

# West Norwegian Fjords

## Geirangerfjord and Nærøyfjord

**The importance of World Heritage Status**



United Nations  
Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization



World  
Heritage  
Convention

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1031  
UNESCO World Heritage sites in  
163  
countries

Heritage is our legacy  
from the past

what we live with today  
and what we pass on to future  
generations





A history that makes you dream...

**1959** : The flooding of the Abu Simbel temples,  
a treasure of ancient Egyptian civilization



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## World Heritage value

- **Scenically**  
Outstanding landscapes
- **World's deepest**  
and longest fjords
- Rock basins reaching  
**500m below sea level**
- Remnants of human  
**historical past**



# World Heritage sites: What is different from other MPAs?

Part of a **prestigious** collection of iconic marine places

World Heritage Committee **reporting**

**Listing in Danger** or removal of the World Heritage List

The prestigious World Heritage  
**recognition**  
comes with the  
**responsibility**  
to protect Outstanding Universal Value





# Conservation challenges

- Unsustainable tourism
- Adequate monitoring system



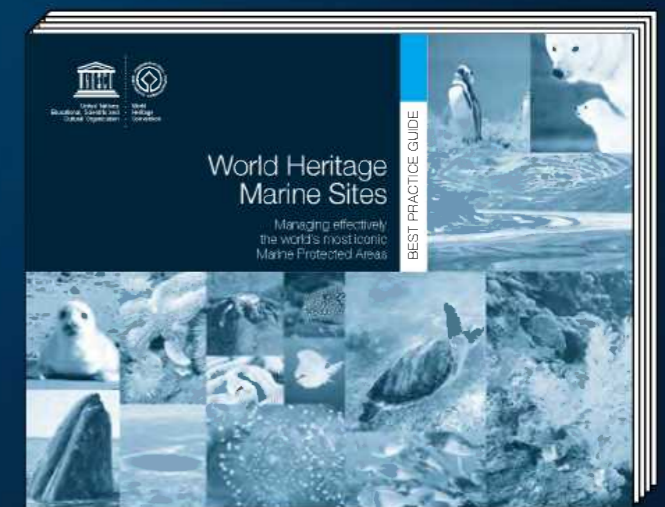


# Sharing Best Practice

47 World Heritage marine sites in 35 countries

Tri-annual global managers conference

Making success stories replicable





# Norwegian Fjords and Glacier Bay

- Ecosystems with outstanding geology
- Strong tourism demand / short visiting season
- Arrivals by cruise shipping
- 25 years of World Heritage experience in Glacier Bay

Success  
Rewards

People with Vision



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