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(2 April 2026, London) *National Geographic Traveller* (UK) is turning its gaze northwards. Over the last few years, the number of travellers considering so-called ‘coolcations’ has surged dramatically, with global travel network Virtuoso reporting a 44% increase in bookings to more northerly destinations such as Iceland, Canada and, of course, Norway. But the latter’s appeal lies beyond its pleasant summer temperatures. Teetering on the northeastern edge of Europe, the Scandinavian nation is one big outdoor adventure, with the summer months promising kayaking excursions between islands, hikes over mountains carpeted with wildflowers and cabin stays in forests filled with cloudberries and chanterelle mushrooms.

This month’s issue explores Norway from top to bottom, from the art-filled streets of Oslo’s Grünerløkka district to the wild archipelago of Vesterålen and the region of Sunnmøre, where a new generation of Norwegians are keeping ancestral foraging and farming techniques alive. Readers can uncover all this and more in the May issue of *National Geographic Traveller* (UK), available now.



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Melbourne: Divided by the Yarra River, each side of this Australian city has its own unique character

The Edit: Madeira’s beloved hiking trail welcomes walkers back; the best openings, new experiences and book releases on our radar; an outdoorsy trip in **Tavira, Portugal**, gateway to the Ria Formosa Natural Park; kitchen gardens take centre stage at these food-focused hotels; the best bites in **Florence**, according to a local chef; an active weekend in the hills of **Carmarthenshire**; a First Nations-run hotel in Canada’s **Quebec City**; hillside parks and striking art in **Prague**; and the rise of **Irish** seaweed bathing.

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Special Interest: Daniel Stables meets the firewalkers of Tokyo

In Focus: Catch up on all the latest from the world of travel photography

Expert Traveller: As the nation unveils visa-free travel, China is our **One to Watch** this month; **The Lowdown** explores how zoos are upping their conservation game; **Kit List** returns with the best buys for baby's first adventure; **The Story Behind** delves into the history of Highland bagpipes; **How To** serves up tips for protecting your money on your travels; and **Great Little Place** sees *National Geographic Traveller* (UK) staff and readers pick their favourite haunts around the world. Finally, comedian Phil Wang shares the joys of laksa (and Newcastle) in **My Travels**.

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