



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, 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 room in a shared apartment will cost around NOK 4500 per month.*

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

*You have to find your own place to live (app. NOK 4500 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 local course in Bergen, you are guaranteed a job for the summer season.*

- **When is the guiding season?**

*We offer work from mid May until the end of August / 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, the guides who are available 100 % and do all the tours assigned to them, generally earn an average between NOK 15,000 and NOK 25,000 per month in the high season June/July/August (before tax). The income depends on your mother tongue and the number of languages they are able to guide in (there is greater demand for certain languages) and particularly on your availability during the season. Guides with a lot of days off during the high season will earn less than the average.*

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

*Yes, you will need to pay Norwegian Income Tax, usually between 25-36% of the income. However, if you over-pay tax during the summer, this will be refunded the year after.*

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

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

<https://www.udi.no/en/want-to-apply/the-registration-scheme-for-eueea-nationals/>

<https://www.udi.no/en/word-definitions/persons-who-do-not-need-a-visa-to-visit-norway/>

- **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:*

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- **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 (paid for by NGS).*

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

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

<http://studyinnorway.no/living-in-norway>

<http://www.visitnorway.com/?lang=uk>