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THE  
WHITE HAVEN  
BY THE SEA



NORWAY'S  
BIRTHPLACE



WELCOME TO  
**PORT OF  
HAUGESUND**  
NORWAY

SHORE EXCURSIONS  
AND FESTIVALS



WATERFALL  
AND  
FJORDS



GLACIER



HIKING



NORDVEGEN HISTORY CENTRE TELLS THE STORY ABOUT HOW AVALDSNES BECAME THE FIRST ROYAL THRONE OF NORWAY. ↑

↑ FROM THE VIKING FARM.

# NORWAY'S BIRTHPLACE

In Norway, and at the heart of Fjord Norway, you will find the Haugesund region. This is the Homeland of the Viking Kings – Norway's birthplace. Here you can discover the island of Karmøy, where Avaldsnes is situated – Norway's oldest throne.



**PRIOR TO** the Viking Age, Avaldsnes was a seat of power. This is where the Vikings ruled the route that gave its name to Norway – the way north. Around 870 AD, King Harald the Fairhaired made Avaldsnes his main royal estate, which was to become Norway's oldest throne.

From the time the first seafaring vessels were built in the late Stone Age and up to the Middle Ages, the seat of power of the reigning princes and kings has been located at Avaldsnes. Such power-continuity does not exist anywhere else in Scandinavia.

Avaldsnes is therefore a key point in understanding the fundamental importance of voyage by sea in terms of Norway's earliest history. The foundation stone of modern Norway was laid in 1814, but the country's historical foundation is located at Avaldsnes.

Today, one can visit St. Olav's church at Avaldsnes, as well as Nordvegen History Center, and the Viking Farm. These are all places of importance for the Vikings and the history of Norway.



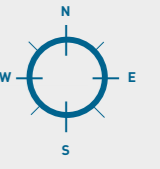
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# HAUGESUND

In the heart of Norway's south-western cruise region. Experience fjords, waterfalls, coastal and city culture, the unique Viking history, glacier, mountains, and idyllic islands. The region offers a wealth of natural wonders just waiting for you to explore!



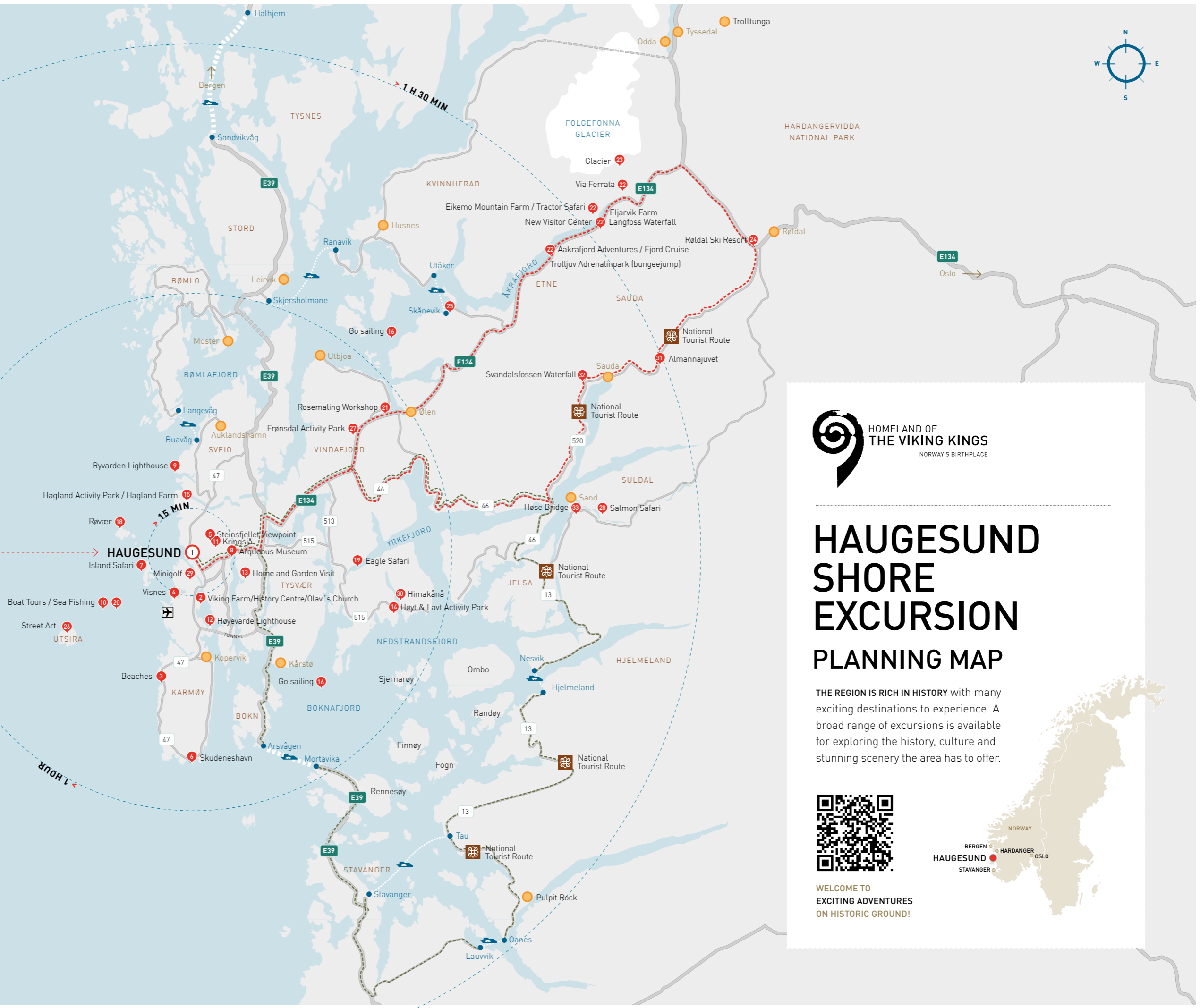


- HAUGESUND CITY CENTRE HAS A LOT TO OFFER:**
- Haugesund City Hall
  - Karmsund Civic Museum
  - Haugesund Art Gallery
  - Kyvik Herring Factory
  - Panoramic movie showing the region
  - City island cruise
  - Our Saviour's Church
  - Shopping
  - City walks
  - Guided Tours
  - Visit the Statue of Harald the Fairhaired
  - Havnaberg Viewpoint
  - Dokken Outdoor Museum
  - Playground in City Park
  - Christmas Market

**INFORMATION:**  
 Bus and boat can be combined from/to Haugesund - Viking Farm, Arquebus and Skudeneshavn.

Boat: Haugesund - Røvær 25 min.  
 Boat: Haugesund - Utsira 70 min.

- - - - - Scenic Route
- - - - - To Pulpit Rock
- National Tourist Route



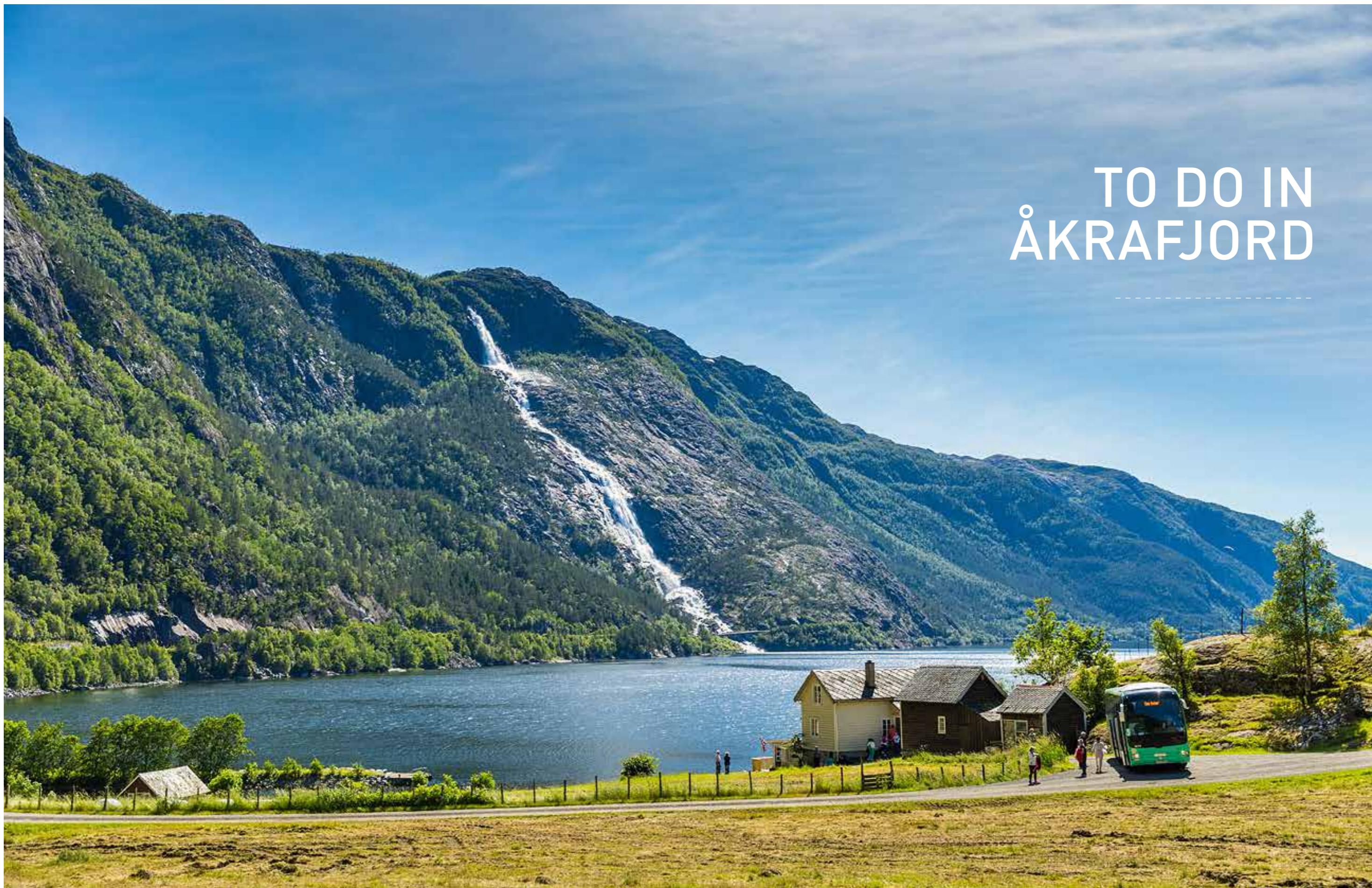
# HAUGESUND SHORE EXCURSION PLANNING MAP

THE REGION IS RICH IN HISTORY with many exciting destinations to experience. A broad range of excursions is available for exploring the history, culture and stunning scenery the area has to offer.



WELCOME TO EXCITING ADVENTURES ON HISTORIC GROUND!





# TO DO IN ÅKRAFJORD

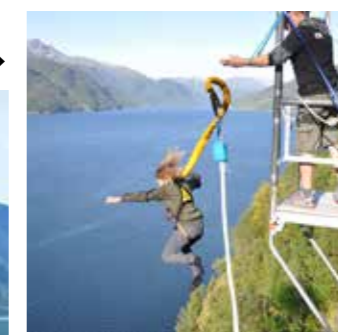
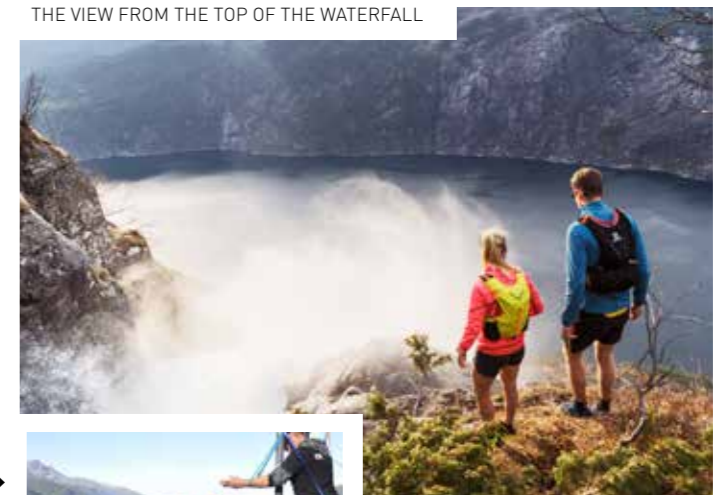
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LANGFOSS WATERFALL



BUNGEE JUMPING, TROLLJUUV →



↑ TRACTOR SAFARI

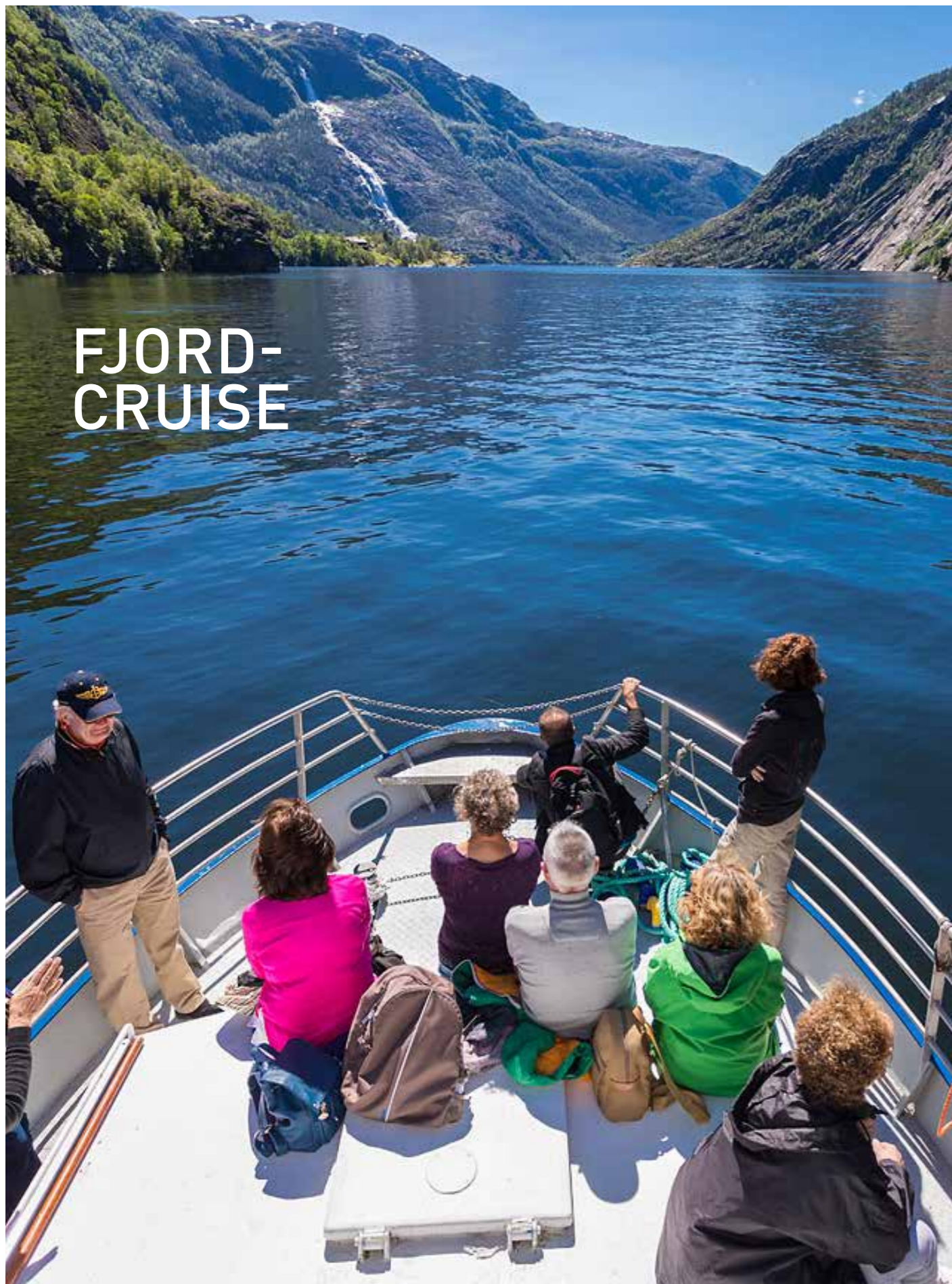
FJORD CRUISE



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THE CONTRASTS IN ÅKRAFJORD ARE HUGE: BARE MOUNTAIN SIDES, LUSCIOUS PASTURES, STILL-REFLECTED FJORDS, AND TUMBLING GLACIAL WATERS.





# FJORD-CRUISE

M/S "LANGFOSS"  
CAPACITY: 99 PAX



M/S "STEIN VIKING"  
CAPACITY: 50 PAX





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ELJARVIK FARM



THE LOCAL HOSTS

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FJORD CRUISE



EIKEMO MOUNTAIN FARM



HIKING TO THE TOP



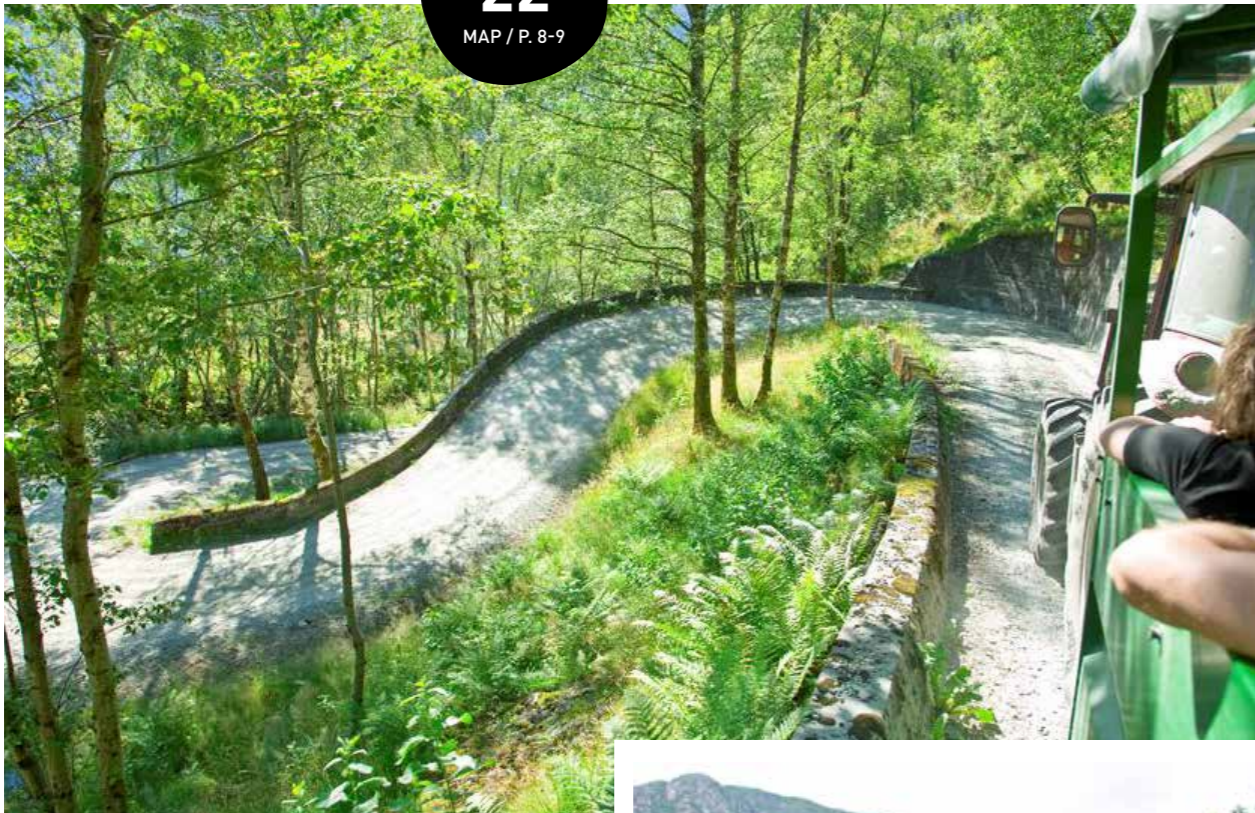
In Åkrafjord cruise passengers can experience a Tractor safari, fjord cruise and hiking to the top of the waterfall. We bring them on an amazing journey from coastland to fjordland with high mountains and roaring waterfalls.



VOTED  
BY CNN as one of  
the ten most beautiful  
waterfalls in the  
world!



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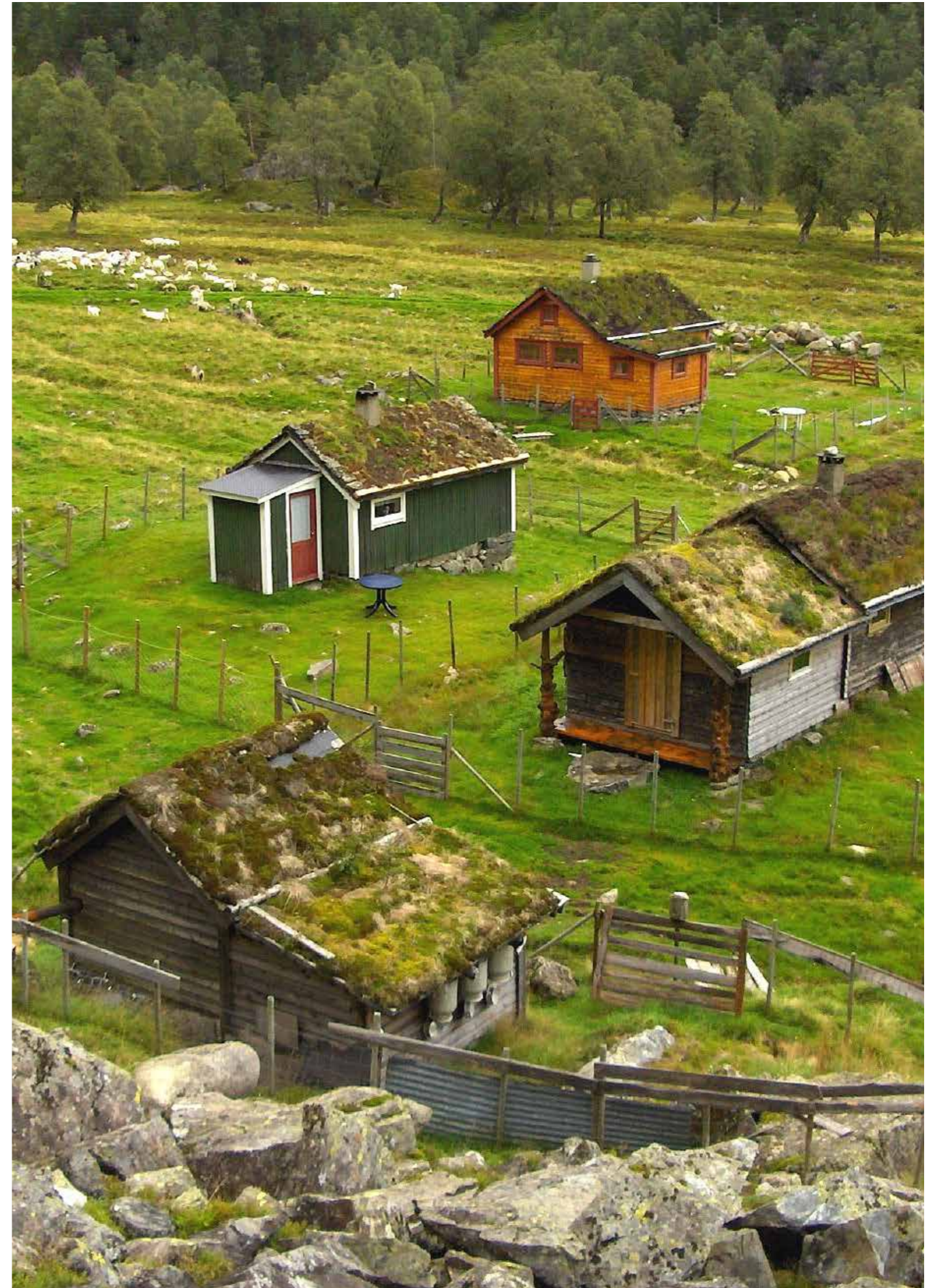


### TRACTOR SAFARI TO EIKEMO MOUNTAIN FARM

An exciting tractor safari brings you to a place you would never think it was possible to live. Enjoy mountain farm life with goats and the people who live here.



AKRAFJORD



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LANGFOSS WATERFALL

# - HIKING TO THE TOP

Langfoss is the fifth highest waterfall in Norway. The total vertical height is 612 meters.

**THE PATH UP** along Langfoss was originally the old mountain road from the Eljarvik farm to Langfoss Mountain Farm, located on the plateau above the waterfall. There is a lot of great stonework along the trail. Earlier generations of farmers struggled up and down with livestock and heavy loads of butter and cheese from the mountain farm. The first part of the walk is steep, going up through the pine forest. Some places, and

especially when you are above the timberline, provide wonderful view points. You look down at the Eljarvik Farm and beyond Åkrafjorden Fjord. To the north you see Mosnes and into the valley that forms the southern end of Folgefonna National Park. The Folgefonna Glacier is towering in the background towards the summit at 1638 meters above sea level, which is the highest point in the municipality of Etne.

**TOUR FACTS**

- **Means of transport:** bus. The walking trip will take you about 3,5 hours return to the top. Half way/view point 1,5 h.
- **Activity level:** Active
- **Elevation:** 640 meters above sea level
- **Length trail:** 1750 m

# VIA FERRATA

Via Ferrata Kyrkjeveggen situated in Fjæra in Åkrafjorden is perhaps Norway's toughest Via Ferrata- route. The route is primarily on rock surface. In more challenging parts steps and holds have been installed for easier access. From the start (Innsteget) 50 MAMSL to the top shelf (Topphylla) 550 MAMSL the route is approximately 900 meters long. Fjæratoppen 731 MAMSL is the highest point. The last hike to Fjæratoppen is on a trail.

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## LUNCH AT ELJARVIK GARD

The local hosts welcomes you to Eljarvik Farm, where you will be served a delicious lunch of local food.



# ROUNDTRIP WITH STOP IN ÅKRAFJORD

A TOUR FULL OF CONTRASTS  
- HIGH BARREN MOUNTAINS, LUSH  
HILLSIDES, SHEER MOUNTAINSIDES,  
WATERFALLS AND DEEP FJORDS.

ROUNDTRIP

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# ROUNDTRIP - A TOUR FULL OF CONTRASTS



SAUDAFJELLET



RØLDAL STAVE CHURCH

FULL DAY  
TOUR



RYFYLKE NATIONAL TOURIST ROUTE



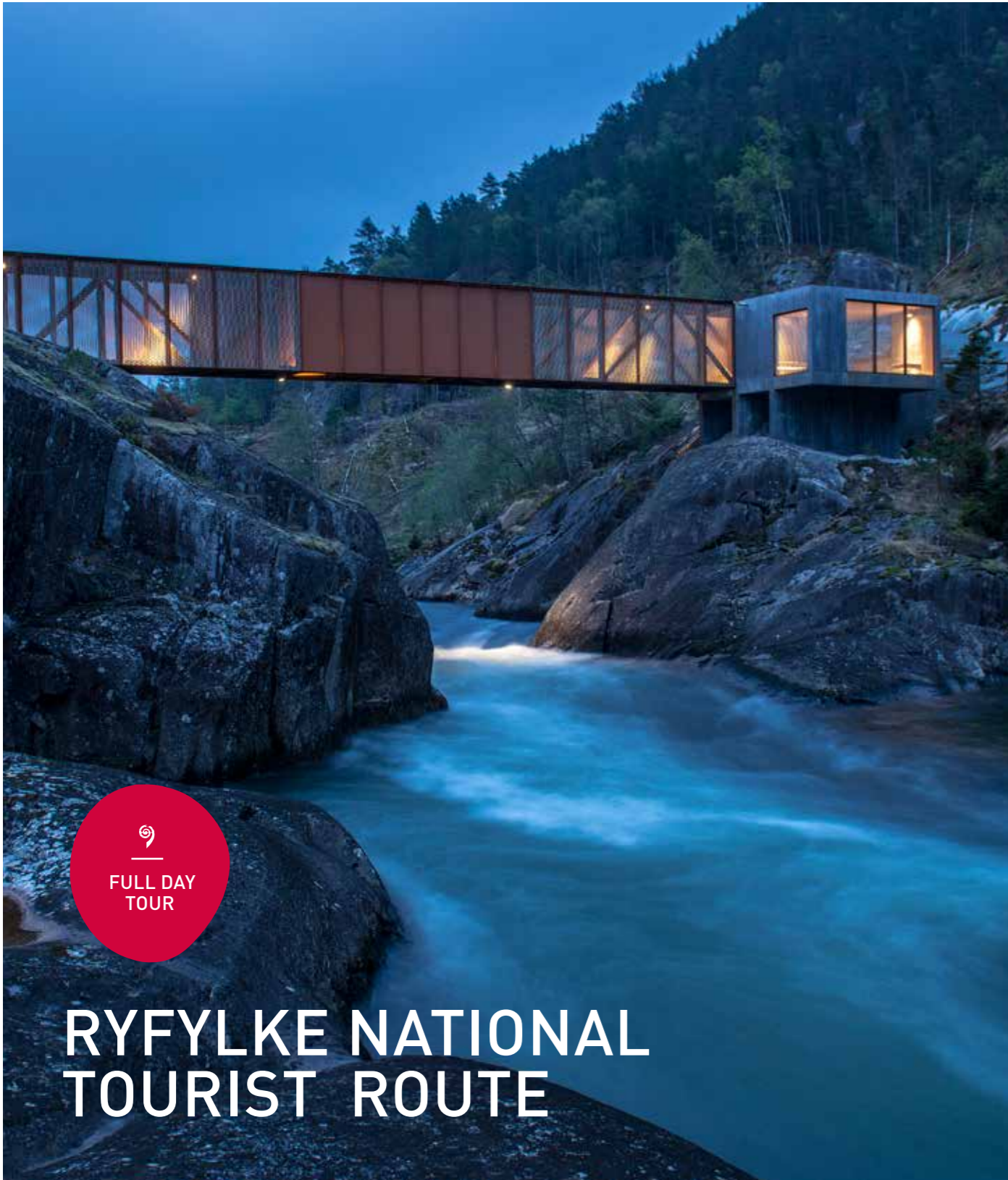
LANGFOSS WATERFALL






  
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FULL DAY  
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# RYFYLKE NATIONAL TOURIST ROUTE

The National Tourist Routes were an initiative set up by the Norwegian Public Roads Administration to identify the Norway's key scenic roads and pepper them with spectacular architectural pit stops. More than 50 architects, landscape architects, designers and artists has been engaged to facilitate the experience of nature, while also appearing as an attraction in its own right. The drive along the Ryfylke National Tourist Route is a trip full of contrasts. Here you will encounter high barren mountains, lush hillsides, sheer mountainsides and deep fjords.

→ [www.nasjonale turistveger.no/en/routes/ryfylke](http://www.nasjonale turistveger.no/en/routes/ryfylke)

## ATTRACTIONS ALONG THE ROUTE:



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### ALMANNAJUVET

The Allmannajuvet zinc mines are a disused mining works in Sauda. The mines were in operation from 1881 to 1899. Today, the mining area is a museum. The plain buildings in the gorge are designed in an industrial construction style to embody the story of the mines.

ARCHITECT: Zumthor & Partner



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### HØSE BRIDGE

Høse bridge lies in the village of Sand, the administration centre of Suldal municipality. Suldal is a large producer of hydroelectric power, and rural tourism, mining and aquaculture provide supplementary industries. Høse bridge is a footbridge over the Suldalslågen river. It lights up beautifully on dark autumn and winter nights and leads to the recreational area across the river.

ARCHITECT: Rintala Eggertsson Architects

### SVANDALSFOSSEN

The Svandalsfossen waterfall is a mighty spectacle when the river runs high. The 540 steps bring visitors into close proximity with the powerful waterfall and the lush, magical vegetation that characterises the area.

ARCHITECT: Helge Schjelderup, Arkitektkontoret Schjelderup & Gram



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# BLOW YOUR OWN SOUVENIR

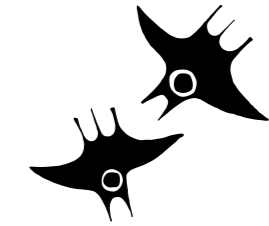


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## BE A GLASS ARTIST, BLOW YOUR OWN SOUVENIR FROM HAUGESUND.

Formbar Glassverksted is a glassblowing workshop that creates beautiful and unique products, art projects, and high-end design pieces. As trained glassblowers, the three proprietors draw on different strengths and express themselves individually, which combined embraces a broad artistic outlook. The workshop is located in the city center of Haugesund. **CAPACITY:** 14 people per hour



## FJORD CRUISE TO RYFYLKE AND JØSENFJORDEN

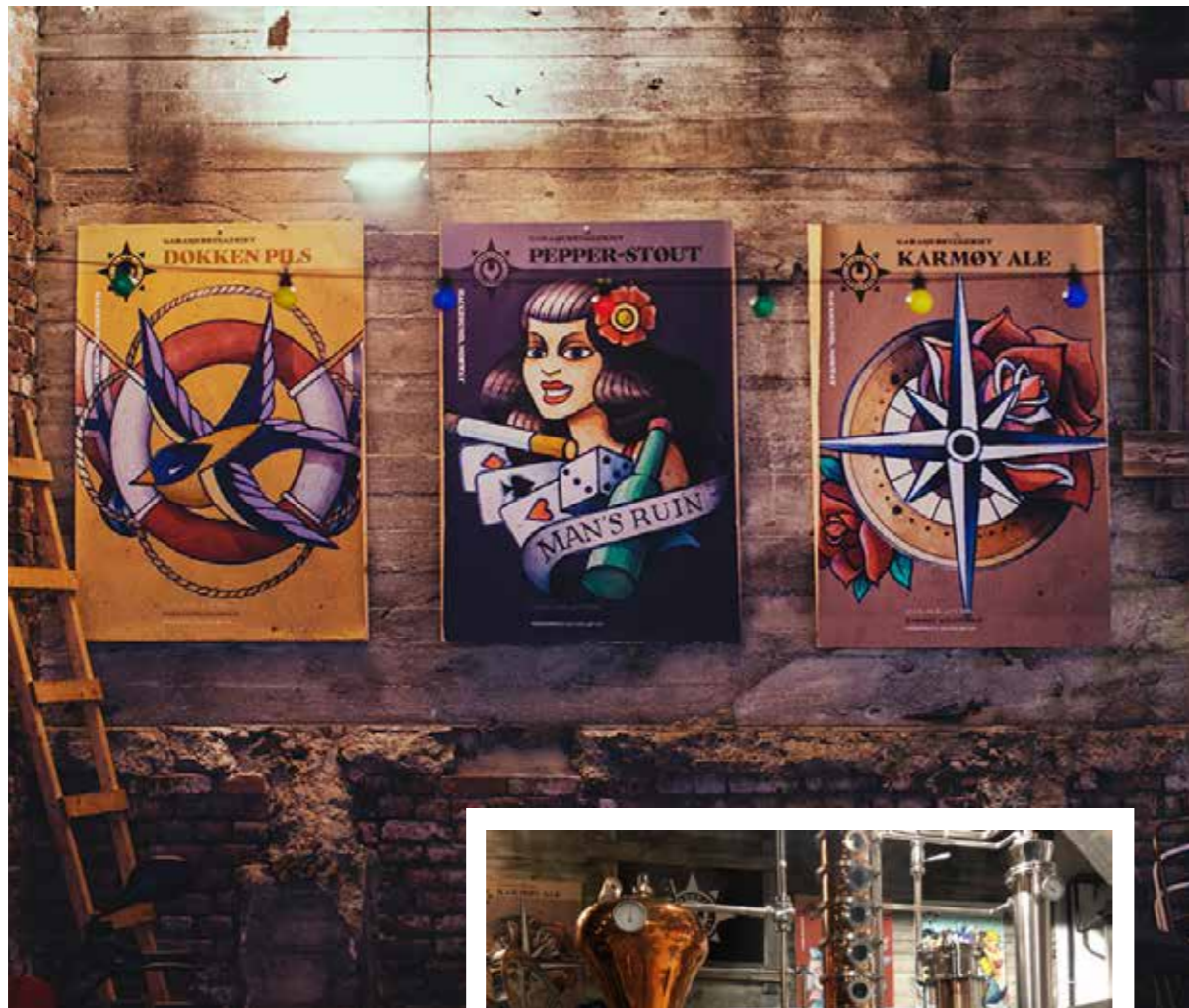
**JOIN US ON A FJORD CRUISE** through beautiful Ryfylke district and western Norway's fjord landscapes. We sail from the city of Haugesund and through Karmsund strait before entering Ryfylke with its many islands and magnificent scenery. The highlight of the fjord cruise is sailing up the 27-km long Jøsenfjord with mountains rising up to 700 meters from the sea.



## HELICOPTER TOURS

**SEE THE** Haugesund region, the Folgefonna glacier, Langfoss Waterfall or the Pulpit rock from above. **We offer helicopter tours from Haugesund Airport, Karmøy - 15 min drive from cruise pier.**

# BREWERIES



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## GARASJE-BRYGGERIET

Haugesunds first brewery - established in 2012. The brewery search, scientifically, for the true taste of the Haugesund region while producing craft beer in Haugesund. Located in city centre.

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**BOOKING AND PRICES:**  
bjorn@nordvegen.no  
garasjebryggeriet.no  
T: +47 913 74 740



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## SKUDENES BRYGGERI

Skudenes Bryggeri, founded in 2014, is a small micro brewery producing a wide selection of local beer. The brewery is located in Skudeneshavn, situated at the southern tip of Karmøy and is said to be one of Europe's best well kept old towns.

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**BOOKING AND PRICES:**  
post@skudenesbryggeri.no  
T: +47 922 39 373  
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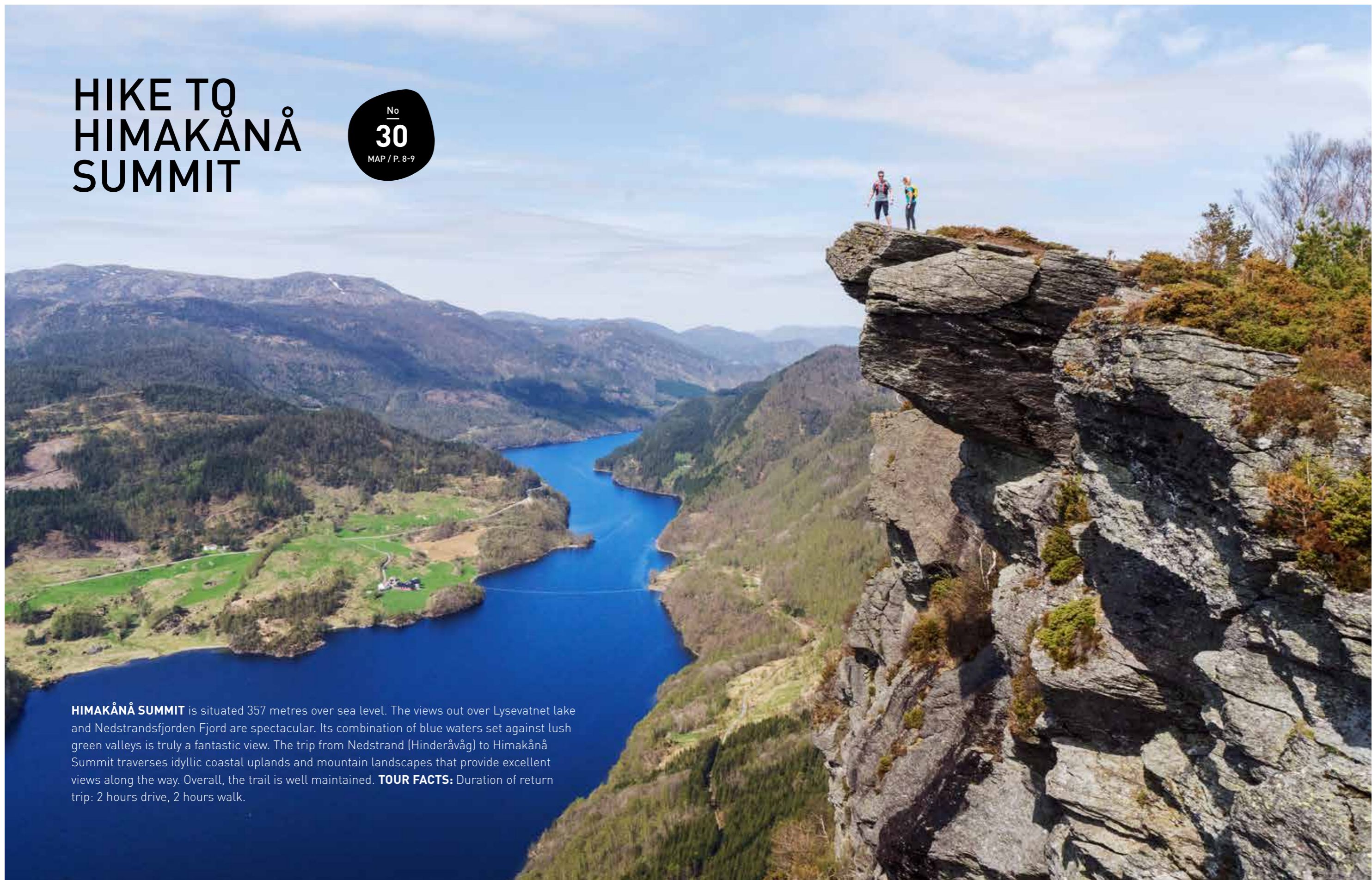
## HIERNAGLA BRENNERI

Join one of the founders on a tour of the distillery and experience how whiskey, gin and the Norwegian aquavit are made. From spring water to maturation on tap, and a taste along the way. 20 minutes from the cruise pier.

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**BOOKING AND PRICES:**  
T: +47 971 11 796  
reidar@hiernagla.no  
hiernagla.no

# HIKE TO HIMAKÅNÅ SUMMIT

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**HIMAKÅNÅ SUMMIT** is situated 357 metres over sea level. The views out over Lysevatnet lake and Nedstrandsfjorden Fjord are spectacular. Its combination of blue waters set against lush green valleys is truly a fantastic view. The trip from Nedstrand (Hinderåvåg) to Himakånå Summit traverses idyllic coastal uplands and mountain landscapes that provide excellent views along the way. Overall, the trail is well maintained. **TOUR FACTS:** Duration of return trip: 2 hours drive, 2 hours walk.



All photos: Jørgen Frain

# SALMON FARM AND AQUACULTURE CENTRE AT RØVÆR ISLAND

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**Røvær island** is home to 110 inhabitants and one car. Just a 25 minutes boat ride away from Haugesund. Fish farming is a large and important business along the Norwegian coast, and you can become familiar with this modern industry at the aquaculture centre. You'll also get to know the tiny creatures, seabirds and fish which flourish around Røvær.

The exhibition is compact and provides an easy-to-understand introduction to big and exciting subjects such as aquaculture, history, the environment and natural conditions. Interactive screens provide in-depth information, games and activities. The trip includes visits to a salmon farm at sea.





  
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## PANORAMIC TOUR

Experience the heart of Haugesund and get a good introduction to this small but vibrant city.

**AMONG THE THINGS YOU WILL SEE ARE:**

- The City Hall, which is considered Norway's most beautiful city hall
- The upmarket area at Salhus Road where all the wealthy ship owners lived in the 1800's

- Haraldshaugen - the place in Snorre's Sagas where the Harald Fairhaired is buried.
- Steinsfjellet Mountain view point - admire the view of the mighty North Sea from this vantage point.

**TOUR FACTS**

- **Duration:** 2 h
- **Roundtrip:** 24 km/15 miles
- **Means of transport:** bus
- **Activity level:** 1 (easy)



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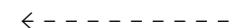
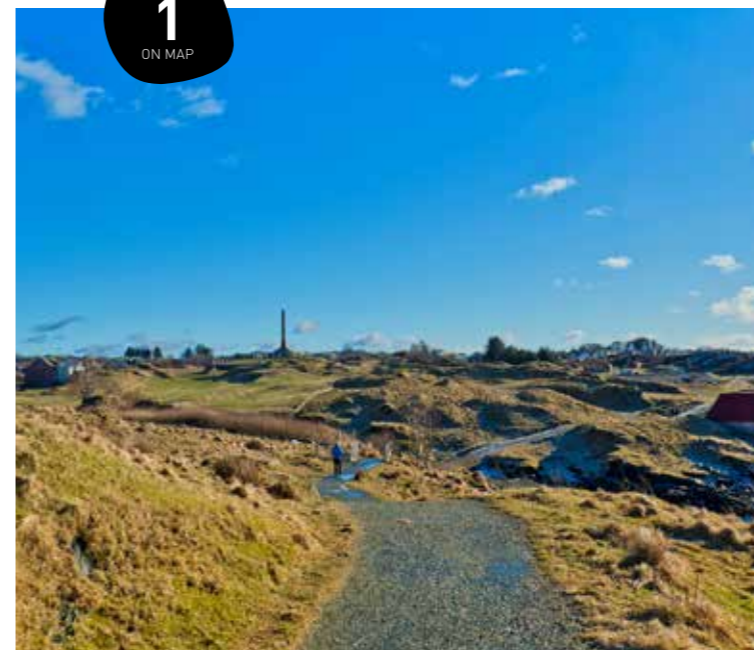




# GUIDED WALKING TOUR FROM THE CRUISE PIER

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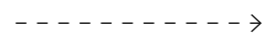
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## COASTAL PATH

Slightly north of Haugesund city centre you will find the coastal trail that lets you wander along the shore in a historic area. You may experience the ocean in all kinds of weathers, Norway's only national monument and you'll meet wild sheep that helps maintaining the cultural landscape along the ocean.

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## THE RISING TIDE

By Jason deCaires Taylor

The four hybrid sculptures fuse oil extraction machinery with the equine form, referencing the now retired working horse whilst drawing attention to our ongoing dependency on fossil fuels and the potential apocalyptic outcome of climate change. The sculpture questions Who is in charge? and Where are we heading?

The Rising Tide was initially on exhibition in the River Thames, London.

GUIDED WALKING TOUR



# HARALDSHAUGEN - NORWAY'S NATIONAL MONUMENT

Snorre's sagas of the kings mention the site where Harald Fairhair is buried. In the nineteenth century it was believed the place described by Snorre had been located. This is where the national monument of the unification of Norway was erected in 1872, during the millennial celebrations of Norway's unification into one kingdom.

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# AVALDSNES



Travel back in time to experience Avaldsnes. The site is home to the first king of Norway – Harald the Fairhaired.

**TOUR FACTS**

- Duration: 2-3 h
- Distance from cruise pier: 15 min
- Means of transport: bus or boat.  
Can be combined with bus and boat.
- Activity level: 1 (easy) 2 (medium)

AVALDSNES

# NORDVEGEN HISTORY CENTRE

Nordvegen History Centre tells the story about how Avaldsnes became The First Royal Throne of Norway. Harald Fairhair, the king who unified Norway into one kingdom, will present you for princes and kings who ruled the "North Way" from Avaldsnes.



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AVALDSNES

# OLAVS CHURCH

The beautiful Olav's church is the mightiest memorial of former days of glory. King Håkon Håkonsen started the work on the Olav's church in 1250. The church used to be surrounded by several large obelisks. On the north side of the church you can still find the tallest and well-known obelisk called "Virgin Mary's sewing needle". The famous myth about "Virgin Mary's sewing needle" is that since the obelisk approaches the church wall by a few milimetres each decade, doomsday will come when it finally touches the wall!

AVALDSNES

# THE VIKING FARM

The Viking settlement is situated in beautiful natural surroundings on the island of Bukkøy and is accessible on foot with a 10 minute walk from Olav's Church. Here it is possible to see and experience how the Vikings lived. Every aspect of the day-to-day life of the Vikings, from work to celebrations including farming, fishing, handicrafts, commerce, art and culture are on display here. Many buildings typical of Viking times are re-constructed using original techniques and of special interest is the granary and round house from the pre-Christian era. The other buildings are replicas from around 900 AD.



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## BE A VIKING - AND EXPERIENCE WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE IN THE VIKING AGE.



**WHAT DID VIKINGS EAT**, and how did they live? What was it like being a boy or girl in the Viking age, and what games did young Vikings play? How did warriors get strong enough to wield a heavy sword and shield? And why did the Viking kings choose to live right here, in Avaldsnes? In the Activity Pack "Viking for a day" you can dress like a Viking and experience what life was like in the Viking age.

**TOUR FACTS**  
- Distance from cruise pier: 15 min  
- Means of transport: bus or boat.  
Can be combined with bus and boat.



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## SKUDENESHAVN - THE WHITE HAVEN BY THE SEA

Historic Skudeneshavn is one of the most well-kept old wooden house towns of Europe and a quiet harbour for tall ships and small boats alike. With its narrow streets, the idyllic harbour and the old white wooden houses may charm you to stay for longer than you have planned to.

**TOUR FACTS**

- Distance from cruise pier: 50 min
- Means of transport: bus



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**HISTORIC  
SKUDENESHAVN IS  
A STILL-THRIVING,  
REAL-LIFE 19TH  
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## THE MUSEUM IN MÆLANDSGÅRDEN

The museum is situated in the old, preserved wooden building in Skudeneshavn. The museum provides an insight into how the town grew in the 1800s during the rich herring fishery period.

You can see how a middle-class family lived 150 years ago. The museum also contains a shop from 1840, a merchant's house, a dentist's surgery, seahouses and old workshops filled with fishing equipment and boats. There is also a separate thematic exhibition on seafaring and agriculture. Mælandsgården Museum is unique because all of its exhibits have remained in their authentic environment.



THE MUSEUM IN MÆLANDSGÅRDEN HOUSES A SHOP FROM 1843. HERE ARE SHELVES AND COUNTER STILL AS THEY WERE WHEN LIBERALIZATION OF THE TRADE ACT LED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MANY SHOPS IN SKUDENESHAVN.



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## BLONDEFABRIKKEN AND TIDENS MINDE

This is a unique opportunity to get inside and feel the authentic atmosphere. Hear the history told by enthusiastic locals while tasting their traditional food and drinks. Cherish yesterday, live today and dream for tomorrow together with the married couple Eli and Knut who share their knowledge of the town's history and their joy of an active life in this old historic town.

Guided tour outdoors. Visit the old bakery and brewery rooms. Taste local beers (or soft drinks) and "snacks" while Eli and Knut tell about the history of the house. Come inside the old lace factory "Blondefabrikken" and enjoy a bowl of the very tasty fish chowder made from today's catch and local vegetables. Art exhibitions inside Blondefabrikken will vary between local and internationally known artists.



- TOUR FACTS**
- Distance from cruise pier: 50 min
  - Means of transport: bus
  - Total time in Skudeneshavn: 3 hours

KRINGSJÅ MOUNTAIN FARM



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# KRINGSJÅ MOUNTAIN FARM

Close to Haugesund City Centre is an area featuring untouched nature.

**THE LANDSCAPE WAS FORMED** during the Ice Age thousands of years ago. Here you can find more than a hundred wild sheep. Several paths lead to Kringsjå Mountain Farm, and the area is open to visitors all year. The Kringsjå cottage is situated only a 15-minute walk away from the best viewpoint in Haugesund – Steinsfjellet Mountain. In bad weather it can be a good idea to get into the warm cottage, preferably with a cup of coffee or hot chocolate in front of the fireplace. Goats and wild sheep have permanent pasture here. There is also a playground and an outdoor fireplace.

- TOUR FACTS**
- Distance from cruise pier: 15 min
  - Means of transport: bus + 30 minutes of walking
  - Dining can be included



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# FROM KARMØY TO NEW YORK

Did you know that the copper used in the Statue of Liberty in New York came from Karmøy?

**AT THE MINING MUSEUM OF VISNES** you can learn about the history of the mining community, which consisted of about 3000 inhabitants in the 1800s. Take a stroll in Director Charles de Franse's elegant garden and view the remains of the old melting works out by the sea. This is an adventure for the children too - the mining playground is very popular. The Visnes Natural History Collection contains birds and animal species native to Karmøy. You can also study the fauna and flora of the area.

- TOUR FACTS**
- Distance from cruise pier: 20 min
  - Means of transport: bus



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# RØVÆRHOLMEN LIGHTHOUSE

Røværsholmen Lighthouse, established in 1892, on the west coast of Haugesund. You can reach the island only by boat or by helicopter.



# RØVÆR ISLAND

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Røvær is an island located 25 minutes off the coast of Haugesund and is home to 110 inhabitants and one car.

**ENJOY A FJORD CRUISE** between city islands, and out in the open towards the North Sea. A guided tour on the island will give you a glimpse of its history. Follow a marked path which includes a 1000-year old Viking settlement and a museum depicting Røvær's history.

**TOUR FACTS**

- Duration: 2.5 h
- Distance from cruise pier: 25 min
- Means of transport: boat
- Activity level: 2 (medium)



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## HAUGESUND'S HISTORY AND EXCLUSIVE LOCAL FOOD

**JOIN US FOR AN EXITING EXPERIENCE** taking in Haugesund's history and enjoy exclusive local cuisine. The trip includes great nature, fabulous stories and a fantastic look at the city from the sea. With RIB boats you get many experiences in a short period of time and lunch is served at Høyvarde, a restored lighthouse from the 18th century. A RIB boat with a storyteller and guide will take you from the cruise pier through Smedasundet Sound and Karmsundet Sound and conclude at Høyvarde for a drink in the lighthouse followed by a 3-course lunch.

- TOUR FACTS**
- **Duration:** 3-4 h
  - **Distance from cruise pier:** 20 min
  - **Means of transport:** RIB boat
  - **Activity level:** 2 (medium)
  - **Maximum pax per tour:** 24

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## WHITE SANDY DUNES

By the North Sea

**THIS IS A GREAT HIKE** along the nature and heritage trail that runs from the village of Åkra to the village of Ferkingstad. Cultural and historical monuments lie in abundance between Åkra and the boathouse ruins at Hop. The hike starts at the north end of the beach at Åkra. From here you can enjoy the view of the white beaches stretching along the shore. The hike follows a natural path, and along the way you can see and sense a rich fauna and birdlife. At the south end of the beach the tour continues over to a historical area dating back to the Viking Age. Here, you will see stone monuments symbolizing the two daughters of King Augvald, one of our Viking kings. The tour continues to Ferkingstad Beach, where you can have a break and a snack. Afterwards, you can walk to the charming boat harbour, built in the 1960's. The tour finishes at the Fisherman's Memorial, a monument symbolizing local fishermen who lost their lives at sea.

- TOUR FACTS**
- **Distance from cruise pier:** 40 min
  - **Means of transport:** bus

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# UTSIRA ISLAND

If you love being out in nature this excursion will be excellent for you.

The tour starts with a 70-minute long ride on the ferry MS Utsira. Upon arrival in the beautiful and charming North Harbour you will be guided to Utsira Lighthouse. A beautiful lighthouse built in 1844. It was renovated 2019.

The public space surrounding the lighthouse is filled with different artwork, and you will be given a brief introduction

in the way of life for the lighthouse keeper and some local history. There will also be a possibility to get inside the lighthouse, and experience the view. In the cozy lighthouse café you can buy waffle and coffee.

On the passage back to Haugesund you can sit outside and enjoy the fresh sea air or have a nap inside.

#### TOUR FACTS

- **Duration:** 5 hours
- **Min.** 10 persons
- **Max.** 25 persons
- **Means of transport:** boat





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# RYVARDEN LIGHTHOUSE

**AT RYVARDEN LIGHTHOUSE**, the forces of nature will touch both body and soul. The headland seems to reach out and lift you towards where the huge sky meets the mighty sea. Whether the storms rage and you lean into the wind, or the sea is calm, the scenery will give you a breathtaking feeling.  
After the lighthouse became automatic in 1984, the buildings have been used as a cultural centre. Here one can find a gallery, café, and museum.

**TOUR FACTS**

- **Duration:** 4 h
- **Distance from cruise pier:** 25 min
- **Means of transport:** bus + walking (30 min one way)
- **Activity level:** 2 (gravel road, marked path)



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# GO SAILING

**TO SAIL IS A BREATHTAKING EXPERIENCE.** When the wind takes hold of the sails and all you see is the ocean, it is a breathless moment. We organize short cruises, fjord cruises and voyages. Sail ships "Johanne Karine" and "Seladon".



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# BOAT TOURS

**WELCOME ON BOARD!**

With the Cruise Port as starting point, we are happy to take our guests on a journey to the fjords in the Haugesund region – or to the islands in the west coast of Haugesund. On the way from Haugesund the boat will sail in the strait Karmsundet. For the Vikings, this was the North Way – the way to the north – this is the strait that gave the name to the country – Norway.  
It is possible to order dining - or a kiosk on board can sell beverages, snacks and small dishes.

**Welcome to a great experience!**

Passenger capacity: 84

# ISLAND SAFARI BY RIB BOAT

A spectacular way to experience nature, the sea and authentic island communities. Our guide gives us an introduction to the history of Haugesund right from the herring industry, which founded the city, to today's oil industry. We cruise out the Smedasundet and pass through the idyllic city islands, before heading west. The journey passes through islets and cuts to the inhabited island communities of Føynå and Røvær. These islands are unique, with narrow canals through beautiful scenery and many idyllic properties. We stop at Røvær to take in the special atmosphere.



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**TOUR FACTS**

- Duration: 2-3 hours
- Meeting point: Pick up at the pier – 15 min walk
- Means of transport: RIB-boat

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## FJORD SIGHTSEEING BY BUS OR BOAT TO THE IDYLIC FJORD VILLAGE NEDSTRAND

You will experience how Norwegian society has evolved and developed, seeing towns and villages set in scenic surroundings. By boat we cruise between islands and islets. On our journey through Karmsundet (Nordvegen) we pass the Viking farm at Avaldsnes - "Norway's birthplace".

When we reach Nedstrand, there will be a choice of two different experiences. One is a hike to the popular mountain formation of Himakånå (ca 2 hours hike). The second is visiting The Treetop Park – an experience for the entire family – great fun and physical activity for everyone.

**TOUR FACTS**

- Duration: Day-tour
- Meeting point Bus: Bus from the pier .
- Meeting point Boat: Pick up at the pier – 15 min walk to boat



## SEA FISHING IN THE NORTH SEA

We sail through the Smedasundet and pass through the idyllic city islands before heading west. Our experienced captain will look for good fishing areas with a very rich ocean life. We throw the line over and try our luck. You will be surrounded by spectacular scenery on the trip.

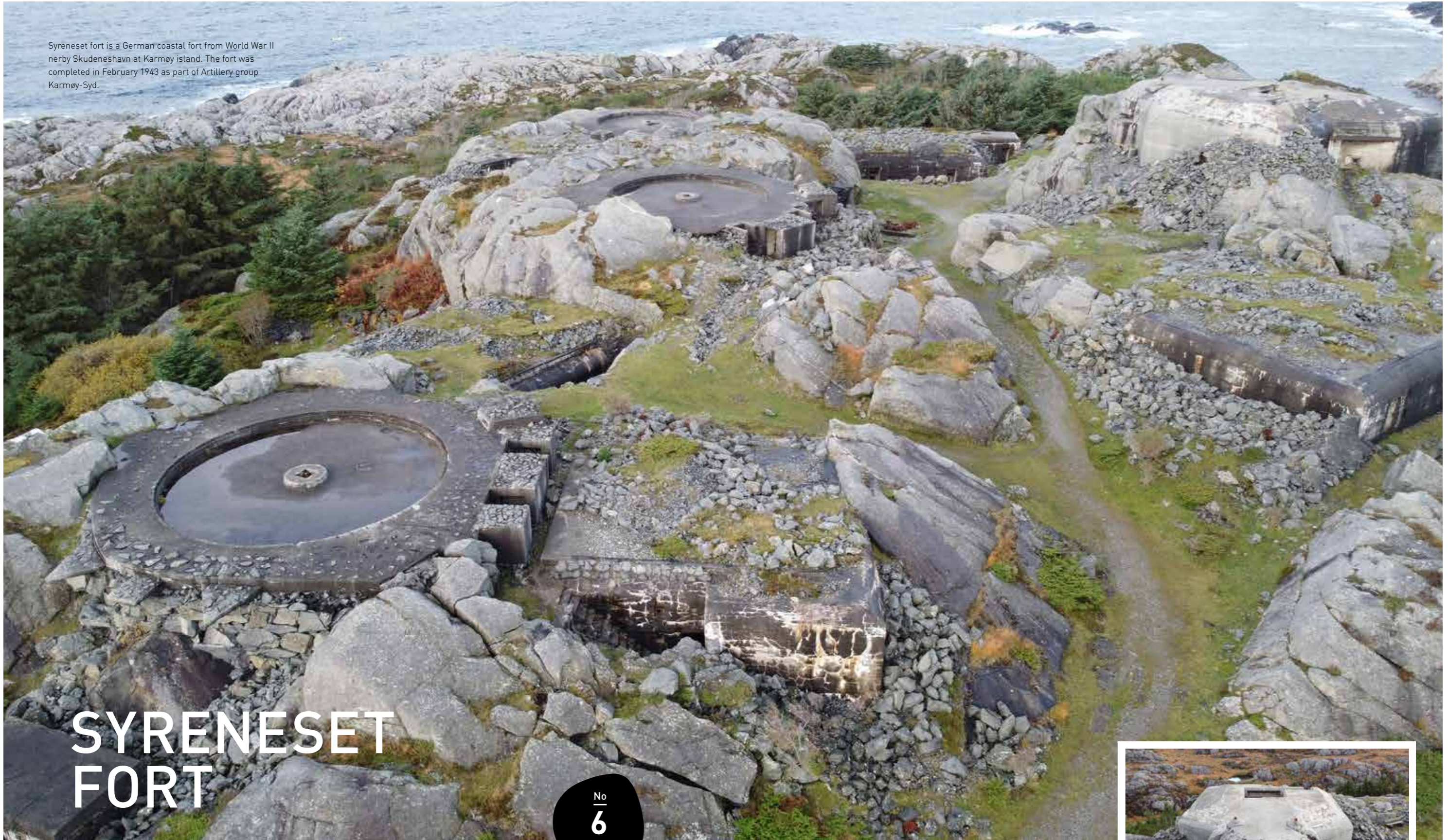
**TOUR FACTS**

- Duration: 3 hours
- Meeting point: Pick up at the pier – 15 min walk to boat
- Means of transport: Fishing vessel



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Syreneset fort is a German coastal fort from World War II nearby Skudeneshavn at Karmøy island. The fort was completed in February 1943 as part of Artillery group Karmøy-Syd.



# SYRENESET FORT

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Syreneset Fort is one of the most impressive defense installations in the Haugesund area. The solid steel-reinforced concrete bunkers stand as they did during the war, and the enormous command bunker is an impressive structure where it lies and overlooks the North Sea.

The trip to Syreneset Fort is exciting for everyone. The path winds through a beautiful terrain surrounded by forest, open landscape, heather and moss-covered hill. The walking distance is about 1 km one way.



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ARQUEBUS MUSEUM - WORLD WAR II MUSEUM

# ARQUEBUS MUSEUM

One of Norway's largest World War II museums. The museum takes the visitor through the dramatic history of the occupation on April 9th up to the liberation in 1945.

One of the most distinctive aspects of the museum is the 100 mannequins wearing different civil and military clothes from the Second World War. There are several scenes from the war depicted by using vehicles, equipment, and even a reconstructed street!



ARQUEBUS MUSEUM - WORLD WAR II MUSEUM



# HOME AND GARDEN VISIT

We visit the beautiful home and garden of our hosts, Anne and Leif Bjarte. They live in a charming wooden house from 1884. In their own words; “the house and the garden live together in quiet harmony, and the simplicity is the beauty of the place”.

**AN OLD STONE PATH** leads you into the old garden. This is the place for perennials and roses, and an old stone stair leads you into the house. The garden includes several hundred different plant species. It is divided into sections, each with a different expression. There are quite a few herb spices to be found,

which are used in both food and drinks. In the garden there is also a greenhouse where they cultivate tomatoes, cucumbers, chili, apricots, and other plants for eating. Nature is close by, and there is a rich bird life. This is a place for silence and beauty.

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**“THE HOUSE AND THE GARDEN LIVE TOGETHER IN QUIET HARMONY, AND THE SIMPLICITY IS THE BEAUTY OF THE PLACE”.**



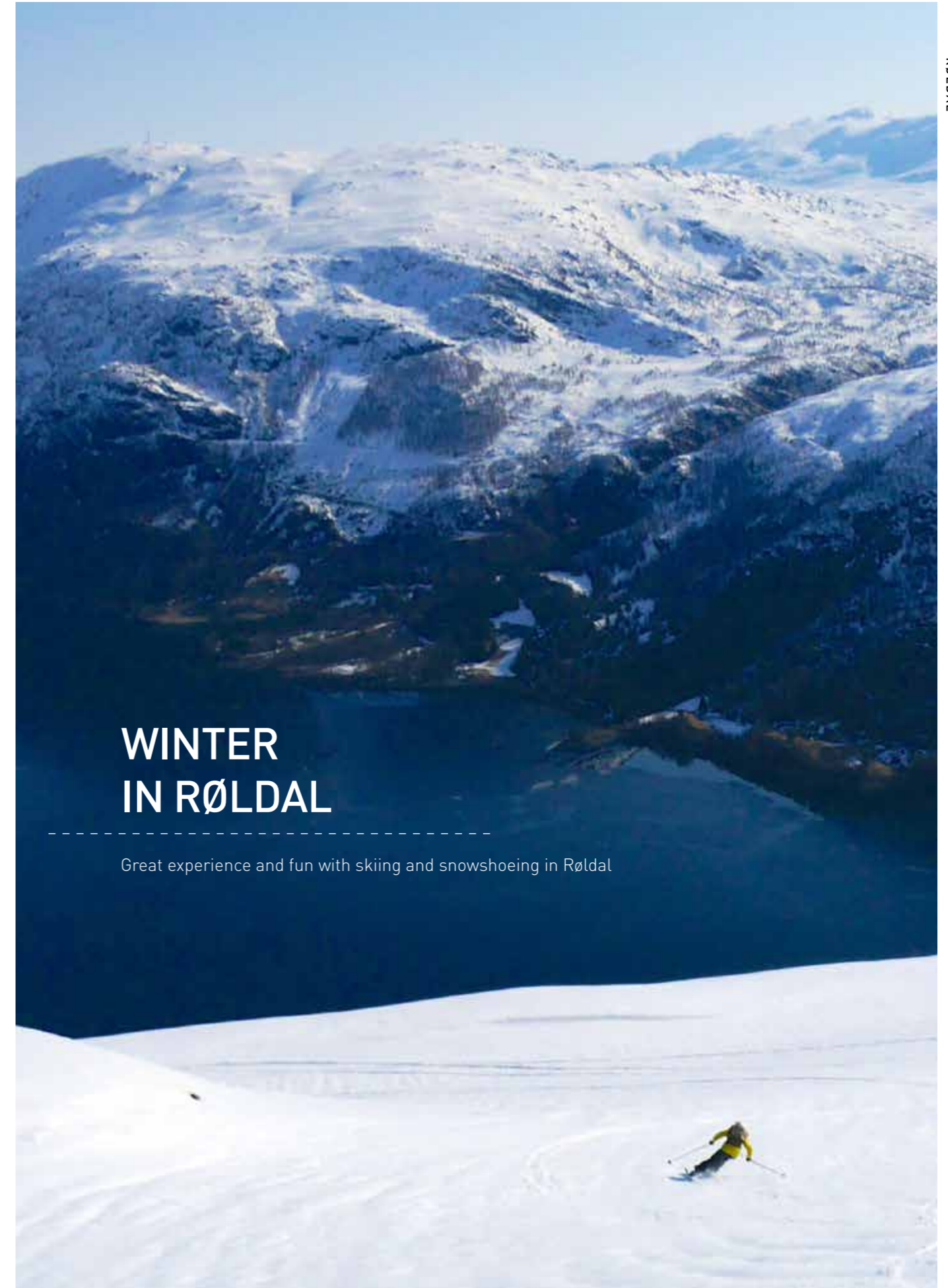
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## RØLDAL STAVE CHURCH

Røldal stave church, built between year 1200 and 1250, is the most important tourist attraction in the rural parts of Røldal. The stave church is one of the most known pilgrim churches and was the second most important pilgrim destination after Nidarosdomen in catholic times. The reason for this is the crucifix, which is still in the church, that according to tales has a healing power every midsummer.



## WINTER IN RØLDAL

Great experience and fun with skiing and snowshoeing in Røldal

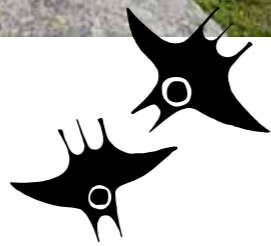


## CYCLING IN RØLDAL

Experience the fascinating Røldal nature by bike - from the highest mountain to the mighty Langfoss waterfall ending majestically up in the fjord. Røldal has some spectacular old roads outside the long tunnels with impressive road engineering and rock constructions. You'll also get an amazing mountain view.

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FULL DAY TOUR



# PULPIT ROCK

Preikestolen, also known as the Pulpit Rock or Preacher's Rock, is one of the most popular hiking trips in the region. Situated at the scenic Lysefjorden Fjord on the west coast of Norway, this is the perfect outing for nature lovers seeking adventure. Going on this hike, you're in for a true wow-experience as you reach the Pulpit Rock.

**TOUR FACTS**

- **Duration:** full day tour. Scenic route
  - **Means of transport:** boat or bus.
- The walking trip will take you about 4 - 5 hours return, including a short stop at the top.





FOLGEFONNA GLACIER



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# FOLGEFONNA GLACIER



A hike to the edge of the glacier. On the way to the glacier you will experience some great Norwegian nature. A short stop will be made in Åkrafjorden where you can see Langfoss, Norway's fifth largest waterfall. An experience of a lifetime - blue ice trip on the Folgefonna Glacier!

**TOUR FACTS**

- **Duration:** 8-10 hours
- **Means of transport:** Bus. Scenic route.
- **Who can join:** The blue ice trip suits everyone over seven years of age in normal health. The tours are adjusted to suit the needs and abilities of the participants.
- **Season:** Mid-May until mid-August

SALMON SAFARI



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# SALMON SAFARI AT MO LAKSEGARD

Fitted out with a survival suit, snorkel and mask, you commence the salmon safari by floating freely along with the powerful current of the Suldalslågen River.

**THIS IS AN ADVENTURE** in nature of a totally different kind: A salmon darts by. Another is standing still, striving against the current. A guide follows your progress from a nearby canoe. Mo Laksegard also offer activities such as wilderness camps, Burma bridge, river expedition, fishing, abseiling, and a visit to Mo's local brewery.

**TOUR FACTS**

- **Duration:** Full day tour
- **Distance from cruise pier:** 1.5 h
- **Means of transport:** Bus. Scenic route.



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# ACTIVITY PARK

Great fun for everybody in gorgeous surroundings.

**EXPERIENCE AN** exciting world from the treetops! An active and fun-filled day of excitement and mastery. A memorable day where you can challenge yourself and your loved ones. Here, the adults have just as much fun as the kids. Just enjoy!

**TOUR FACTS**

- **Distance from cruise pier:** 45 min. Scenic route
- **Means of transport:** bus.
- **Capacity:** 200 persons



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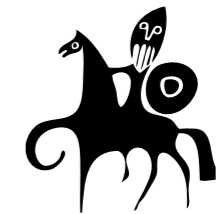


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# FRØNSDAL - FARM VISIT AND ACTIVITIES

Frønsdal Activity Farm gives you the possibility to try bow and arrow, axe throwing, beach volleyball or horseshoe throwing. You can borrow a canoe or boat to row on the lake. Horse back riding and pony's are among the children's favorites. A meal can be served in the sami tent, with room for 50 people.

- TOUR FACTS**
- Distance from cruise pier: 45 min
  - Means of transport: bus



# BE ACTIVE!

Many opportunities for bike rides. You can choose between cycling in the terrain, or in the city/region. We can offer regular bikes, or electric bikes. City bikes, or mountain bikes.



FARM VISIT



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# HAGLAND FARM



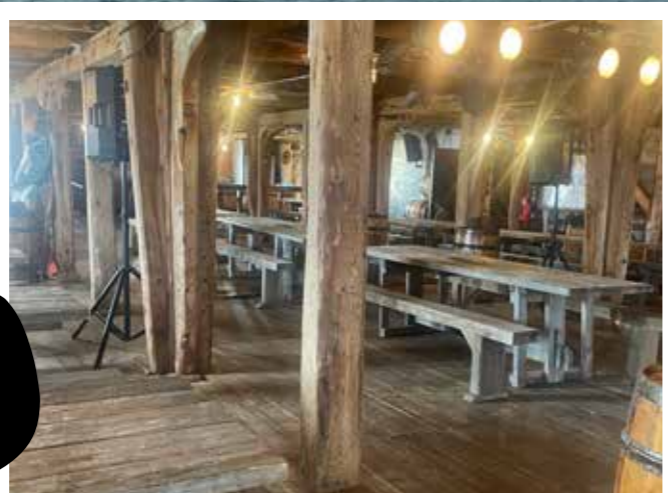
Enjoy the scenery, visit the farm and see the animals. Sit down, relax and enjoy the local food in the open air house in the wood.

**TOUR FACTS**

- Distance from cruise pier: 20 min
- Means of transport: bus



Mortholmen - coastal culture at its best.



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# FRESH AND RAW NATURE

Deadliest Catch TV star Sig Hansen is one of the owners of Mortholmen. Sig Hansen tells about the fishing history on Karmøy (on 1: 1 digital screens), and you will meet Ludvig from the family who have owned Mortholmen from far back in time. A delicious plate with "tastes from the sea" will be served.

**TOUR FACTS**  
- Duration: 3-4 Hours  
- Capacity: 200 persons



# HERRING HISTORY AND TASTING IN SKUDENESHAVN

**WE INVITE YOU** to the very start of the great herring era and gives you a rich insight into the everyday life in Skudeneshavn. Guided city walk and lunch with a taste of herring.

**TOUR FACTS**  
- Duration: 4 Hours  
- Capacity: 50 persons

MINIGOLF



# MINIGOLF AND 18 HOLE GOLF COURSE

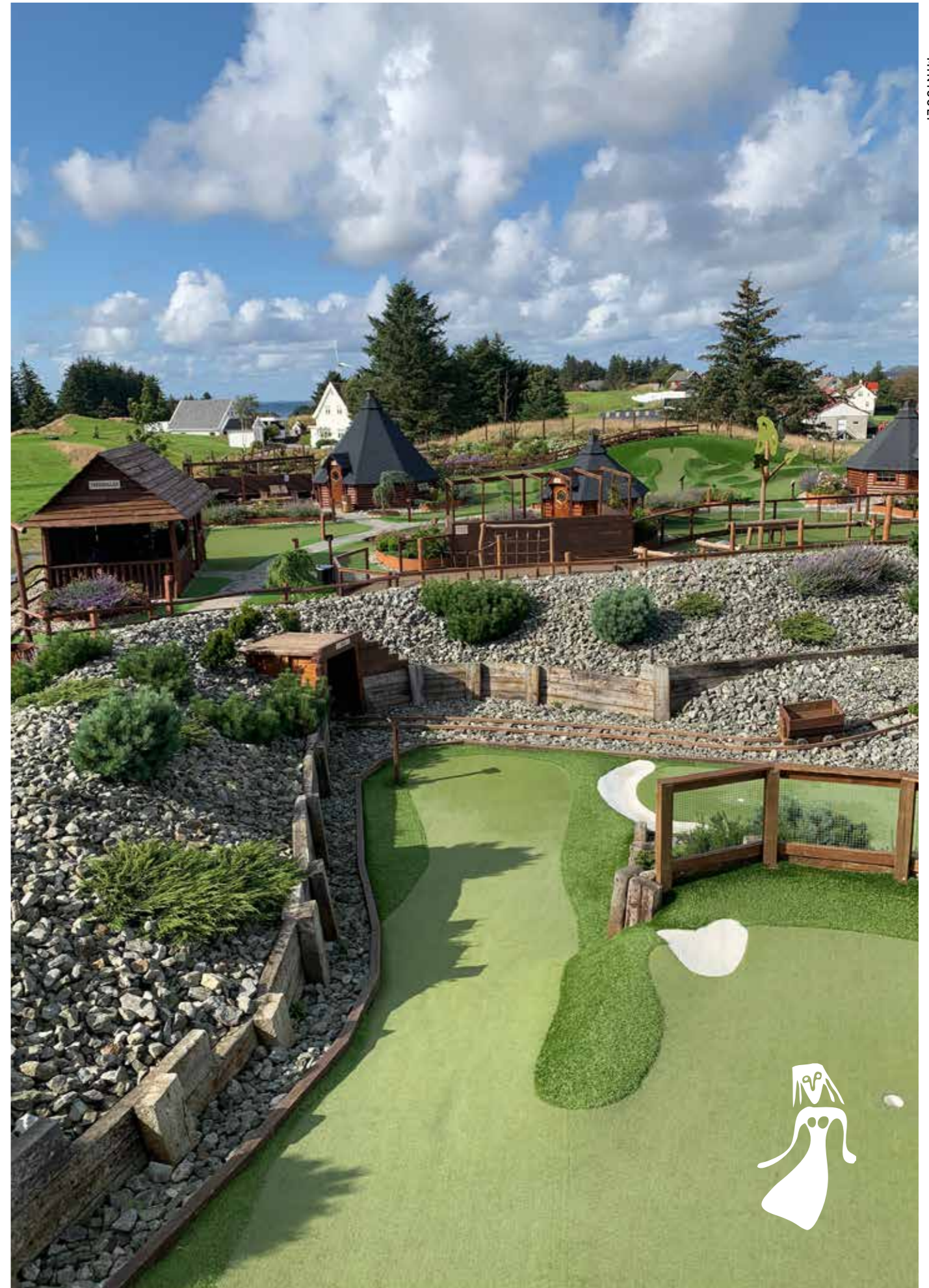
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**TOUR FACTS**

- Distance from cruise pier: 20 min
- Capacity Mini Golf: 80 persons per hour

Experience the beauty of the courses in the land of the Viking Kings, and the fun of playing Mini Golf at the "Golf Farm".

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# SEA FISHING



Enjoy! Your captain will provide you with safety instructions and behaviour at sea, and of course, a thorough lesson in the types of fish and hints about where to drop lines. Fishing lines and life vests will be provided. If you wish, a fish soup made of the day's catch can also be ordered and prepared.

**TOUR FACTS**

- **Distance from cruise pier:** pick up at the pier
- **Capacity:** 40 persons



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# KAYAKING







# FESTIVALS

Haugesund and the surrounding region has many festivals throughout the year. **Check out our festivals!**

## SOME OF OUR FESTIVALS

	VIKING FESTIVAL	SILDAJAZZ HAUGESUND INT. JAZZ FESTIVAL	HARBOUR DAYS	THE WORLD'S LONGEST HERRING TABLE	THE NORWEGIAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL	SKUDE-FESTIVAL
Year	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date
2025	6.-8. Jun	6.-10. Aug	14.-17. Aug	16. Aug	16.-22. Aug	3.-6. July
2026	5.-7. Jun	5.-9. Aug	13.-16. Aug	15. Aug	15.-21. Aug	2.-5. July
2027	11.-13. Jun	11-15. Aug	19.-22. Aug	14. Aug	14.-20. Aug	1.-4. July



**JUNE:  
VIKING-  
FESTIVAL**  
[www.vikingfestivalen.no](http://www.vikingfestivalen.no)



**AUGUST:  
THE WORLDS  
LONGEST  
HERRING  
TABLE**

[www.visithaugesund.no/en/All-events/Festivals](http://www.visithaugesund.no/en/All-events/Festivals)



**AUGUST:  
SILDA-  
JAZZ**  
[www.sildajazz.no](http://www.sildajazz.no)

**AUGUST:  
THE NORWEGIAN  
INTERNATIONAL  
FILM FESTIVAL**

[www.filmfestivalen.no/](http://www.filmfestivalen.no/)



**JULY:  
SKUDE-  
FESTIVAL**  
[www.skudfestivalen.no](http://www.skudfestivalen.no)



**AUGUST:  
HARBOUR-  
DAYS**  
[www.havnedagene.no](http://www.havnedagene.no)

**DECEMBER:  
CHRISTMAS  
MARKET**  
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# PORT OF HAUGESUND

**CITY CENTRE**

**CRUISE PIER TO CITY CENTRE: 950 M**

**INNER HARBOUR**  
Quay length total: 250 m  
Max. length for berthing: 130 m  
Draft 6.5 m

KARMØY - THE ISLAND

**GARPEKJÆR HARBOUR:**  
Quay length total: 419 m  
Draft: 9,5 m. To be deepened to 9,8 m [Ready February 2023].







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