

Practical Guide for coming to Norway (Updated 2 October 2022)

From Airport Kjevik Kristiansand to your hotel/accommodation

Bus

There is a local bus line 35. The bus stop is at the main road behind the P-house, and [the schedule is here](#). It stops at the main bus station. The cost is a regular price, but you need to have the mobile app ready or flexikort (pre-paid multi-travel card which they may or may not sell in the kiosk in the departure area of the airport), as the bus does not take cash (See public transport section). The schedule may not fit your arrival.

Taxi:

You can book the taxi through **the booking machine** right after you go out from security/luggage pick up. In the international arrival, the machine is located on the left side of the exit door.

A similar machine for taxi booking is available for domestic flights (if you fly via Oslo). The distance from the airport to the city centre is approximately 16 km, and the trip by taxi takes approximately 17 minutes.

- [Taxi Sør](#) - Phone (+47) 38 02 80 00. Taxi to Kristiansand city centre [costs NOK 385](#) (Before 20:00 o'clock), and NOK 500 between 20:00 PM-06:00 AM (Price for 1-4 passenger)
- [Agder Taxi](#) - Phone (+47) 38 00 20 00 [has fixed price to city centre NOK 390](#) (day) and NOK 505 (night) (Price for 1-4 passengers)

We suggest that you arrange *a shared taxi*, if some of you arrive at the same time. We will try to register an overview of your arrival and later departure for sharing the taxi costs, if you need it. Different taxi prices will be applied if you stay beyond the city centre.

Note: If you travel from Gardemoen Oslo using ground transport to Kristiansand

1. Take [flytoget](#) (airport express train, NOK 210, takes 21 minutes) or "flybussen" (airport express bus from Gardemoen to Oslo Bussterminal, NOK 209, 50 minutes)
2. Take bus from Oslo Bussterminal to Kristiansand Busstasjon/ Rutebilstasjon (5 hours)
 - a. [Vy Buss](#)
 - b. [Konkurenten](#)
 - c. [Lavpris Ekspressen](#) (Information only available in Norwegian)

Public Transport from City Centre to University of Agder

Walking from the city centre to the University of Agder can take approximately 30 minutes.

You can take the bus as well. Many buses from the city centre will pass UiA campus Kristiansand and take approximately 15 minutes. **Stop at "Universitetet" bus stop**. From the UiA bus stop to the main entrance of UiA will take 5-7 minutes walking.

- From Scandic Bystranda Hotel, walk 8 min to [Kvadraturen Videregående Skole bus stop](#) and choose bus number 12, M2, M3 and M4
- From Thon Partner Hotel Norge, walk 10 minutes to [Rådhus K bus stop](#), and choose the bus no 12, M3, M1, 41, M4
- From Clarion Hotel Ernst, walk 9 minutes to [Henrik Wergelands gate C](#), and choose M4, M3 or walk 7 min to [Bus Station](#), and take the bus M1, 36
- From Radisson Blue Caledonian Hotel, walk 10 min to [Bus Station](#), and take bus M1, 36, 45, 41 or walk 13 minutes to [Rådhuset K bus stop](#) and take 12, M3, M1, 41, M4

- From Thon Partner Hotel Parken walk 7 minutes to Rådhus K bus stop, and choose the bus no 12, M3, M1, 41, M4, or walk 7 minutes to Tinghuset L bus stop and choose the bus no 36

Buses in Norway do not accept cash payment. The easiest is using [Flexicard](#) that is available for 10 (NOK 240) or 20 journeys (NOK 400). Downloading and installing the [AKT App Ticket \(called AKT Billett\)](#) from the Appstore or from [Google Play](#) before coming to Norway is also easier. But you need to connect it with your credit card information beforehand, and you can have flexibility on what kinds of ticket you would like to buy (e.g., single ticket, 24 hours ticket, a week ticket, monthly ticket etc).

Of course, walking is cheaper (the total time required when walking and taking bus is approximately the same, 30 minutes)

Weather

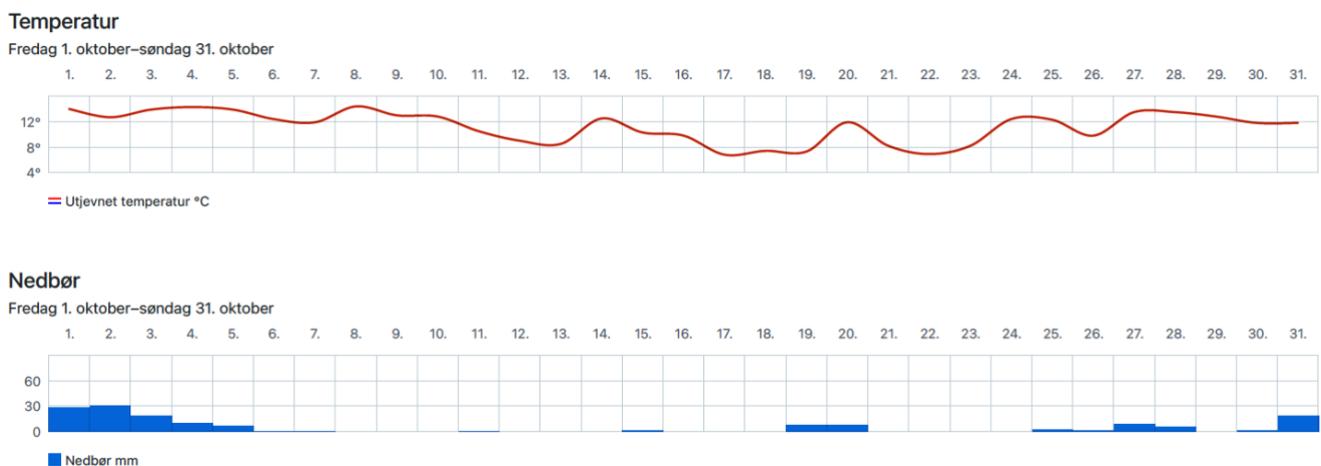


Figure 1 Average historical daily Temperature and Rain (in mm) in October 2021

The average temperature in October was around 10° Celsius in 2021, sometimes combined with rain. The day and night temperature varies between 3° Celsius in the morning/ night and 11°-14° Celsius in the day. Last year there was a little rain in mid-October. But we are never able to guarantee, what kinds of weather we will have this October. You can always check the weather forecasting here: <https://www.yr.no/en/forecast/daily-table/1-2376/Norway/Agder/Kristiansand/Kristiansand> The forecast is reliable, especially closer to the actual date.

Clothes:

- Warm clothes
- Thermal (cotton, wool etc.) underwear (Longjohn), may be necessary on the boat trip, if you plan to join
- Cap, scarf, and gloves
- Good shoes, especially with water repellent material e.g., Goretex
- Warm socks
- Water repellent jacket or umbrella

We suggest using “onion-like” clothing, which means you have some layers of clothes in the morning and can remove unnecessary layers when the weather is getting warmer.

Most rooms at the university are in a comfortable, indoor temperature. We recommend to always bring the cap, scarf, gloves, warm shoes and warm jackets, and put in your bag when you do not need them.

Currency:

The currency in Norway is Norwegian Kroner (NOK). Almost all shops, groceries, even small kiosks and taxi accept payment with credit/debit card, and of course, cash. So, if you plan to pay most of your needs using cards, it is possible, and you will need very little cash. Norwegians themselves rarely use cash these days.

But if you prefer to use cash, we suggest having the NOK already when you arrive, as most shops will not accept payment with EURO. You can do the following:

- Estimate your budget and bring Norwegian Kroner from your home country or change in the airport
- Take out some money in the ATM at the airport (Kjevik), Oslo Gardemoen (if connected via Oslo), Schipol (if connected via Amsterdam) or in Kastrup (if connected via Copenhagen).

Practical words in Norwegian:

- Good morning: god morgen
- Good Afternoon: god dag
- Good evening: god kveld
- Thank you: takk or tusen takk
- How much does it cost: Hvor mye koster det?
- Excuse me: Unnskyld meg
- Where are the restrooms: Hvor er toalettet?