Gudvangen to Vik via Hardanger: 2-Day Self-Guided Tour

Gudvangen – Skjervsfossen – Granvin – Ulvik – Hardanger Bridge – Eidfjord – Vøringsfossen – Myrkdalen – Vik

Fjords, tunnels, orchards, waterfalls and a stave church. The route goes south from Gudvangen to the Hardangerfjord, then north again over Vikafjellet to Vik on the Sognefjord. Plan an overnight stay in Ulvik or Eidfjord.

- Best season: May–September for driving; December–April for skiing in Myrkdalen.
- Main roads: E16, Rv 13 and Rv 7.
- Distance: about 285 km.
- Driving time: 5.5–6 hours in total.

Day 1 – Gudvangen → Granvin → Ulvik → Eidfjord

1. Gudvangen — UNESCO fjord gateway

Viking village (Njardarheimr), fjord-cruise quay and the cliffs of the Nærøyfjord. Allow 60–90 min.

Map pin: 60.8787, 6.8388

2. Skjervsfossen — two-step waterfall

Twin falls of about 150 m, with short paths by the old road near Granvin. Allow 20–30 min.

Map pin: 60.5878, 6.6363

3. Granvin — quiet Hardanger arm

White wooden church (1726) and fjord views.

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4. Ulvik — orchards and cider farms

Tastings (book ahead) at Syse Gard, Hardanger Saft- og Siderfabrikk and Ulvik Frukt & Cideri; the Olav H. Hauge Centre.

Map pin: 60.5712, 6.9170

5. Hardanger Bridge — engineering icon

Norway’s longest suspension bridge (1 380 m), opened in 2013. Toll road.

Map pin: 60.4743, 6.8255

6. Eidfjord — gateway to Hardangervidda

Norsk Natursenter Hardanger, cafés and short fjord walks.

Map pin: 60.4675, 7.0719

Overnight: Ulvik or Eidfjord.

Day 2 – Vøringsfossen → Myrkdalen → Vik

7. Vøringsfossen — Norway’s classic viewpoint

182 m total drop, a step bridge opened in 2020 and several viewpoints. Allow 60–90 min.

Map pin: 60.4264, 7.2548

8. Myrkdalen — four-season valley

Back over the bridge and via Voss. One of the largest ski areas in western Norway; lake and hiking in summer.

Map pin: 60.8422, 6.4654

9. Vikøyri — fjord village on the Sognefjord

Over the Vikafjellet pass (about 987 m). Historic village, bakery and the TINE dairy, home of gamalost.

Map pin: 61.0879, 6.5797

10. Hopperstad Stave Church — medieval masterpiece

Built around 1130–1150, with Romanesque wooden portals and a painted Gothic canopy inside. Allow 30–45 min.

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Optional: Vangsnes ferry — onward to Balestrand

Car ferry to Dragsvik and Hella for the north shore of the Sognefjord.

Map pin: 61.1749, 6.6376

Driving distances and times

Segment	Distance	Time	Notes
Gudvangen → Granvin	about 71 km	~1 h 20 min	Via Stalheim, Vossestrand and Voss
Granvin → Ulvik	about 23 km	~30 min	Via the Vallavik tunnel
Ulvik → Eidfjord	about 33 km	~40 min	Over the Hardanger Bridge (toll)
Eidfjord → Vøringsfossen	about 19 km	~25 min	Up Måbødalen on Rv 7
Vøringsfossen → Myrkdalen	about 96 km	~1 h 50 min	Back over the bridge, via Granvin and Voss
Myrkdalen → Vik	about 40 km	~50 min	Over Vikafjellet; winter closures possible
Total	**about 285 km**	**5.5–6 h**	**About 55 km/h on average**

Travel Notes

- Many roads have a 60–80 km/h speed limit and pass through villages and tunnels. Plan extra time.
- Check road conditions and mountain passes with Statens vegvesen before you leave. Vikafjellet can close in winter.
- Book cider tastings in Ulvik in advance.
- Check the current ferry schedule and fares for Vangsnes.
- Weather changes quickly between the coast and the mountains. Bring layers, even in summer.
- Use marked pull-outs and respect fences and farm gates in the orchards.

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