



# The northernmost town in the world

Welcome to Hammerfest, the northernmost town in the world! In Hammerfest, this micro metropolis in the Arctic, tradition meets modern spirit. The town is a typical reconstruction town, where contemporary architecture is replacing post-World War II reconstruction buildings. Visitors can experience Hammerfest by strolling through the town or visiting its museums. From the early "Pomor" trade with Russia, to a town completely lost in flames, a rich tradition of Arctic hunting and fishing; and, more recently, industrial development in energy and gas: Hammerfest bears a unique and exciting history.

### ATTRACTIONS/EXCURSIONS

# Hammerfest & Beyond

The fishing village of Forsøl is located on the other side of the island of Kvaløya, only a 20-minute drive away from Hammerfest. Ever since the first humans settled here more than 10,000 years ago, the livelihood of this community was fishing. The village used to be a site for archaeological excavations in which traces of the early settlers in west Finnmark were found. Close to the leftover foundations of different periods, there is a scenic natural sandy beach. After the visit in Forsøl, this tour is completed by a visit to Mount Salen in Hammerfest, with its beautiful viewpoint and a stop at the Polar Bear Society, which is the best place to learn about the town's old traditions of fishing and hunting.

### Historic sights of Hammerfest

The exhibition at the Museum of Reconstruction for Finnmark and Northern Troms aims to convey the poignancy of the dramatic events of World War II: the forced evacuation, the scorched-earth tactics and the reconstruction of Finnmark and Northern Troms. Never before had a war had such dire consequences for our country. The Polar Bear Society has an exhibition showing the town's proud traditions of hunting and fishing, trade and exploration in Arctic areas. You can round off your visit by signing up for membership at the Society, to help preserve the local history of Hammerfest. The Meridian Column marks the northernmost measure point of the "Struve Geodetic Arc", a scientific project from the 19th century to determine the size and shape of the earth. This project has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list since 2005.

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# National Scenic Route to the village of Havøysund

On this shore excursion, you can experience the beauty of Arctic coastal nature. We depart from the cruise pier in Hammerfest by coach. On the way to the fishing village of Havøysund, we will drive along the northernmost National Scenic Route, which is highly frequented by tourists year-round due to its amazing scenic views. After a stop at the viewpoint on Havøya, we visit Havøysund Hotel to have lunch. After a 250 m-walk to the pier, we head back to Hammerfest. The 1.5-hour trip leads through scenic sounds as you pass the islands of west Finnmark.



Zigzag-Path Hammerfest. Photo: Zbigniew Wantuch

#### Hiking Tour on Gammelveien

We start off in the centre, passing through the town and by the church before we walk up Gammelveien (The Old Trail). There is a steep climb up the mountain. As we reach the top, we walk through a small forest and end up at the viewing point on Mount Salen. The guide will provide a typical Norwegian hiking snack during the short breaks on the hike. The tour then continues down Sikk-sakkveien (The Zig-zag trail) and back to the ship. Footwear & clothing: Sturdy, comfortable shoes and warm clothes

#### A Walk in the Town

For anyone wishing to discover Hammerfest by foot, our walking tour in the town centre is the best choice. We start at the Tourist Information and visit the protestant church of Hammerfest with its special architecture, which is a reference to one of our oldest traditions. We continue to the Museum of Reconstruction. The exhibition here portrays events from World War II in the north of Norway and how this region was reconstructed afterwards. You will see how the powers of endurance showed in that period, dating back to the olden days of Arctic hunting and fishing in Hammerfest, by



Fuglenesodden Friluftsmuseum: Museene for kystkultur og gjenreisning i Finnmark

# visiting the Polar Bear Society. Footwear & clothing: Sturdy, comfortable shoes and warm clothes.

The life of the traditional fisher-farmer
At Fuglenesodden Outdoor Museum you get to
Visit a traditional home from the reconstruction
period in the 50s and learn about the life of the
fisher-farmer and the struggle on the Arctic coast
after World War II and before Norway got the
wealth that we have today. In modern days people
have asked themselves how on earth the fisherfarmer got so much work done every day, and the
answer is - he was married! Learn more about the
important role of the wife, which history tends to

#### Disc golf at Mount Salen

We take you to Mount Salen by bus, where we find the northernmost disc golf course in the world. After a round of throwing discs into baskets in a wide and open landscape, we will enjoy the view at the edge of the mountain with spectacular photo opportunities of the town. Footwear and clothing: Sturdy, comfortable shoes and warm clothes.

overlook. A tour in the boat house is also included



RIB adventures. Photo: Bonaventure

#### Experiece the northernmost of Europe by RIB!

The trip takes you from the fishing village Havøysund to the North Cape and passes Knivskjellodden - the actual northernmost point of the European continent. Along the way, we also drive past Gjesværtappan to explore the nesting mountains for sea birds such as the iconic puffin. History from the region is served before entering the fishing village Skarsvåg, where the bus is waiting to take us to the North Cape plateau.

#### Mikkelgammen Sami Camp

Panoramic drive with photo stops at Mikkelgammen (with tastings) and Salen viewpoint. At Salen, you have a fantastic view over Hammerfest. Mikkelgammen is situated on Mount Salen. Here, we meet a Sami herding family and learn about their history, culture and everyday life. Samples of Sami food will be served: reindeer meat, smoked fish and cloudberries.

# PORT OF HAMMERFEST

Position: 70° 39'N 023°41'E
Visiting address: Hamnegata 1, 9600 Hammerfest
E-mail: post@hammerfest.havn.no
Website: hammerfesthavn.no
Phone: +47 78 40 74 00
VHF: Channel 12
Berths for cruise: 3. Pier 1, Pier 2 and Pier 9
Distance to town centre: Pier 9 (2,5 km)
Pier 1 and Pier 2 located near town centre

#### DOCKING INFORMATION

Landing largest ship: < 300 m Air draft: NA Tidal movement: 1.5 - 2.5 m Terminal contact: Ola Johannesen, traffic inspector/cruise coordinator, +47 78 40 74 06, ola@hammerfest.havn.no

# PORT SERVICES

Fresh water bunkering Waste landing: On request Sludge landing: On request Grey water landing Special waste: On request

# SECURITY & ENVIRONMENT

Fenced terminals (ISPS) Security service Shore power: Yes (1 m) Max ships per day: 1-2

# **ANCHORAGE**

Max GT: NA
Type of bottom: Sand
Minimum depth: 24 m
Distance from anchorage to tender pier:
1.5 nautical miles

#### TOURIST INFORMATION

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