## All you need to know about travelling by car in Norway

First we like to share the Visitor Norway information on <u>"Getting around by Car"</u>
Here you find all the information you need to know when travelling by car through Norway.

## **Road Tolls in Norway**

Paying tolls to use many of the country's roads is something you should expect when visiting Norway. Here's everything you need to know. The use of road tolls to fund road building has a long tradition in the country. The main purpose is to develop better road infrastructure, faster, but they can also be used for strengthening public transport solutions within cities. Approximately 190 toll stations are in operation around Norway.

Owned by Statens vegvesen, AutoPASS is the system used to administer and collect tolls throughout Norway. These days, most toll stations are automated and you simply drive on as usual without stopping or even slowing down.

The one main exception is the Atlantic Road tunnel between Kristiansund and Averøy, where manned toll booths are in operation.

Norwegian drivers and regular visitors register their car with <u>AutoPASS</u> and receive a tag that is placed on the windscreen. Whenever they drive through an automated collection point, the journey is registered and a bill is sent on a monthly basis.

## Norwegian toll roads for visitors

All drivers, regardless of your nationality, are required to pay Norwegian road tolls. The automated toll stations are all equipped with a video camera that reads registration plates and toll tags on every vehicle that drives through.

If you hire a car in Norway, your rental car provider will have registered the vehicle with AutoPASS. Simply drive as usual and your toll charges will be added to your final bill, unless otherwise agreed with the rental company.

If you are driving a foreign registered vehicle, it's a good idea to register with <u>Euro Parking Collection</u> (EPC), which is the body responsible for invoicing such vehicles. By registering your vehicle before your journey, you will ensure easy access to all invoices and a much faster processing time. If you don't register, an invoice will be sent to the registered address of the vehicle's owner. It will be in the language of the car's registered country, and you can usually pay to a local bank account.

## **Charges to drive in Norwegian cities**

Although I highly recommend a road trip in Norway, I do caution against hiring a car if you are planning a city break. Environmental legislation has made driving in Norwegian cities extremely expensive. Overview on costs mayor toll roads.

Avoiding driving during "rush hour" can save you 50% on toll costs.

Rush Hour: 06:30 - 08:59 and 14:30 - 16:29. Cost per station passed in 2021 NOK30/NOK56

Street parking in the city is expensive, especially after the first hour. My advice when visiting Norway is to use public transport while staying in cities.