

Expression of interest to host
GBIF GB33 2026
in Oslo, Norway

2026 is GBIF's 25th anniversary and
a great opportunity to celebrate!



GB33 Suggested dates

28th to 30th September 2026*

**Week 40 is school autumn holidays in Oslo
and hotel prices are lower*



Venue Options





Oslo Botanical Garden

<https://www.uio.no/om/finn-fram/omrader/toyen>

Welcome reception at the Botanical Garden and
Natural History Museum, Sunday 2026-09-27



Oslo Climate House

<https://www.nhm.uio.no/english/exhibitions/climate-house/>

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UiO Gamle Festsal

<https://www.uio.no/om/finn-fram/omrader/sentrum/se02/>

Venue option 1: University campus city centre
Auditorium capacity **240 people (+ 80 gallery)**



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UiO University Library

<https://www.ub.uio.no/english/>

Venue option 2: University campus Blindern



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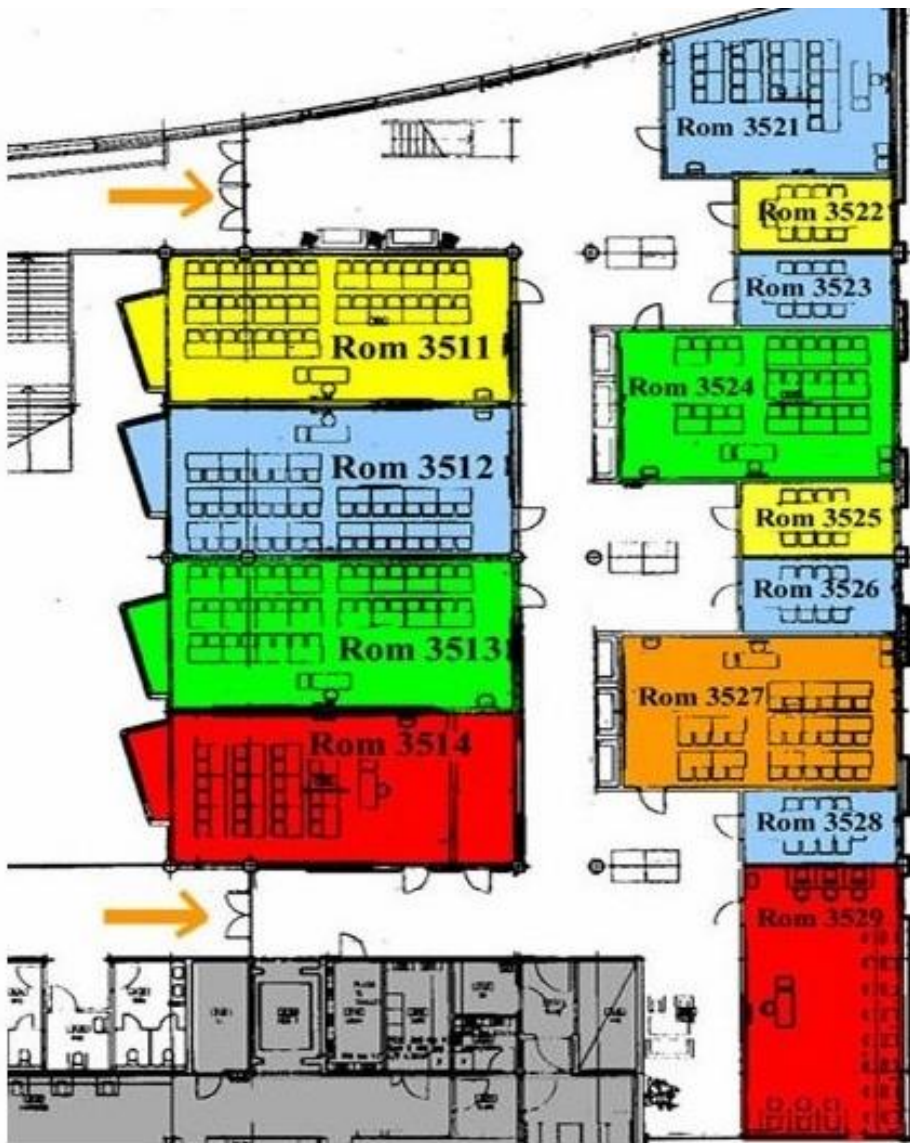
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Auditorium capacity **456 people**



Many meeting rooms available 10 to 50 people

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Photo: Ratio arkitekter/KVANT-1

UiO Life Science Building

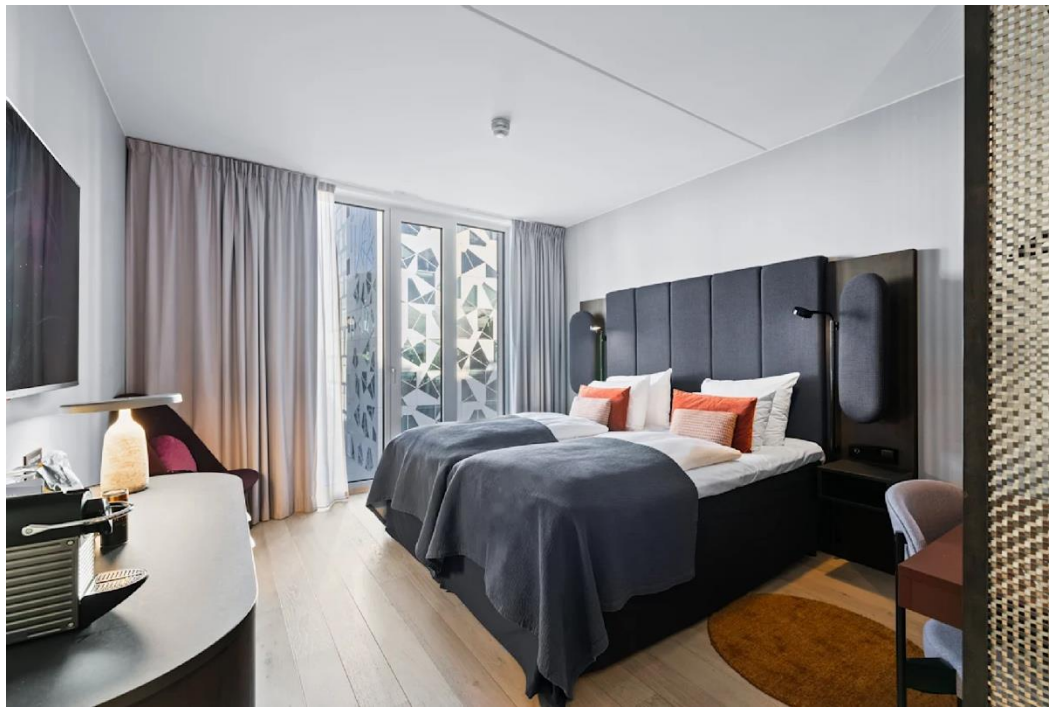
Norway's largest university and hospital building
97,500 square meters, move-in starts in 2026



**17 000 hotel rooms in Oslo.
6 000 rooms within a 10 min
walk of Oslo Central Station.**

**Rates include breakfast.
No additional hotel tax.
Wi-Fi is always free.**

Accommodation



CLARION HOTEL OSLO

- 255 rooms
- 50 km to Oslo airport
- 500 m to Oslo Central Station
- 20% discount (block reservation)

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CLARION HOTEL THE HUB

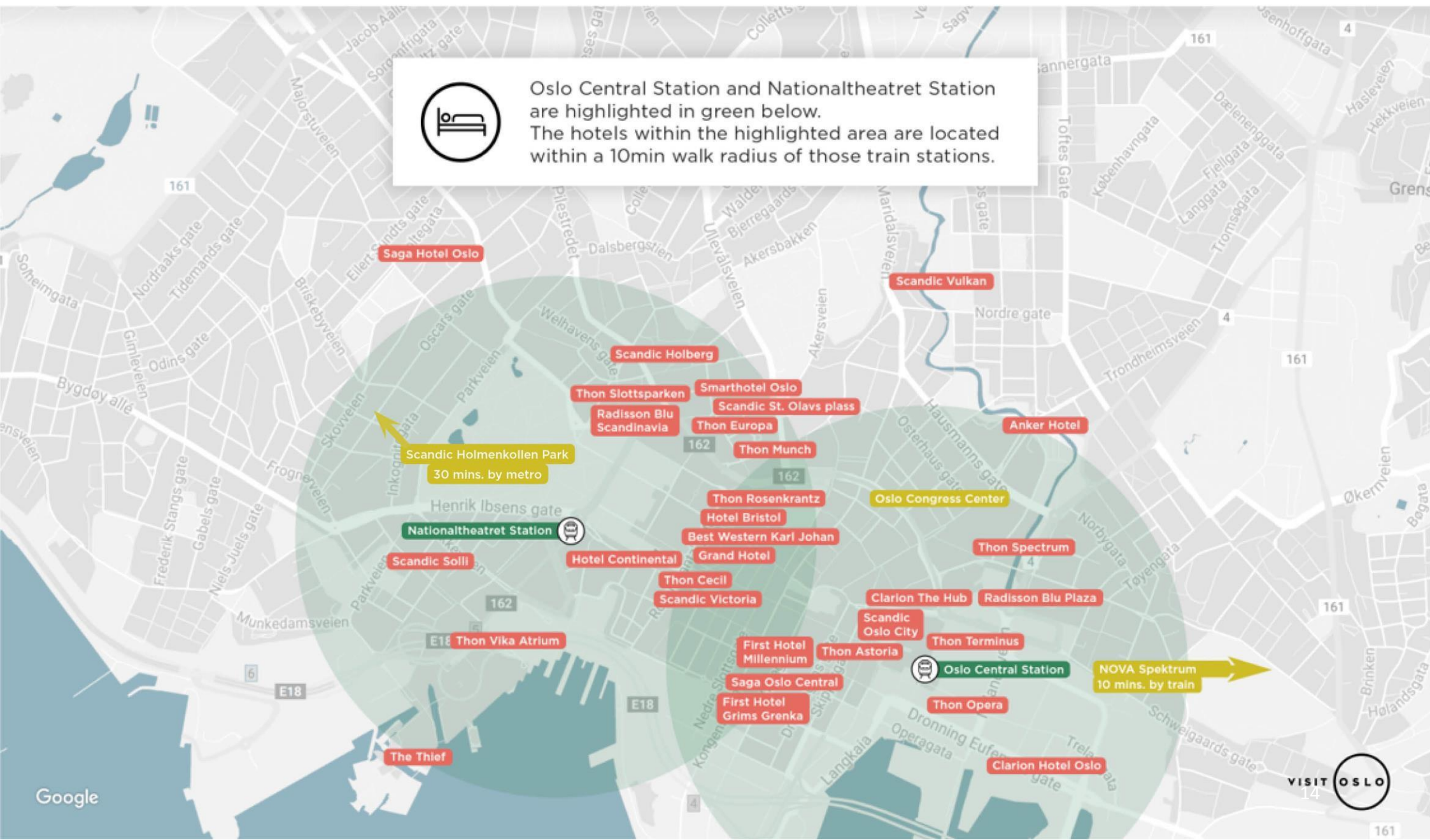
- 810 rooms
- 50 km to Oslo airport
- 150 m to Oslo Central Station
- 20% discount (block reservation)

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Hotels within walking distance of Oslo Central Station and Nationaltheatret Station



Oslo Central Station and Nationaltheatret Station are highlighted in green below. The hotels within the highlighted area are located within a 10min walk radius of those train stations.



Transportation



Oslo Airport

Direct routes to 112 international destinations.

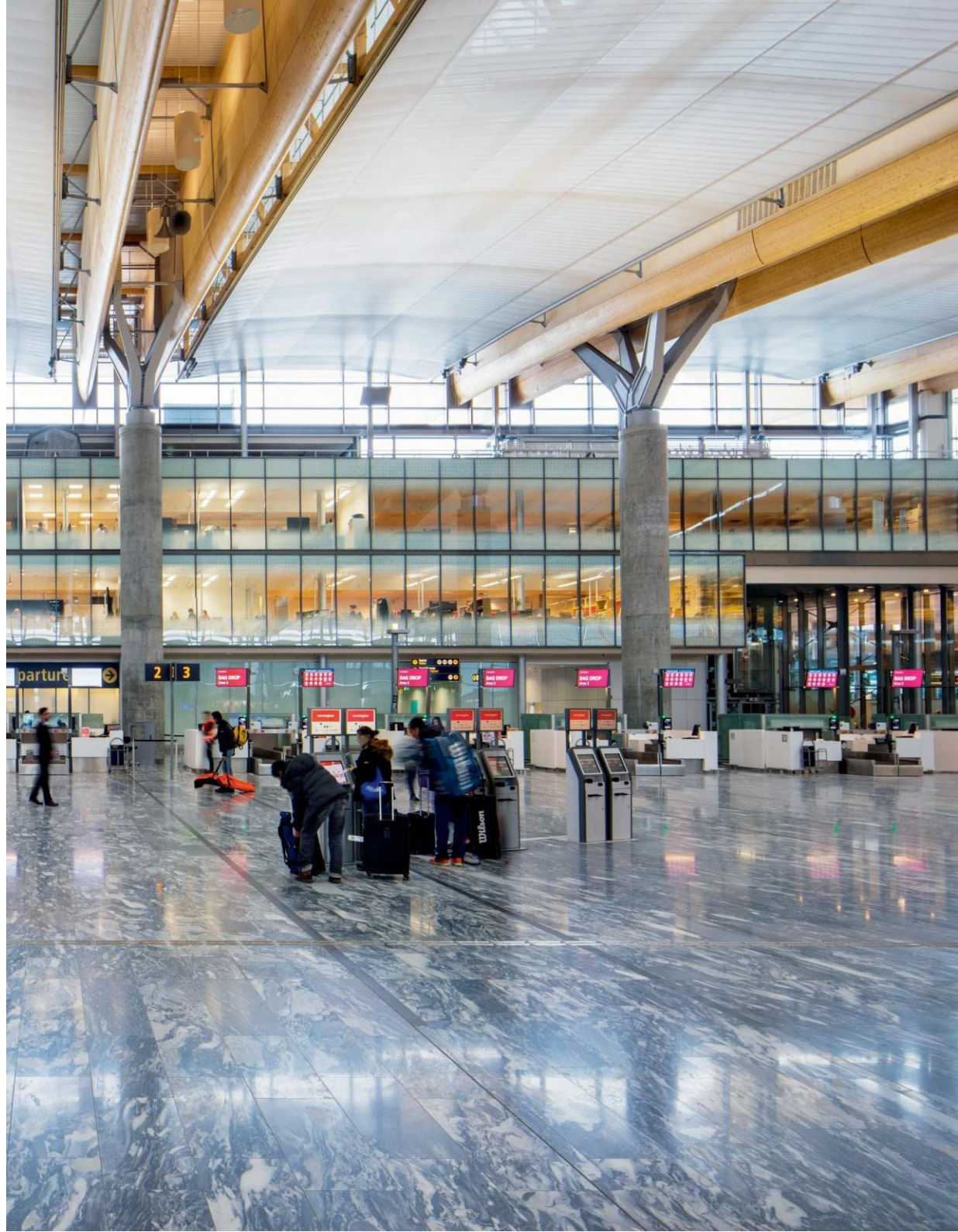
Airport train 19 min to Oslo Central Station

One of Europe's most modern airports, new terminal opened in 2017.

Eco-friendly terminals; snow collected in winter cools the airport in summer.

Contactless and self-service check-in, bag-drop and boarding.

Europe's most punctual major airport according to Eurocontrol statistics.





OUTSIDE EUROPE

New York	8.5 hours
Dubai	6.5 hours
Qatar	6.5 hours
Los Angeles	10.5 hours
Toronto	10 hours
Beijing	12 hours
Tokyo	15 hours
Bangkok	14 hours
Hong Kong	14.5 hours
Johannesburg	15 hours
Vancouver	14 hours
Sydney	23.5 hours

Flight times and routes

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Event organizers can integrate transport passes in the conference badges as a QR code
Congress passes are valid from Oslo Airport and within Oslo.
60% REDUCTION ON CONGRESS PASS



Norway's only high-speed train also provides fast and comfortable transport between Oslo Airport (OSL) at Gardermoen and several stops in the Oslo region.
*NB! Not included in the congress pass
Airport Express Train*

Public Transportation

From OSL airport to the city center within 19min



Getting around

Everything in the city centre is within walking distance. In need of local transportation, Oslo's excellent public transportation system makes it easy to travel around the city.

Distances between attractions are often quite short, so you can explore a lot of the city by walking or biking.

Accessibility:

Useful links concerning physical accessibility in Oslo.

<https://www.visitoslo.com/en/oslo/practical-information/accessibility/>



Key Attributes

A nighttime photograph of the Oslo Concert Hall, a modern building with a curved, metallic facade, illuminated from within. To the right, a historic building with many lit windows is visible across the water. The sky is dark blue with some clouds. The text 'Oslo as a conference host' is overlaid in white.

Oslo

as a conference host

- Oslo is easily accessible from all over the world
- 19 minutes from airport to city centre with high-speed trains
- Oslo offers 17.000 hotel rooms in 2024
- Breakfast buffet included in the room rate
- Free use of Wi-Fi at venues, hotels, restaurants and trains
- Oslo has an urban, compact city centre with everything within walking distance
- Effective public transportation network
- Green credentials; 2nd on GDS Index in 2023, and European Green Capital 2019
- A friendly population who likes to speak English
- Delivers high-level quality in every service aspect
- Reliable providers and suppliers

Oslo Green Facts

- Around 95 % of the hotels hold a sustainability certification
- 97 % of the energy consumption in Oslo comes from renewable resources
- By 2030 carbon emissions will be reduced by 95% compared to 2009 levels
- In 2023 Oslo listed as the 2nd most sustainable conference destination according to the GDS Index
- In 2022 Oslo ranked as number one on the Sustainable City Index
- Oslo has over 200 km of cycle paths, and 243 city bike rental stations
- Since 2020 public transportation only use renewable energy, mostly electric
- Walking, cycling and public transport are the preferred modes of travel
- OSLO Airport is Carbon Accredited Airport and among the world's greenest
- The tap water in Oslo is of high quality and safe to drink
- Oslo was the European Green Capital in 2019

CITY PARKS

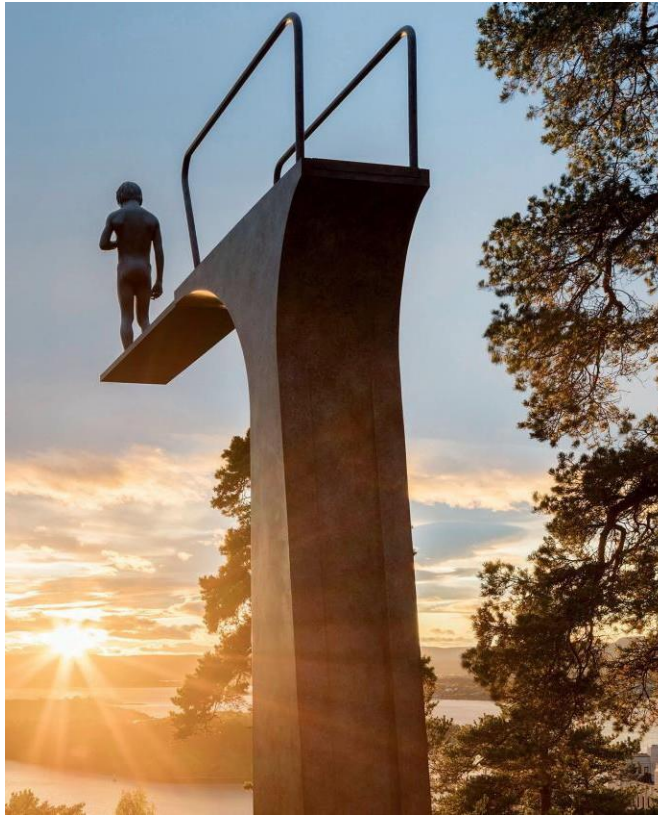


VIGELAND SCULPTURE PARK

The Vigeland Sculpture park is one of Oslo's most famous sights, and most visited attraction in Norway. A walk through this park of more than 200 sculptures in bronze, granite and cast iron, is a journey through life, as seen by Gustav Vigeland.

On a nice day the park is full of people; here you can go for a run, walk the dog, have a picnic or barbecue, play badminton or just enjoy the sun. The Park has Norway's biggest collection of roses; a total of 14,000 plants of 150 different species.

Free entrance.

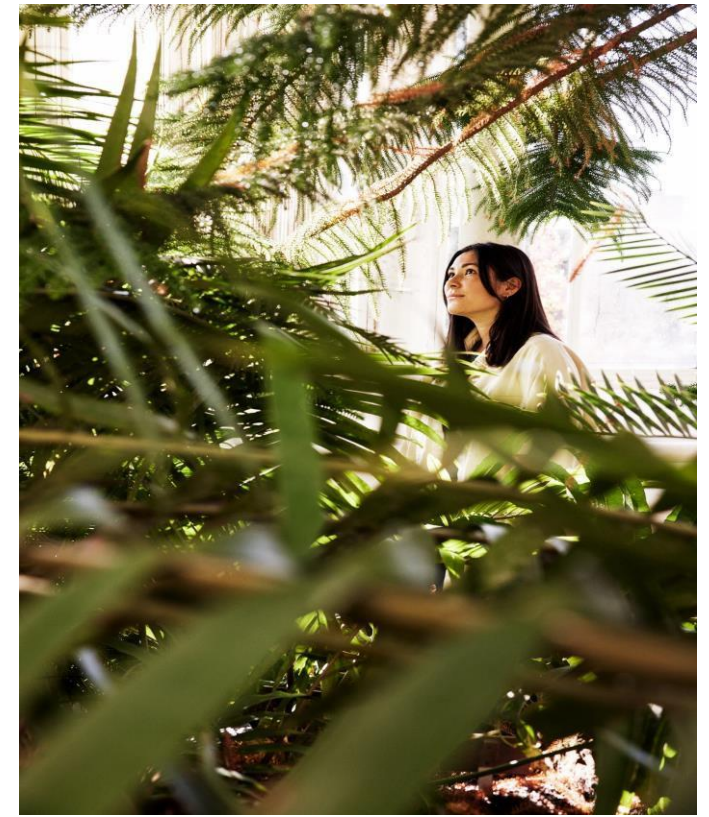


EKEBERGPARKEN

The Ekeberg Sculpture Park opened in 2013 and has quickly gained status among Europe's many sculpture parks. This is a modern park with approx. 42 sculptures and installations today, but more are planned in the coming years. Guided tours through these parks are offered in several languages.

Shortly after the official opening, the Wall Street Journal named Ekebergparken one of the world's five best sculpture parks.

Free entrance.



BOTANICAL GARDEN

Large garden at Tøyen with ample botanical variety and diversity. Most of the area is designed as an Arboretum, with approximately 1800 different plants. The garden holds a large and varied collection of trees and shrubs planted in a systematic fashion after plant family.

The greenhouses The Palm House from 1868 and The Victoria House from 1876 present exotic plants from other parts of the world.

Free entrance.



PRE/POST TOURS

NORWAY IN A NUTSHELL



TDWG 2026 in Oslo

21st to 25th September

(the week before GB33)



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Museum**



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Welcome to Oslo 28 to 30 September 2026