

Hike Through One of Europe's Best-Kept Secrets: The Faroe Islands



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The Faroe Islands—18 rocky islands between Iceland and Norway that are part of Denmark—are breathtakingly beautiful and stunningly unknown. Called “Europe’s best-kept secret” by some, these islands are a paradise for anyone who loves the outdoors; the mountains and sea provide opportunities for hiking, bird-watching, scuba diving, and more. So if you dream of camping on grassy heathlands, if you live to search out the best hiking trails, and if you feel most alive on the top of a steep coastal cliff with green earth spread out below you, welcome to your new favorite destination—the Faroe Islands.

Go by sea Two airlines fly to the Faroe Islands, but a BUCKiTDREAMER knows the ferry is a far more unique (and practical) experience. With a starting point of Iceland or Denmark, board [Smyril Line’s ferry](#) and relax. Not only do you have more time to rest and enjoy the scenery, you can also bring along your car, bicycle, or camper—necessities for what’s coming later.

Sleep under the stars While there are many hotels, hostels, and B&B’s in the Faroe Islands, nothing can beat the thrill of sleeping under the stars—and, in this case, the Northern Lights. Find a designated campsite to park your camper or raise your tent, and don’t forget to wake up early to watch the sun rise over the islands.

Find the Nolsoy Lighthouse No trip to the Faroe Islands is complete without a hike or two. There are hiking trails all over the islands, many of which are paired with an accompanying legend or fairy tale. Perhaps the most exciting is the Nolsoy Boroan hike, a five-hour trek that leads you to the Nolsoy lighthouse.



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Dine with locals Faroese food is unique, flavorful, and hyper-local: popular fare includes fermented lamb, wind-dried fish, and sheep’s head. And while many visitors to the islands simply eat at cafes, steakhouses, or even the Burger King in Torshavn, BUCKiTDREAMERS want an authentic experience—so they know *Heimablidni*, “home hospitality,” is cozy, intimate, and the way to go. Dine in the homes of Faroese families and experience the islands like never before.

Leap off of a cliff Seeking a thrill? Go cliff jumping! The Faroe Islands are covered in steep, craggy cliffs, and many companies offer cliff jumping excursions, where you can leap off of cliffs into the ocean below in a safe environment. Climb up a cliff, jump off, and then swim in the vast Atlantic Ocean and admire the view.

See the Aurora Borealis The Faroe Islands are far enough north that if you plan your vacation anytime from November to February, you have a good chance of being able to see the Northern Lights. Stay up late, take a romantic walk, and find a good vantage point to see the show.



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