



NORWEGIAN GUIDE SERVICE

We know Norway!

Guide Course FAQ's

- **Do I get paid whilst I'm doing the course?**

No, the course must be completed before you start working as a guide, and you are not paid whilst attending.

- **How much does it cost to live in Norway?**

Norway is a fairly expensive country and prices of commodities are comparable to large cities in Northern Europe. Rental of a studio or shared apartment will cost around NOK 3500 per month (about 450 Euros).

- **Does Norwegian Guide Service organise accommodation?**

You have to find your own place to live (app. NOK 4500/ EURO 530 pr. month in Bergen in shared apartments, plus electricity).

- **Do I need to speak Norwegian?**

In Norway, English is widely understood and spoken so there is no need for you to speak Norwegian.

- **Am I guaranteed a job after the guide course?**

If you pass the written and oral exams at the end of the course, you are guaranteed a job for the summer season.

- **When is the guiding season?**

We offer work from the end of May/ beginning of June until the end of August/ beginning of September.

- **How much will I work?**

We do not guarantee a minimum/ maximum number of hours, however, most of our guides based in Bergen work around 20 / 25 days per month. Duration of tours is between 2 and 9 hours, and travel time (paid) will come in addition.

- **How much will I earn as a guide?**

It is difficult to give an average salary, but over the season, our guides generally earn an average between NOK 15,000 and NOK 25,000 per month, depending on their mother tongue and the number of languages they are able to guide in (there is greater demand for certain languages).

- **Will I need to pay tax in Norway?**

Yes, you will need to pay Norwegian Income Tax, however, if you over-pay tax during the summer, this will be refunded next year.

- **Do I need a visa to come to Norway?**

Information about visa requirements can be found at the link below. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct documentation to be in Norway.

<http://www.udi.no/templates/Tema.aspx?id=7403>

- **Do I need a Work Permit to work as a guide in Norway?**

Tour Guides of most nationalities can work in Norway for up to 3 months without a Work Permit. Therefore, a permit can be applied for whilst you are working here in Norway. More information can be found at the link below:

<http://www.udi.no/templates/Tema.aspx?id=7361>

- **Do I need to bring anything for the course?**

Except for a pen / pencil, No; we provide a file for you to work from for the guide course. All museum visits and trips during the course are included in the course fee.

Below are some links which you may find useful before deciding you would like to come to Norway:

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/norway>

http://www.studyinnorway.no/living_in_norway

<http://www.visitnorway.com/>