



Bryggen - the Wharf and Tall Ship Statsraad Lehmkuhl. Photo: Lars Korvald

BERGEN

The vibrating heart of the fjords

The city of Bergen was founded on an old Viking settlement in the year 1070, and has a proud history and many interesting cultural monuments. Today Bergen has near 285 000 inhabitants. The city is famous for its exciting mixture of old and new architecture, its charm and atmosphere. Bryggen (the Wharf) in Bergen is listed on UNESCO's World Heritage List and the city is a designated World Heritage City. Bergen is also surrounded by one of the world's most spectacular tourist attractions - the Norwegian Fjords, which are included on UNESCO's World Heritage List. Bergen also has status as a UNESCO City of Gastronomy. Bergen is a popular cruise destination and the leading cruise port in Norway.

ATTRACTIONS/ EXCURSIONS

Bryggen - The World Heritage Site
Bryggen is one of Bergen's and Norway's main attractions! The very first buildings in Bergen were situated at Bryggen, which has been a vibrant and important area of the city for many centuries. This Hanseatic Wharf, a maze of wooden buildings, attracts visitors from all over the world and acts as a landmark in the city centre. Bergen is part of our common heritage and has a place on UNESCO's World Heritage List, and the city of Bergen is a designated World Heritage City.

Mt. Fløyen - An iconic attraction
Fløibanen funicular takes you to the top of Mt. Fløyen, 320 m.a.s.l. Magnificent views of Bergen from the spacious plateau. Mt. Fløyen is well suited for outdoor activities, such as hiking, jogging and mountain biking. Guided tours, zipline-park and mountain bike rental. Mt. Fløyen has restaurant, great children's play area and Fløistuen shop and shelter. [floyen.no](#)

Bergen Aquarium, a must-do in Bergen!
After a visit to the Aquarium, you'll definitely know something you didn't before. At the Aquarium you will find: Sea lions, snakes, penguins, otter, and more. Film shows and feedings every day. The strangest creatures from the tropical rainforest, the beaches in Norway, the vast oceans and the Arctic regions. Spiseriet Akvariet serves good food made from proper ingredients. At Bergen Aquarium, you can watch training sessions and feedings, and see how fish and animals act when in their element. [akvariet.no](#)

Ulriken 643 - Ulriken Cable Car
Ulriken Cable Car was rebuilt in 2021, bigger and better than ever before. The cable car takes you to the highest of Bergen's famous 'Seven Mountains', to a spectacular scenery and mountain terrain 643 m.a.s.l. From the summit, you can enjoy magnificent views of Bergen and the surrounding area. Tours start 30 metres from the Fish Market and takes roughly 2 hours. Norway's fastest zipline at the top. [ulriken643.no](#)

Edvard Grieg Museum - Trolldhaugen
Trolldhaugen was the home of Norway's most famous composer Edvard Grieg (1843-1907). He lived here for 22 years and composed many of his best-known works in the little garden hut. The garden includes a modern concert hall which accommodates 190 and is a venue for concerts and chamber music. From May to September, enjoy daily half-hour lunchtime concerts. Intimate, private concerts can be held in his old living room for up to 40 persons, played by pianists on Grieg's old piano. [griegmuseum.no](#)

KODE - the Art Museums of Bergen
KODE has an extensive collection of art and design. The museum fills four buildings in the centre of the city. You can experience the masterpieces by Edvard Munch, Nikolai Astrup, Pablo Picasso, Paul Klee and J. C. Dahl, visit the unique exhibition "the Silver Treasure", admire the handicrafts and designs from the last five hundred years, or experience some of the temporary exhibitions. [kodebergen.no](#)



Bergen Christmas Market

Fish Market
The Fish Market in Bergen is one of Norway's most visited outdoor markets and has a charming location in the heart of the city. The Fish Market also sells fruit, vegetables and souvenirs.

Hanseatic Museum and Schøsttuene
One of the oldest and best preserved wooden buildings in Bergen, and the only one with original interiors from the Hanseatic period. The "Schøsttuene" show the assembly rooms and kitchen used by the Hanseatic merchants.

Bryggens Museum - Bergen City Museum
Bryggens Museum was reopened after a significant refurbishing in 2020. The museum display findings of the archaeological excavations of Bryggen from 1955 and contains the foundations of the oldest buildings in Bergen.

Old Bergen Museum - Bergen City Museum
The open-air Old Bergen Museum is a reconstructed small town consisting of around 50 wooden houses dating from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, most of which originate from Bergen city centre, for instance a bakery, dentist, photographer, shopkeeper etc.

Bergen Maritime Museum
The Bergen Maritime Museum gives insight into Norwegian seafaring history and the evolution of seafaring from the earliest times until the present day. The exhibitions showcase items related to seafaring and life at sea, ship models of utmost quality, paintings and marine-archaeological findings. The museum's collections have local roots, but since Bergen has always been one of the country's greatest maritime cities, they also provide a picture of our national maritime history.

Norwegian Fisheries Museum
The Norwegian Fisheries Museum is located on the seafront in Sandviken, a short walk from Bryggen. This exciting and dynamic museum is housed within the cog-jointed walls of authentic 18th-century wharfside warehouses, which communicate the important history of Norway's coast and fisheries.

Storeblå Aquaculture Visitor Centre
At Storeblå Aquaculture Visitor Centre, you can explore a living exhibition where you will learn about one of our biggest industries - aquaculture. A visit to Storeblå provides a unique insight into the world of salmon. You also get an opportunity to see salmon up close in a RIB trip out to a fish farm.

Lysøen Island and Ole Bull's Villa
The villa on Lysøen was built in 1873 as a summer residence for the Norwegian composer and violin virtuoso Ole Bull.

Bergenhus Fortress - The Håkon's Hall and the Rosenkrantz Tower
The Håkon's Hall and Rosenkrantz Tower are situated in one of the oldest and best preserved fortresses in Norway. The Håkon's Hall is more than 760 years old, and was built by King Håkon Håkonson as a royal residence and banquet hall. The tower was built in the 1560s by the governor of Bergen Castle (Bergenhus), Erik Rosenkrantz, and served as a combined residence and fortified tower.

Arven Économusée
The silver factory Arven is situated in a historic setting, between St. Mary's Church and Bergenhus Fortress. The silver factory has for nearly 150 years had its production in the centre of Bergen, has now



Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra, Fløibanen Funicular. Photo Oddleiv Apneseth

opened the doors of this traditional workshop to the public.

Oleana Économusée
Oleana invites you to an eventful journey through the factory, following the production process from yarn to finished product. All products are knitted and sewn in Norway. Oleana's own designer, Solveig Hisdal, takes care to respect and continue the ideals and richness in our cultural heritage but also takes pride in creating textiles with a modern expression.

Fantoft Stave Church
The old stave church at Fantoft, originally built in Fortun in Sogn in 1150, was moved to Fantoft in 1883. It burnt down in 1992, and has been rebuilt just as it was before the fire.

Magic Ice
This is a wondrous winter wonderland constructed from several tons of ice. The ice bar is the work of world renowned ice carvers, they re-craft the bar several times every year. The ice gallery is the hottest place to cool down.

Leprosy Museum - Bergen City Museum
Between 1850 and 1900 Bergen had three hospitals for leprosy patients and the largest concentration of patients in Europe. The city's oldest leprosy hospital, St. George's Hospital, is a monument to thousands of personal tragedies.

Sport and leisure activities
The fact that Bergen is located in one of the world's most scenic areas means that there is a wide range of activities for adults and children alike. You can fish, golf, hike, bike, dive, climb and also do rafting, ocean kayaking and segways. And if you prefer an indoor life, there is plenty to do as well.

What's on in Bergen - the City of Culture
Search for events during your stay at [www.visitBergen.com/whats-on](#)

GRIEGHALLEN & BERGEN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
In recent years, the Grieg Hall has been transformed into Norway's leading integrated culture, conference and exhibition centre, known worldwide for its outstanding acoustics. Weekly concerts by the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra, one of the oldest orchestras in the world dating all the way back to 1765.

BERGEN NATIONAL OPERA & OPERA BERGEN
Bergen National Opera with the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra as their principal partner presents opera and music theatre on a high artistic level, with productions spanning from small-scale to Grand Opera. Opera Bergen stages magnificent and first-class opera performances both indoors and outdoors.

BIT TEATERGARASJEN & CARTE BLANCHE
BIT Teatergarasjen co-produces and presents Norwegian and international dramatic art that encourages international cooperation and work across artistic genres. Carte Blanche, Norway's only permanent contemporary dance company, adopts a youthful and expressive approach to dance.

LUNCH CONCERTS AT TROLDHAUGEN & GRIEG IN BERGEN FESTIVAL
Everyone should experience a concert at Trolldhaugen. Professional pianists present a half-hour programme comprising some of the pieces that made Edvard Grieg the world's most famous



The view from Mount Ulriken. Photo: Robin Strand - visitBergen.com

Norwegian. MusicaNord features every year a 10 weeks continuous summer festival with 40 concerts focusing on Norwegian national composer Edvard Grieg and also other composers.

BERGEN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
Bergen International Festival was established in 1953 and is Norway's oldest and most important music and theatre festival. The festival hosts 250 music, opera, theatre and dance productions at 20 arenas over 15 days. The festival also has a free outdoor programme.

NATTJAZZ - JAZZ FESTIVAL
NATTJAZZ is Northern Europe's longest jazz festival. It covers a wide range of genres, and puts on around 80 concerts of music ranging from traditional jazz to world music.

BERGENFEST - MUSIC FESTIVAL & BERGEN LIVE
Bergenfest is the biggest music festival in Western Norway. Bergenfest organises concerts by top international and Norwegian acts at Bergenhus Fortress over five days in the middle of June every year. Bergen Live hosts weekly concerts indoors and outdoors all year round.

BERGEN FOOD FESTIVAL, BERGEN CIDER FESTIVAL & BERGEN BEER FESTIVAL
Norway's biggest local food festival is held in the grounds of historic Bergenhus Fortress. One hundred local food producers, Bergen's top chefs and international chefs converge to give you an incredible culinary experience. At the Bergen Beer Festival you will experience a flourishing beer culture with a wonderful mix of tradition and innovation from over 40 microbreweries. At the same time, you can experience Bergen Cider Festival with the famous Hardanger Cider.

SOME MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS
Bergen City Marathon - a race in a beautiful and inspiring trail with start and finish at Bryggen - 7-mountain trip - a trip where you experience vast parts of the mountainous mountain world around Bergen, with stunning views of the city along large parts of the trail - Knarvikmila - a cultural and sporting event with many different races for elite and athletes - Stoltzekleiven Opp - the world's steepest uphill race.

BERGEN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - BIFF
Bergen International Film Festival presents more than 150 documentaries and fiction films each year, making it the biggest film festival in Norway.

DEN NATIONALE SCENE & OLE BULL SCENE
Den Nationale Scene (National Theater) puts on a broad range of plays on its three stages. From classics to contemporary drama and comedies, for children and adults. Ole Bull Scene is Bergen's largest private cabaret, theatre and music stage with a restaurant, bars, music and a wide selection of live entertainment.

WORLD'S LARGEST GINGERBREAD TOWN & BERGEN CHRISTMAS MARKET
Every year, you can visit the World's largest Gingerbread Town in Bergen! Miniature houses, trains, cars and ships, all made from gingerbread. Kindergartens, schools, businesses and thousands of people help to make a miniature version of Bergen - in gingerbread! You will find handmade, homemade and edible gifts at Bergen Christmas Market. There is also an own Christmas bazar with new stalls every day. Carousel and Ferris wheel.

