



Stø. Photo: Rikke Bye

VESTERÅLEN

Kingdom of the whales

The Vesteraalen archipelago is a magnificent set of islands with the most stunning natural surroundings. This is a place that really brings you back in time to what life was like hundreds of years ago. There are still people living on small little islands where boat is the only means of transport to schools, shops and communal services. This is a true representation of how to live of the land. The fishing industry is by far the largest. Due to the rich supply of fish this is also where you will find the magnificent whales. The Vesteraalen islands is home to whales all year round. Northern Lights appear with the advent of the dark season and as we approach summer the midnight sun graces us with its presence.

ATTRACTIONS/EXCURSIONS

WHALE SAFARI Vesteraalen is located on the edge of the continental shelf, where the nutrient-rich ocean is a primary feeding ground for whales. This geographical privilege makes the area perfect for whale safaris. Here one can experience some of the world's largest sea mammals at close range.

ANDØYA SPACE CENTRE - SPACESHIP AURORA

At Spaceship Aurora you will get a virtual trip into space. Here you will visit the Northern Lights and will see their origin and effect on our planet, both naturally and culturally. You will take part in experiments, launch probes and see how the day to day life is like at a Space Center. This is very good for families. **ALVELAND** - According to old legends, Andøya was a place for elves. This is where the magic happened. Alveland soap factory, shop and café

is a gem. Take part in making soaps, look through the home-made products and nick-knack in the shop, hear the story and enjoy home baking.

PUFFIN & SEA EAGLE SAFARI - Board a genuine fishing boat and head for Bleiksøya bird rock, only 10 minutes away. Between April and September this is their breeding ground and the activity is high. Another majestic bird aware of this activity is the sea eagle. For them this is hunting ground. You are guaranteed some excellent photos.

INGA SAMI SIIDA Our guests are welcome to experience the exotic native Sami culture. We tell you the stories about our Sami culture, myths and magic, herding reindeers, and the daily life of the arctic reindeers and their exciting properties. You will experience Joik (The traditional song of the Sami people) while seated around the warm, cozy fireplace inside our lavvu, enjoying the special atmosphere.

NYKSUND - Nyksund is a former fishing village which was abandoned for many years, but today it is one of the most important tourist attractions in Vesteraalen. Nyksund is now a vibrant little village, but one can still see and experience how people lived 100 years ago.

ISLAND HOPPING - through time. From Skjærfjorden we take a boat trip among the most spectacular islands visiting Skipnes and Tinden on our way. At Skipnes we make a stop for refreshments and a visit to "Anna from Vinje" to learn the story of what it was like to be a fisherman's wife in hard times. To top it off - the most jaw-dropping view of Vesteraalen. Tinden was the most important trading post in the region.



Nyksund



Inga Sámi Siida. Photo: Trym Ivar Bergsmo



Miniconcert in the Neptune Tank

SCENIC EIDSFJORD - Our main goal for this tour is Eidsfjorden. Here we learn about the rich herring fisheries during the late 1800's and the typical Northern Norwegian combination of farming and fisheries, «Fiskarbonden». In its glory days Eidsfjord inhabited as much as 10 000 people, but today only about 100 people live here.

HURTIGRUTEN MUSEUM - We will visit the museum and learn about how one man started a steam-boat company which changed the lives of thousands of people along the Norwegian coast. After visiting the museum, we will have time to explore one of the older boats which lies just in front of the museum.

MINI CONCERT IN THE NEPTUNE TANK - A unique concert in the old fish container tank. The sound carries for more than 23 seconds, surrounding you totally and creating sounds no technical equipment can. We combine this concert, which last for about 25 mins, with other activities on the Hadsel Island.

TROLLFJORD CRUISE AND SEA EAGLE SAFARI - Few fjords can compete with Trollfjord. It's 3 km long, with a 70 m wide opening surrounded by steep mountainsides. Nature here is terrifyingly dramatic. And we can almost guarantee a close sighting of the magnificent Sea Eagle!

VISIT A REAL FISH FARM! - Norway is the world's largest producer of Atlantic salmon, and around 14 million people around the world enjoy Norwegian salmon every day! Along with fishery, aquaculture is the main industry in Vesterålen, providing valuable opportunities for employment and settlement along the coast.

NORTHERN LIGHTS - The Aurora Borealis, also called the Northern Lights, is only visible in the Northern Hemisphere in the period from September to April. We can offer more than one excursion where we go looking for these incredible phenomena, you will hopefully get memories of a lifetime.

MIDNIGHT SUN - the phenomena midnight sun is when the sun doesn't go under the horizon, so you can see the sun 24 hours a day. This phenomenon is only from the end of May to the end of July between the polar circles and the poles. It's absolutely fantastic to watch, and it's a memorable moment.

PORT OF VESTERÅLEN (SORTLAND)

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Berths for cruise: 1
Distance to city centre: 200 m

DOCKING INFORMATION

Landing largest ship: approx. 300 m depending on draught
Air draft: N/A when arriving via Hadsselfjorden
Tidal movement: 1.6 m - 2.4 m
Terminal contact: Mr. Hansen, Einar Glad, Operation Manager - cell +47 905 89 308

TERMINAL FACILITIES (TURNAROUND)

Restrooms
Wi-Fi Service
Taxi
Shuttle bus on request
Distance to airport: Harstad/Narvik 110 km, Stokmarknes 22 km

TRANSIT AND T/A EQUIPMENT

Forklifts

PORT SERVICES

Fresh water bunkering
Waste landing
Sludge landing: on request
Grey water landing: on request
Special waste: on request
VAT refund: on request

SECURITY & ENVIRONMENT

Fenced terminals (ISPS)
Security service

EPI on request
ESI on request
NOx-regulations: non local regulation
Max ships per day: N/A
Max pax per day: 3,000

ANCHORAGE

Max GT: Unlimited
Type of bottom: All
Minimum depth: N/A
Distance from anchorage to tender pier: Several locations, so between 1-5 nm

TOURIST INFORMATION

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Quay	Water depth	Length	Height	Fenders	Shore Power	Grey Water	Max Ship size
Terminalkai T1 - T5	S 7.5 - N 10 m	438	N/A	Rubber tires	No	On request	300 m

