



Verdens ende, Tjøme, Vestfold
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Great Drives

Oslo

Around Oslo - Top of the World

*From ski-jumps to sea-kayaks, make the most of sporty Oslo with an **Avis hire car**.*

What other capital city is only ten minutes from skiing, fishing and moose safaris? Get your adrenalin flowing in the all-action coastal towns of the Oslofjord.

Test drive this two-day tour for the best of Oslo.

Pick up your Avis hire car from [Oslo Gardermoen International Airport](#) and head south on the E18 road to scenic **Verdens Ende** to test your fishing skills in the rivers and lakes of **Drammen**. Head north along the E18 for the heights of **Holmenkollen's** 80-metre ski jump and thrill-seeking on the **Tusenfryd** roller coasters, before fine art and even finer food at **Moss's** famous restaurant. Coming back, rejoin the E18 or take the ferry from Moss to Horten, which departs every half-hour.

High Points en route

Verdens Ende, Tjøme Island - Take the plunge

There's a fabulous drive to kick off your trip – through the dramatic Tjøme Island landscape to Norway's "world's end" – **Verdens Ende**. It's a great place to spend a couple of hours. Chill out over freshly-caught prawns in the seaside restaurant or go native with a shot of fiery local aquavit and a dive into the crystal-clear seawater.

Drammen – Grab a bite

Dump the car, grab a rod and pit your wits against Norwegian salmon in the rivers and fjords of **Drammen**. The town itself is beautiful, but the real draw is some of the best fishing in all of Scandinavia. Bring a camera, then there'll be no need for stories of "the one that got away" when you get home.

Holmenkollen – High jump

For most people the view down the slope of the 80-metre ski jump at **Holmenkollen** is enough to turn their legs to jelly, but those made of sterner stuff can live out their Eddie the Eagle fantasies on the brand new ski-jump simulator. If that gets your heart pumping, there are some great mountain-biking trails here too.

Tusenfryd – Rock 'n' roller

Time to up the pace a bit. For years the wooden Thunder-coaster roller coaster has been rattling teeth and raising heart-rates at **Tusenfryd**, but it's now been joined by the giant SpeedMonster. The fastest ride in Scandinavia is not for the faint-hearted. If that's *not* enough, water lovers can ride the white-knuckle SuperSplash.

Hotel Refsnes Gods, Moss – The art of dining

Time to relax and recharge your batteries. After another stunning drive winding through the Oslofjord, splash out at the **Hotel Refsnes Gods**. There's a world-famous collection of Munch paintings for the culture vulture, but the real treat is the food – hearty local fare like grilled reindeer or wild trout and the kind of wine list that'll have you booking a room for the night.

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High Points en route - Free time on your hands? Take your pick from the following five gems:

1/ Osломарка – Call of the wild

Get your winter gear and snowshoes on and head into the vast forest north of Oslo. Adventurous types can leave the wooded paths to search for moose and reindeer, or you can just kick back over pastries and hot chocolate in one of the many forest lodges.

2/ Nissedal – Water paradise

Put your foot down and take the glorious mountain route through the fjords out to Nissedal. Take the plunge into one of the area's natural fresh water bathing holes, or just chill out on one of the sandy beaches that ring Lake Nisser.

3/ Fredriksten Fortress, Halden – Fort Norway

Hit historic Halden and explore the imposing **Fredriksten Fortress** - there are ramparts, bastions and miles of underground passageways to get lost in. The Norwegians like to boast that no foreign power has ever occupied this stronghold, and the view from the top stretches all the way to neighbouring Sweden.

4/ Bragernesåsen – Get dizzy

Take a spin through the bizarre spiralling tunnel cut into the rock of **Bragernesåsen** mountain – up to the mountain peak 200 metres above sea level. There are miles of walking paths and ski-slopes here, but why not just take a short hop down to the **Åspaviljongen restaurant** and fill up on their legendary meatballs.

5/ Bygdøy - Sea the sights

The very best views of Oslo aren't from the mountains - they're from the sea. Take to the water and explore the harbour and the islands of the **Bygdøy Peninsula** with a four-hour guided sea-kayaking tour.

Avis Great Drives Route Map: Oslo



Need to know

Round trip

215 miles (344 km):
approx 6 hours 15 minutes
driving time

Best time to come

November to May for skiing,
May to October for salmon
fishing (freshwater fishing
permits are available from any
post-office).

Soundtrack

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