



View from Mount Aksla. Photo: Mattias Fredriksson

# ÅLESUND

## The adventure capital of the fjords

Explore some of Norway’s most popular natural and cultural attractions in the charming port town of Ålesund. Offering a diverse range of activities, excursions, and scenic tours, Ålesund stands as the gateway to nearby fjords, islands, and mountains—an ideal starting point for unforgettable experiences. The strategically located Ålesund cruise terminal, right at the heart of the town, allows convenient access to the beautiful, picturesque Art Nouveau architecture. Originally rebuilt after a devastating fire in 1904, the town boasts towers, spires, and captivating ornaments that transport visitors to a world straight from their imaginations.

Seize the day; adventures await in Ålesund. Welcome to a unique blend of history and natural beauty!

### Attractions/Excursions

**Atlanterhavsparken - The Atlantic Ocean Park**  
Explore the marine life along the Norwegian coast. Experience educational feeding sessions with fish and animals. The activity room and contact pool is especially popular with children. At the vast outdoor water park seals, otters, and penguins await. Special food events are available upon request.

**Fjellstua 418 - Mount Aksla**  
Enjoy coffee, cakes, lunch or dinner at the restaurant Fjellstua 418 on Mount Aksla, with breathtaking views of Ålesund, the surrounding islands, fjords, and the Sunnmøre Alps.

**Sunnmøre Museum**  
An open-air museum featuring old and distinctive houses. Gain insight into the cultural and architectural history of Sunnmøre. Explore one of Norway’s largest collections of traditional boats, including replicas of Viking ships. The Medieval Age Museum is also situated on the premises.

**Fisheries Museum**  
Portrays the historical development of fisheries in Ålesund. The museum showcases on-land processing work - from the first catch in the water right outside the house to the high-tech fishing vessels of today.

**The Art Nouveau Centre & the Art Museum KUBE**  
The Art Nouveau Centre provides insight into the Art Nouveau style through authentic interiors and artifacts, as well as temporary art exhibitions. In the adjacent museum KUBE, discover contemporary art by Norwegian artists.

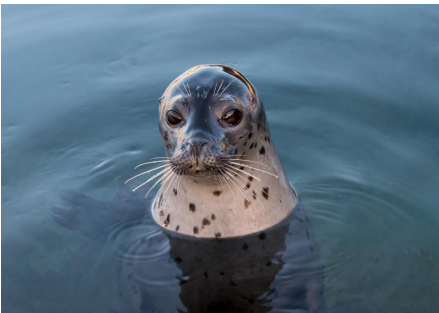
**The Arctic Museum Aarvak and MS Polarstar**  
Norway’s largest polar museum showcasing arctic harvesting and expeditions to the arctic. The museum is situated in Hareid, 1 hour from Ålesund. Excursion to the museum offered from Ålesund with the historical polar ship MS Polarstar.

**Royal Tur Reiser**  
Organize exclusive tours guided by a driver who focuses on hospitality and shares local knowledge.

**Alnes Lighthouse**  
The 19th-century fishing village of Alnes offers stunning views. Enjoy local cakes and dishes and experience cultural heritage, history at the lighthouse. On the way you will pass by the historic “viking island” Giske and the medieval marble Church.

**Uteguiden**  
The activity provider Uteguiden offers a wide range of activities year-round in the heart of Ålesund, where many of the facades of the art nouveau buildings boast detailed ornaments and figures. Join a bike ride between the pointed buildings or try kayaking or SUP in Brosundet canal.

**Runde - bird and treasure island**  
Runde is the southernmost bird cliff in Norway. The Runde Environmental Centre features exhibitions on the island’s birdlife and ecosystem, along with a 300-year-old treasure from the Dutch ship Akerendam, which sank during a storm in 1725. The center also conducts research on coastal ecology and marine environments.



Atlanterhavsparken. Photo: O. Paulsen

**Strandafjellet Gondola**  
Panoramic view from the top of Mount Roalden (1,024 m.a.s.l.) towards the fjords and the steep, jagged peaks of the Sunnmøre Alps. Indulge in lunch featuring local cuisine. Approximately 1.5 hours’ drive from Ålesund, including a ferry.

**Boat excursion to Rekkedal Guesthouse**  
Boat excursion aboard the vintage ship Bruvik to Hjørundfjord, offering a culinary visit to the historical and hospitable Rekkedal Guesthouse. Renowned for its exceptional local and homemade cuisine, beverages, and storytelling.”

**Boat Excursions**  
Cruise Service, Geiranger Fjordservice and M/S Polarstar delivers a wide range of boat excursions from Ålesund, close to the cruise pier.

**Devoldfabrikken**  
A charming area for a tour among cultural heritage with 170 years of Devold Wool garments. Many historical elements still visible. The tour will take you to the small museum, visiting the art studios. A charming area with a combination of outlet stores, unique niche shops, a café, museum, art and crafts, and an indoor activity park for children.



View from the front row, Strandafjellet. Photo: Haavard Myklebust

**Explore Ålesund - Via Ferrata - NEW 2023**  
Via ferrata from the town park and up the southern wall of the town mountain Aksla. The ascent concludes just below the Café Fjellstua. Return via the 418 steps down.

**FoodWalk Ålesund - NEW 2023**  
A culinary guided food tour in Ålesund. A personal approach to convey culture and food. Taste 5 local dishes, while the guide shares fascinating history and stories about the town of Ålesund.

**Vino Bar - NEW 2023**  
Tasting of 5 rare, limited DOCG vinory quality wines from our own production. The wines have the highest classification possible to obtain, and while tasting the wines you will have great storytelling about the wine production and the story of the vineyard in Piemonte in Italy.

**Ålesund Guide Association**  
Explore the town with a local authorized guide possessing in-depth local knowledge.



Kayaking in Ålesund. Photo: Håvard Myklebust

**City Train Sightseeing**  
The little train runs at a comfortable speed and guides you through historical and unique sites and to viewpoints in town.

**Local transportation and bus/ minibus/taxi excursions**  
Excursion.no, Norway Excursions, Local Trips, Ålesund Taxi, Strømme City Sightseeing, Hop on are all located close to the cruise pier.

**Shopping, cafés and galleries**  
Shopping centers, shops, art galleries, and cafes including Rongve, Fjordbuda, Ålesund Storsenter, Kremmergaarden, Devoldfabrikken, and more. See: [www.sentrumsforening.no/](http://www.sentrumsforening.no/) Local transport options in Ålesund include a variety of buses, boats, taxis, and rental cars.

**The city hosts a selection of festivals and events year-round.**  
[fjordnorway.com/en/events/alesund-geiranger](http://fjordnorway.com/en/events/alesund-geiranger)

**PORTS OF ÅLESUND**

Position: N 62° 27' E 0050 59' South of Godøy  
Website: [www.alesund.havn.no](http://www.alesund.havn.no)  
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+47 700 16 340  
Distance from pilot station: 500 m  
South: nm  
North: nm  
Pilot channel: Ch.13-16  
Port VHF channel: Ch. 12-16  
Barents Watch: [Link til din side](#)

**PORT INFORMATION**

Designated cruise quay: Sørsidekaiene  
ISPS: Yes  
Maximum ship length: 570 m +  
Maximum ship draft: 10 - 13 m  
Maximum air draft: No limit  
Bollard strength (certification): 100-150-200 ton  
Tidal movement: 2.2 - 2.5 m

**ANCHORAGE/ TENDER (YES OR NO)**

Max size: 600 m  
Ship tenders: allowed  
Type of bottom: Good anchorage ground

**PORT SERVICES**

Gangway available: 8-10m  
Tugboats: Yes  
Crew facilities: Wi-Fi Service, Norwegian Church  
Abroad, discounts on attractions, shops, etc.  
Bunkers delivery: Yes  
Waste handling: Yes  
Grey water: Yes

**TOURIST / DESTINATION INFORMATION**

Website: [www.fjordnorway.com/en/attractions/alesund](http://www.fjordnorway.com/en/attractions/alesund)  
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Phone: +47 703 09 800  
Location: On pier / Main office: 500 m  
Local Guide service: Yes - [leder@aagf.no](mailto:leder@aagf.no)  
Which languages: EG / DE / SP and others on request

Quay	Water depth	Length	Height	Fenders	Shore Power	Grey Water	Max Ship size
Stornespier/Prestebrygga	10 - 13 m	570 m + 200 m	2.2-2.5 m	For tenders on request	Yes	Yes	600 m

