

How To Behave in Norway: 11 Things You Should Never Do. Norwegian Etiquette

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Hi guys,

My name is Anna and welcome to my channel, usually every single Sunday.

I'm going hiking and today, (and so as) not to feel alone I'm taking you with me in this video.

I'm going to tell you my list of 11 things you should never do in Norway.

I have many of you guys from Norway here so if I'm wrong about something, or I'm missing anything, please let me know in the comments down below.

Number one. Thinking that Norway is a small country.

Guys, you cannot imagine how many people don't understand how large Norway actually is.

I've heard many times that some people actually think that to get from Oslo to Bergen takes two hours with a car.

Let me open you a little secret. (I will let you in on a little secret.)

To drive from Oslo to Bergen takes seven hours to drive with no stops, no stops!

Norway has a lot of mountains.

It takes so many hours to drive from one place to another.

For example, it takes five hours to fly from the south part all the way up north. (Also because the country is so big, it takes five hours to fly from the south part all the way up north.)

Norway is a very long country which is stretching from top of Europe all the way to the Arctic Circle. (Norway is a very long country which stretches from the top of Europe all the way to the Arctic Circle.)

If you stuck a really large pin in the most south [southern most] point of Norway and spin the country all around, Norway will reach all the way to Italy.

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I will be happy to see your reaction.

Second, (don't) get too close to anyone anywhere.

After 10 years of living in England and especially in Italy, I got quite used to people getting really close to you when you speak.

I don't even know the lady and she called me a son of a bitch. (One time I was close to a lady I didn't know and she called me a son of a bitch!)

Norwegians are very different people.

In Norway (people) appreciate their personal space (and by staying far apart) they're not being rude, it's just their nature.

If you are not sure how close you should go, just watch their body language and don't get any closer if they back away from you.

Get away from me boy, get away, stay back, stay back.

I would say half a meter or a meter is quite a safe distance.

However during current situation I got this message from my colleagues. Keep this in mind. (At my job here in Norway, my colleagues showed me this sign.)

Third, never show up late.

It is considered to be rude to be late for the event or to cancel at the last minute. (It is considered rude to be late for an event or cancel at the last minute.)

Up to ten minutes late is okay, Norwegians will understand, if you let them know in advance that you are going to be late for the event.

“Oh I'm so sorry, I got lost while hiking, I will be seven minutes late.”

Actually, some Norwegians like when people come in (by) earlier to help them out with things. (Actually, some Norwegians like it when people come early so they can help the host prepare for the party.)

Number four: making eye contact all the time for a really long time.

Norwegians don't like eye contact.

They don't necessarily consider it's rude, they just don't know what to do about it and how to react.

It (This) doesn't mean that you should avoid it at all (altogether), especially when you greet someone, it's normal to look them in the eye.

Hi, hi. Hi, hi.

But don't look at them for too long.

A simple rule here (is) just make the same long eye contact as they do.

I hope you enjoy this video, if you do, please give me a reaction. (let me know)

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I will be so happy to have you as a part of my society. (I will be happy to have you as one of my followers.)

Number five. You cannot underestimate the word, koselig, it means cozy which is extremely important for Norwegians, whether it is staying inside next to the fireplace or spending a whole weekend in a cabin.

Hot koselig means for Norwegians to be 100% comfortable and to become really open up to other people.

Christmas Eve is the most important day for Norwegians where everything has to be koselig and traditions have to be followed.

Thing number six:

You can never think that you're better than everybody else.

Janteloven is a very important and unwritten law in Norway, it basically says you shouldn't think that you're any better, it doesn't mean that you shouldn't have self-esteem, it just means that just don't be cocky, no matter how professional or how rich you are.

Norwegians don't like people who brag.

Number seven might sound funny but it is not funny at all guys when you're in Norway.

Never say that Sweden is better at winter sports.

I'm just making sure that no one can hear me here.

Norwegians and Swedes are bitter rivals when it comes to winter sports especially winter Olympics sports.

Swedes even have a theory that Norwegians dope themselves because they win a lot.

But if there is the one thing you never do in Norway, is to make fun of Olympians here. (One thing you must never do in Norway is to make fun of their Olympians.)

However it doesn't mean that he you cannot talk about it at all, just be respectful, because guys now I understand after last winter, how difficult it is to become such a strong character in terms of winter sports. (... how strong you must be to excel at winter sports).

The training is so painful and I'm talking about random snowboarding not about professional training for professional Olympic sports. (The training is so painful just to learn snowboarding, training for Olympic sports is much, much worse.)

Number eight: do not ask questions that show that you have no knowledge at all about Norway.

It is not a good idea to visit Norway and ask where are their polar bears. What?

Or if Norway is the capital of Sweden.

Believe me guys, this happens a lot.

I even had a few examples, without naming names, I told people that currently I live in Norway and they go, like, ah, you moved to Sweden!

No, I'm living in Norway.

It might sound funny, but believe me first of all you will feel stupid making statements (saying things) like this and secondly, Norwegians and people who currently live here, will make fun of it for many years after. Silly budget ???.

Number nine: not dressing for the weather and complaining about it.

There is a Norwegian saying that there is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes.

Oh no! I told you there is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes.

Actually, Norwegians complain quite a lot about the weather.

Go to Bergen and talk to the local Norwegians there (and) they will complain a lot about how often it's raining there.

However Norwegians know exactly how to dress up for the cold weather.

If you don't know what to wear in Norway when coming (you come) here in winter time, watch my previous video where I explained how layers work.

If you show up wearing a t-shirt and shorts when it's minus 10 degrees you should thank yourself. (???)

Number 10: Don't think that you can see the northern lights anywhere in Norway all year round.

Some people actually think that it's dark in Norway all the time and you can see the northern lights everywhere and all year round. What?

That is not true, the best time to see the northern lights up north would be from September until early March and still there is no guarantee.

You can spend two weeks up north in Arctic Circle without seeing them because of cloudy weather so if you really want to be lucky and see the northern lights watch my previous videos.

In them I explain how to book a proper tour to the Arctic Circle and how to find the right people to show you the northern lights.

They can bring you (even take you) all the way to Finland to make sure that your dream will come true and you will see the northern lights.

Number 11: Never visit only Oslo the capital of Norway and actually, in Norwegian, the right way to pronounce the name of the capital is uslo.

Oslo is a great starting point, so spend a few days there, go to the parks, go to visit Aker Brygge, go to visit the viking ship museum and the opera.

But after that, my advice is to go somewhere else.

Travel to Bergen, there you will see those legendary, fascinating Norwegian fjords or move even up north like Tuleforton or to Tromso and you will have a good chance in wintertime to see those legendary northern lights.

Or in summertime, you will experience midnight sun.

It is literally when the sun doesn't go down and it stays daylight 24/7, from the end of May I believe, until the very beginning of August.

Last but not least my advice before you travel to Norway, or to any other country first research some information about country make sure that you know basic things, like the name of the capital or some history about the country you are visiting.

Also, just be open-minded, treat other people with respect the same way you want to be treated and you will be just fine.

Thank you so much for watching this video and also having fun with me hiking around.

Stay safe, be happy and I will see you next week.