

Voss to Hardangerfjord: 2-3 Day Self-Guided Fjord Itinerary

Voss - Granvin - Ulvik - Hardanger Bridge - Eidfjord - Voss - Aurland / Flåm - Voss

Experience the landscapes of the Voss–Hardangerfjord route at your own pace. This round trip links mountain valleys, orchards, fjords and engineering landmarks across western Norway. Distances are moderate, but the scenery is dense with detail — allow time for stops, photos and slow travel.

Day 1 - Voss → Granvin → Ulvik

Theme: From inland valleys to Hardanger's orchards

- Visit Voss Church (1277) and learn about early Christianization under Olaf II.
- Walk by Vangsvatnet Lake and the Folk Museum for context on farm architecture.
- Drive to Granvin on Rv 13 (about 25 km, ~30 min) to see the white church and lake surrounded by spruce forest.
- Continue to Ulvik (about 25 km, ~30 min).
 - Explore the waterfront village and orchards.
 - Visit a Hardanger cider farm such as Syse Gard for tastings and short farm walks.
 - Learn about Hardanger's apple varieties and the protected Sider frå Hardanger label.

Overnight: Ulvik (guesthouse, fjord hotel, or cabins near the water).

Day 2 - Ulvik → Hardanger Bridge → Eidfjord → Voss → Aurland / Flåm

Theme: Waterfalls, hydropower and fjord engineering

- Drive from Ulvik over the Hardanger Bridge to Eidfjord (about 32 km, ~40 min).
 - Stop at the harbour for fjord views and local crafts.
 - Optional detour up Måbødalen Valley to Vøringsfossen Waterfall (182 m drop; about 19 km each way, ~25 min).
- Visit the Norsk Natursenter Hardanger or the viewpoint above the falls.
- Learn about the Sima Power Plant, Norway's second-largest hydroelectric system, built inside the mountain.
- On the way back, cross the Hardanger Bridge (1 380 m) again — Norway's longest suspension bridge, with a roundabout inside the tunnel on the Ulvik side.
- Continue via Granvin and Voss to Aurland or Flåm for the overnight stay (about 120 km, ~2 h 15 min from Eidfjord).
 - Aurland offers peace and village charm; Flåm has more restaurants and connections to the railway and fjord cruises.

Overnight: Aurland or Flåm.

Day 3 - Aurland / Flåm → Voss

Theme: Fjord to mountain — closing the circle

- Optional morning activity:
 - Ride the Flåm Railway (Flåmsbana) to Myrdal, climbing from sea level to 865 m.
 - Or drive to the Stegastein Viewpoint (650 m above the fjord) for panoramic views.
- Return to Voss via E16 (about 70 km, ~1 h 20 min).
 - Note the contrast between the coastal fjords and the inland agricultural valley where the journey began.

Travel Notes

- Distance: about 280 km round trip, or about 320 km with the Vøringsfossen detour
- Driving time: plan for 5–6 hours in total. Many roads have a 60–80 km/h speed limit and pass through villages and tunnels.
- Best season: May–September (fruit blossom and harvest)
- Main highlights:
 - Voss Church and valley culture
 - Granvin Lake and forestry landscape
 - Ulvik cider farms and apple orchards
 - Vøringsfossen Waterfall and Sima Power Plant (visitor centre temporarily closed)
 - Hardanger Bridge and fjord tunnels
 - Aurlandsfjord viewpoints and Flåm Railway
- Tip: Drive slowly, stop often, and allow each valley its rhythm. The road is part of the experience.

☐ Fuel and charging checked ☐ Overnight stays booked ☐ Road and weather checked

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