

Best Practices Norway

As an add on to the Netherlands Best Practices trip, we have a wonderful option to continue and visit Norway. While in Norway, we will be meeting and learning both in Bergen Norway, a Unesco World Heritage Site and the second largest city in Norway, and Oslo, the country's largest city approximately the size of Portland.

Right now, we are curating the final agenda, but we are going to be touching on the following areas of interest and of importance to the Portland Metro Region. Here are some key areas of interest we are working on, though they are subject to change or modification.

Electrification and Decarbonization of the Ports

The pressure to improve environmental footprints of transport and logistics operations is mounting worldwide and Norway is leading in the world around decarbonization of the ports initiatives. Green ports are harbour facilities that prioritize sustainable practices. Norway strives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in domestic shipping and fishing by 50% by 2023.

<https://amogy.co/news/norway-leading-the-journey-to-net-zero>

Waterfront Ground Redevelopment Projects

The Oslo waterfront ground redevelopment project is called "Fjord City", a large-scale urban renewal plan aimed at revitalizing the central Oslo waterfront by creating a continuous public promenade, connecting the city center to the Oslo fjord with new residential, commercial, and cultural developments, while relocating the port to a new area called Sorhavna.

<https://whitearkitekter.com/project/oslo-harbour-promenade/>

Norway Department of Corrections

In the 1990s, Norway had a problem. Roughly 70% of all released prisoners recommitted crimes within two years of release, a rate nearly equal to the United States. Norwegian lawmakers realized the existing system wasn't working and acting boldly, completely overhauling the country's prison system. Today, Norway's prison system has become a model for the world and some states in the U.S. are following Norway's lead.

<https://www.firststepalliance.org/post/norway-prison-system-lessons>

Oslo Science City

The innovation district Oslo Science City is Norway's most knowledge-intensive area, home to the country's top university, the largest hospital in the Nordic region, internationally leading research institutes, one of Europe's largest business schools, and dynamic startup environment. Oslo Science City is Norway's first innovation district. Here, researchers, students, startup companies, businesses and public entities collaborate to develop a vibrant urban area where people meet to solve the challenges of the future and create value.

<https://www.oslosciencecity.no/en>

We will combine our meetings with a few very fun and amazing tourist activities.

There is much to learn and exchange with Norway. This will be a very informative trip and one to remember.