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# MIDSUMMER IN NORWAY

2 x 52' (ENG, GER), 2 x 45' (GER, FRE)

**Midsummer in Norway is more than a bonfire on St. John's Eve. It's a brief sigh of relief.**

Midsummer in Norway is a time when the sun never quite disappears behind the horizon, a time when Norwegians celebrate the end of the long winter, a brief sigh of relief. Apart from the festivities, there's a lot to explore in this short summer. As a sparsely populated country, nature is dominating in Norway. We travel through magnificent landscapes from the south to the north across the Arctic circle.



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## 1. South of the Arctic Circle

Norwegians celebrate the summer solstice on the eve of 24th of June by lighting large bonfires. The most impressive one burns in the town of Alesund. These celebrations coincide with the period of the midnight sun, which bathes the spectacular surrounding fjords in a magical light. While the locals enjoy this brief respite before the onset of winter, Arctic foxes raise their young in the mountains.

## 2. North of the Arctic Circle

The Norwegian islands of Lofoten owe their pure, fish-rich waters to the Gulf Stream. Fishing is still a major industry in these arctic waters as seaweed harvesting is gradually developing. On the mainland, near the border with Sweden, sled dogs take advantage of the summer months to train for the winter treks to come. Part two of a voyage to Norway in midsummer.