



By train and bus to the North

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The journey is the goal!



Slow travel to see the whales

Come to see the whales by choosing an environmentally friendly mode of transport, and connect even more with the amazing Scandinavian scenery. **Transport is responsible for 75% of the tourism industry's climate footprint, but you can help change this by choosing a combination of train, bus and ferry.**

This is a leisurely, comfortable and social way to travel, leaving plenty of time to take in the beautiful views of northern nature by the light of the midnight sun. What's more, it leaves a much smaller carbon footprint than flying - and can even be cheaper!

Experience a lot more with a little extra planning

Travelling via public transport is extremely rewarding, but it requires a little extra planning. You cannot book the whole trip on a single ticket, unlike with air travel. Our aim with this guide is to help you with the planning, and to make your decision to choose environmentally friendly travelling easier.

Even if you are short on time, you can still consider travelling **parts of your journey by public transport** - or just one way.

10% off your whale watching ticket!



Did you use public transport at any point during your journey to Andenes? Simply mention this at check-in and **get a 10% discount gift** from us at [Whale2Sea](https://Whale2Sea.com).

Getting on track: where to start with train travel

A good place to start is the **Interrail/Eurail app**, the closest you can come to a one-ticket solution covering most of Europe. Here you can plan your journey and even reserve tickets in-app.



Did you know, for example, that with just two convenient changes of train you can travel all the way from Berlin to Narvik (Northern Norway)? After a good night's sleep on the **Snälltåget** from Berlin to Stockholm, spend a day exploring the Swedish capital before hopping on the **Norland night train** to Narvik. Or why not stay overnight in Stockholm if you want more time? Once you're in the north, it's easy to continue your journey to Andenes either by **taking a bus** or **renting an electric car**.

Wake up in the Arctic Circle

There are two different night train routes to Northern Norway. Save money with a seat, or select a cosy private or shared sleeping cabin. Each train has a café and can be enjoyed as a social experience with others, or as a relaxed solo journey.

- Oslo-Trondheim-Bodø: the **Nordlandsbanen (10 hours)** leaves from lively Trondheim through stunning mountainous landscapes, arriving next morning in Bodø, European Capital of Culture 2024. To get to Trondheim take a **day or night train from Oslo (7.5 hours)** which winds through the equally dazzling Dovrefjell national park, home to the iconic musk ox!



- Stockholm-Narvik-Tromsø: the **Norland night train (19 hours)** departs from Stockholm in the late afternoon. Wake up the next morning along the famous Arctic iron-ore railway, known for having some of the world's best views. Arrive in the Norwegian coastal town of Narvik, strategically important during WWII, around noon. Take a break here, or hop on the comfortable **4-hour bus (route 100)** to Tromsø and beyond.

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Together in electric dreams

We understand the appeal of driving at your own pace along Norway's sweeping, quiet roads, many of which follow the coast.

Why not do this the Norwegian way and rent an electric vehicle (EV)? In 2023, 82.38% of new cars sold in Norway were EVs, so you won't be alone!

Recharging is usually cheaper than refuelling, and charging points are easily found at regular service stations. **From compact cars to camper vans, it's easy to reduce carbon emissions and electrify your journey with an EV.**



By fjord, lake and sea

Many smaller places in Norway are connected by water. **80 emissions-free electric commuter ferries** are in operation throughout the country, and many ferry routes in Northern Norway are **free** for cars and foot passengers alike.



- **Tips for getting around by EV:** [VisitNorway](https://www.visitnorway.com).
- **Explore Norway's 18 scenic road routes, specially designated for beautiful road trips:** [VisitNorway](https://www.visitnorway.com).

Ferry routes, timetables & traffic reports are found in one handy place: [Norwegian Public Roads Administration](https://www.vegvesen.no) (Statens Vegvesen). Some terminals even have cams so you can see if there's a queue!

Useful links and apps

JOURNEY PLANNERS

- **Norway public transport journey planner:** entur.no
- **Journey planning from country to country:** [Rome2Rio](https://rome2rio.com) (any public transport); [RailNinja](https://www.railninja.com) (trains); [TheTrainline](https://www.thetrainline.com) (trains and buses)
- **Public transport trip suggestions:** [VisitNorway](https://www.visitnorway.com).
- **European train travel:** [eurail.com](https://www.eurail.com), [interrail.eu](https://www.interrail.eu)
- **European night train map**
- **Weather forecast:** [Yr](https://www.yr.no)

TRAIN, BUS AND FERRY TICKETS

- **Train tickets in Norway:** [vy.no](https://www.vy.no) (southern Norway), [sj.no](https://www.sj.no) (for journeys north of Oslo)
- **Train tickets in Sweden:** [sj.se](https://www.sj.se) (including for night train from Stockholm to Narvik)
- **Public transport apps (route planning and tickets):** [Reis Nordland](https://www.reisnordland.no) (Nordland county); [Fylkestrafikk](https://www.fylkestrafikk.no) (Troms county)
- **Comfortable buses to get around Norway:** [Vybuss](https://www.vybuss.no); [Arctic Bus](https://www.arcticbus.com); [nor-way.no](https://www.nor-way.no)
- **Port-to-port coastal ferry:** [Hurtigruten](https://www.hurtigruten.no); [Havila](https://www.havila.no)

