

TRAVEL ALTERNATIVES TO SKOMVÆR AND RØST AIR

Ferry travel from continental Europe to Norway:

The following ferry companies have routes from Denmark

- Color Line
- Stena Line
- DFDS
- Fjord Line

From Germany (Kiel) Color Line's ships take you to Norway. The same company also sails from Sweden (Strömstad). Links to Color Line's homepage provided above.

Train travel Oslo - Bodø:

From Oslo you take a train via Trondheim to Bodø with NSB (<https://www.nsb.no/>). The site has an English option. The ride takes 19 hours and has one 45 min stop in Trondheim, but the scenery is beautiful. If you order early enough prices are very low (around 45 USD one-way). It's important that your departing station is Oslo S, the other option (Oslo Gardemoen) is the airport.

Ferries Tromsø/Harstad - Bodø:

If you're coming from Tromsø or Harstad the alternatives are ferries, high-speed ferries or a long-distance bus. You'll find links (w. Eng. language options available) below:

The traditional coastal maritime service called Hurtigruten:

<http://www.hurtigruten.com/no/?gclid=CMjvvuf8k8UCFaHOcgod4HsAbw>

Or you'll find long-distance bus and high-speed ferry options here:

http://www.177nordland.no/index.php?ac_id=280&ac_parent=280

Train travel Stockholm - Narvik, bus Narvik - Bodø:

Through the Swedish state railways Statens Järnvägar (SJ) you can take the night train to Narvik and a bus from Narvik onwards to Bodø. SJ's homepage can be found here: <http://www.sj.se/?l=en> (the site has an English language option).

From there you can take a bus southward to Bodø, it takes approx 6-8 hrs. Tickets can be found here: http://www.177nordland.no/?ac_id=286&ac_parent=280#.

Bodø - Røst - Skomvær:

Upon arrival in Bodø the ferry terminal is only five minutes away by foot from the central train station. The ferry company taking you out to Røst is called Torghatten (<http://www.torghatten-nord.no/>.) and you buy a ticket upon entering the ferry. it's approx. 260 NOK and the ride takes 4-5 hrs.

Usually the ferry departs at 4pm so you have some time in Bodø. I recommend bringing some 10 crown coins with you, then you can deposit and leave your luggage in storage at the train terminal if you feel like strolling about in the downtown area for a bit. From the island of Røst we'll arrange for you to be transported out to Skomvær and the lighthouse through our local friends working as fishermen or tourist guides. We strongly encourage you to travel green, as the voyage out to Skomvær is as much a part of the residency as the time spent on the island, but if you are dependent on traveling by air, there are several ways of flying to Bodø airport. Please contact us for details.

PACKING LIST

This is a list of recommended items for your stay on the island, in addition to your personal necessities. The average temp is 11oC in summer. It can be less, and up to 20oC max.

CLOTHING

warm wool underwear / superundertøyskift
wool sweater / varm ullgenser
wool hat / wind hat / lue
waterproof clothes / regnklær
windproof jacket and pants / anorakk / vindtette bukser for utendørsaktivitet working gloves / arbeidshansker
swimsuit / badeklær
shorts / shorts

FOOTWEAR

(rubber boots / gummistøvler / vanntette sko)
hiking boots and work boots / fjellstøvler / utendørssko for fottur + utendørs arbeid wool socks / ullsokker / skift
indoor shoes / house slippers

ADDITIONAL

solar power charger
towel and cloth / håndkle og klut sunscreen lotion / solkrem
water bottle / vannflaske
pen and notebook / penn og skrivebok artist supplies
yoga mat
eye shades