

## Beer World: Oslo

*Beer hunter ADRIAN BELL continues his mission to encourage Darlington drinkers to look beyond the end of their pint glasses with his series on short-break destinations. Here he digs deep in his wallet ...*

**F**IRST LET me warn you that Oslo is very expensive. However with careful budgeting costs can be kept down. Restaurants are expensive; but at Punjab Tandoori and Tandoori Curry Corner, next door to each other on Grønland, a good curry can be had for £6.

As for beer, the micro-brewery Oslo **Mikrobryggeri** at Bogstadvn 6 is well worth visiting (open 3pm-1am). They brew a range of different styles from pils through to stout and most are priced at around £4.50. In Oslo beers are usually around £5 a pint.

Most of the bars on the main street are Irish bars, however better ones can be found. **Beer Palace** ([www.beerpalace.no](http://www.beerpalace.no)) in the Akker Brygge area (*photo top*) stocks a large range of Norwegian and international beers. Further out, just behind the palace, is **Lorry**, a bar/restaurant with a range of international beers and a beer garden. More pubs can be found on [www.oslopubs.com](http://www.oslopubs.com).

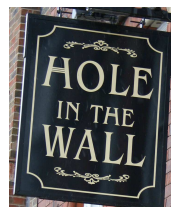
The main draw for visitors is Vigeland Park ([www.museumsnett.no/vigelandmuseet](http://www.museumsnett.no/vigelandmuseet)) housing a strange collection of sculptures of the human form in impossible positions. Second has got to be Bygdøy Island, which houses several ship museums, and the Norsk Folkemuseum, a large open air collection of buildings from bygone days. Also worth visiting is the Holmenkollen Ski Jump, there is a good view from the top and you can take a ride in a simulator.

If you are quick you can fly Newcastle-Oslo for just over £30, however this route ends on 24th March. After that you have



the option of Newcastle-Stansted with EasyJet from £45 then Stansted-Oslo Torp with Ryanair from £40. Oslo Torp to Oslo by bus is a 1 hour 45 minute journey ([www.torpekspressen.no](http://www.torpekspressen.no), £20).

For accommodation try [www.msinnvik.no](http://www.msinnvik.no), a boat moored in the harbour (£35 single, £62 double), or [www.perminalen.no](http://www.perminalen.no), a central budget hotel popular with the young (£41 single, £57 double). Both are en-suite and provide a good buffet breakfast.



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