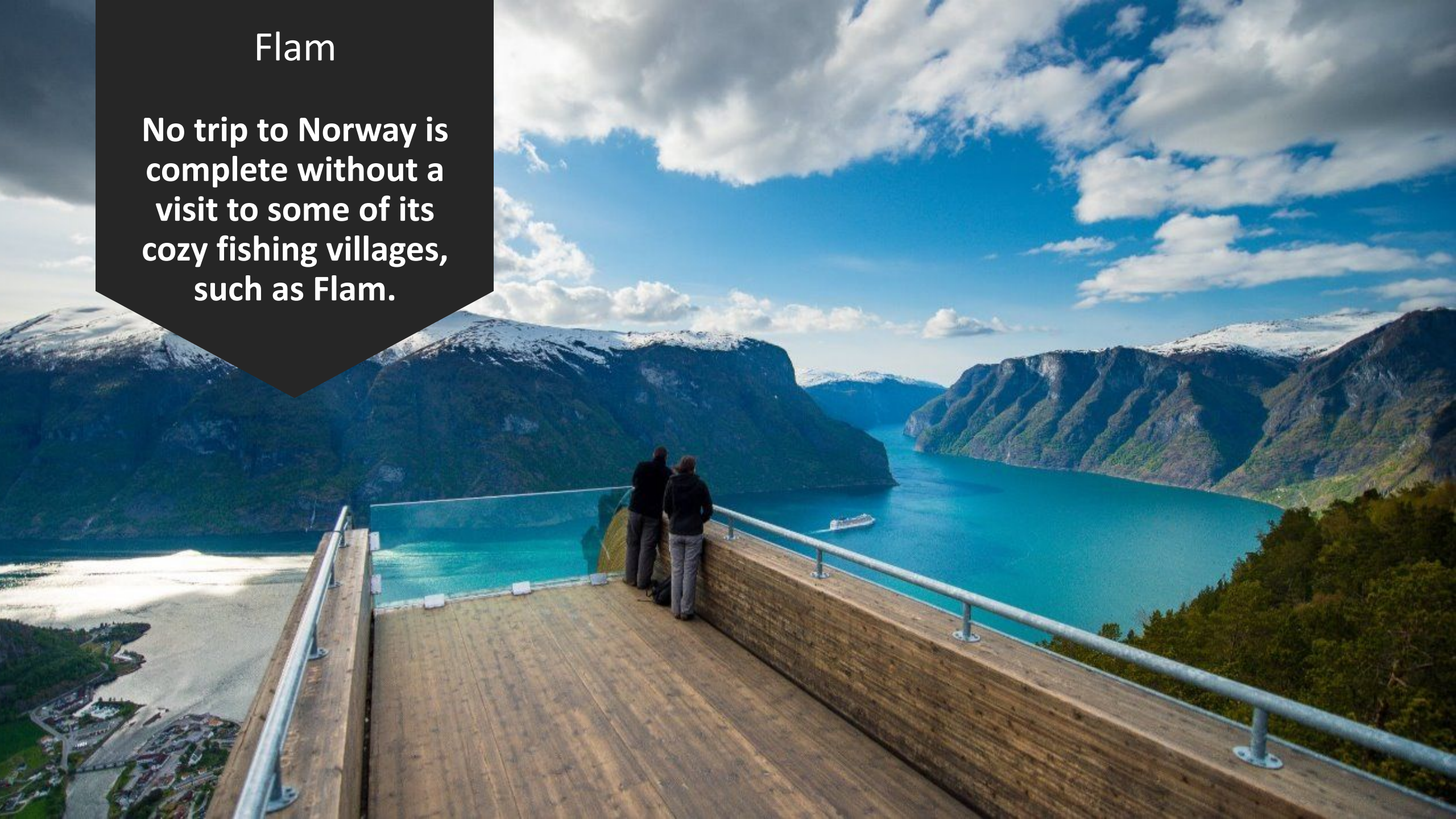


Trollstigen

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!*