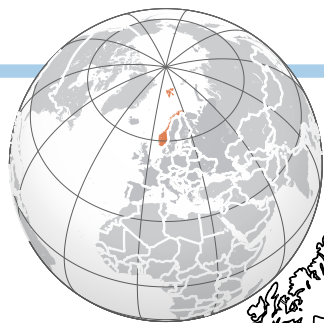




HAREID  
MUNICIPALITY



**WELCOME TO HAREID**  
*Explorer's Port*



# Welcome to Hareid

Hareid is, compared to villages elsewhere in the region, a medium-sized municipality with slightly above 5000 inhabitants.

Hareids history is closely linked to pioneering activities, both locally and in the surrounding areas. There are strong references to the Viking age and seal hunting in the Arctic Ocean in more recent times. In fact, the town Ny-Ålesund on Svalbard was formerly called Brandal City, named after Brandal where most of the pioneers came from. The Norwegian polar explorer Roald Amundsen often contacted the experienced Arctic Sea sailors from Brandal before he set off on his many explorations. Therefore, it is with great pride that we welcome you to Hareid – Explorer's port.

In addition to museums that curate these stories, you will find most of what you would expect to find in a place like Hareid. All the city functions are concentrated downtown and you will find restaurants, grocery stores, a pharmacy and small stores for clothes, sports equipment, bakery, and souvenirs. All easily accessible from the harbour. Hareid has a versatile business community that is closely linked to the maritime industry which is based on long traditions and experiences.

Hareid has a rich cultural life and is known as The choir-village. Maybe you will get to experience one of the many choirs during your stay? The village also has many voluntary organizations such as sport teams, brass bands, as well as an active church.

Many of the inhabitants of Hareid have chosen to live her because of the closeness to nature. The hiking trails to the mountains start a 15 minute walk from the harbour. There are opportunities to rent kayaks or bicycles nearby. The local 9-hole golf course or the wonderful beach Overåsanden is just a few minutes with car/taxi from the town centre. If you prefer to relax, you can stay in pleasant surroundings and perhaps take a stroll along the harbour area. From here you can study the activities you may expect to find in a small, but lively village. Find a bench, relax and enjoy the view of the sea and the mountains.

Welcome!









# The Polar Museum



The polar museum for arctic harvesting, “Ishavsmuseet Aarvak”, tells an exciting story about the arctic ocean’s true heroes, and how the industry has influenced the whole nation. The museum tells the story about the men who fought against the forces of nature and the homesickness, those who sailed out only 15 years old without a hint of fear in their soul, the skipper and trappers.

The museum is situated in the centre of Brandal in an old

wharfside shed formerly used for processing seal skins, 4 km from the city centre of Hareid.

Brandal was a centre for sealing and expeditions to the arctic from the west coast of Norway.

From the start in 1898, 57 small ships set sail from this small town. 41 were wrecked in the ice and in rough seas where the gods of weather in all their majesty can be merciless.

The museum displays hundred years of history of sealing,





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Photo: The Polar Museum



expeditions in northeast Greenland during the winter, and mining operations in Ny-Ålesund, Spitsbergen, or Brandal City, as the place was first named. Exhibits cover 2500 m<sup>2</sup> in addition to the arctic vessel, M/S Aarvak, constructed in 1912, brought to land in dry dock and built into the side of the museum. The museum also has a section for the explorer Ragnar Thorseth who was the first Norwegian standing at the North Pole, he also sailed around the world in

the Viking ship “Saga Siglar”.

The museum welcome groups from 10 to 110 persons for guided tours. Lunch and dinner can be served on request.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Five minutes from Hareid sentrum by bus/taxi.



### **Polarstar**

The famous polar ship Polarstar (picture) was built in 1948 for seal hunting. This was Norway's first sealing vessel built in steel. It fought against rough seas and ice for over 50 years on seal hunting, polar expeditions to Greenland and Spitsbergen, and was also a pioneer ship at the start of the Norwegian oil adventure in the 1960s. The last trip to catch seals was back in 2007. The ship has been saved from scrapping twice and got fully restored in 2017. Polarstar is protected by the Norwegian Directorate of cultural heritage. Polarstar is certified for 50 passengers on day trips and 24 on overnight trips.

### **Hindholmen**

Hindholmen is the largest of the old fishing vessels that has been restored and taken care of. The ship was built in Norway in 1916 and has been remodelled several times. The current restauration is based on appearance and function from 1955. Hindholmen was taken out of fishery in 1979. Today the ship is operated by an association of skilled enthusiasts and is used mainly used for tourist purposes. Thee ship has a passenger certificate of 60 pax.







# Vonheim

**V**onheim is one of Hareid's most important cultural monuments. This building combines an almost unbelievable and fascinating family history, with numerous traces of many gifted artists. In many ways it also represents a true testimony of the values that were present in our community from the mid-1800s and onwards. One of the most valuable treasures in this house is perhaps the large book collection. It is huge, both in scope and in quality.

The book collection contains several of the most important works in the world literature, in addition to almost everything from the major Norwegian authorships, up till the 1970s.

The most unique thing about Vonheim, is perhaps the tasty blend of music, visual arts and literature.

A blend founded in deep historical traditions, not likely to be found anywhere else in our part of the country.





*Photo: Even Sundgot*

HAREID - EXPLORER'S PORT





# Kvitneset

**K**vitneset lies at the northern tip of Hareidlandet. During the Second World War the Germans build a coastal fort here in 1941. Firing positions, command bunkers and a series of tunnels and holes for storing ammunition were built by local workers. The fort also had a prison camp for up to 120 Russian POWs. Today the battery has fallen into disrepair, but most of the positions are still visible. The fire control center/command bunker and the armor emplacement at the entrance is standing. Most of the tunnels are still intact, as are the caves in the rock where the Germans

stored ammunition (picture). But the history of Kvitneset is far, far older than WWII. You can also find three burial mounds from the Iron Age. At Kvitneset you can experience history, fantastic nature, sea air, amazing sunsets, and the big waves from the open sea on stormy days.

**TRANSPORT:** Kvitneset is located about 6 kilometres from Hareid, towards Brandal. The last kilometer of the road is a picturesque gravel road not far from the shore line.







# The Viking center Hjørungavåg

**A**ccording to historical sources, the battle of Hjørungavåg is a battle with equal parts historical and legendary background and is recognised as one of the great viking battles.

It allegedly took place in 986 and was a battle between the earls of Lade in Trøndelag, Håkon Sigurdsson and his son Eirik Håkonsson, and a Danish invasion fleet sent by the Danish king Svein Tjugeskjegg, supported by the feared Jomsvikings.

Hjørungavåg vikingpark is planning to convey the history

and culture through a Viking house built according to old tradition. The park is currently under construction, but will contain several buildings, boat houses and possibly even a viking ship. Information boards with information about the Battle of Hjørungavåg, Viking culture and how this has shaped the country and people will be an important part of the park.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Five minutes from the centre with bus/taxi. A local quay for disembarking from smaller boats are under planning. Hareid port can provide bus transport.







# Overåsanden

A short drive or bike ride (3 km) from the center of Hareid is one of the region's most beautiful beaches with chalky white sand and clear blue water. The mountains surrounding the beach makes a magical frame.

If you do not wish to jump in the sea from the bathing jetty or swim in the clear seawater, you can sunbathe, go for a walk, or study the beautiful monument in memory of the Viking battle that is claimed to have taken place in Hjørungavåg in 986. The beach is beautiful to visit in any kind of weather.









# Hiking

**F**rom the town center you can easily get to several mountain tops in the area.

Håbakknotten (267 masl) can be reached on foot directly from the

harbour (trail start marked on page 3). The trip to Håbakknotten has a steep, but short climb. It is therefore equally suitable as a workout in the afternoon, or as a weekend trip with the little ones. Along the way, you will find nice rest

areas both on a large stone and on the ruins of an old barn. At the top you can enjoy a magnificent view of the fjords and the areas north and east of Hareid.

From Håbakknotten you can easily reach



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several other mountain peaks in the area, for example Holstadhornet (530 masl).

If you would like a longer hike, you can hike to the beautiful mountain top,

Melshornet (668 masl). The starting point is just a few minutes drive from the village centre. The reward at the top is a majestic view (picture) of the fjords and The Sunnmøre alps, as well as the ocean in the west. Trail start is ten

minutes by car from the harbour. Hareid has a lot of other hiking possibilities, as the town is surrounded by beautiful nature, whether you want to enjoy the sea, the local Hareid river or the mountain tops.





# Hareid Church

In the city centre of Hareid you will find a beautiful, wooden church from 1877. The style of the church is called «Neo-Gothic».

The earliest existing historical records of a church in Hareid date back to 1432, but it is established as a fact that a church has existed in this area even earlier than that. The first church in Hareid, a wooden stave church, was likely built in the 13th century.

The beautiful altarpiece from 1660 is the largest and oldest work of art. The church has also beautiful stained glass windows with biblical motifs.

In the churchyard you will find the priest-cottage, «Prestestova» (red building), which dates to before 1600 and is probably the oldest house in the municipality. «Prestestova» was built so that itinerant priests would have a place to stay when they came to hold their services at Hareid.

In the cemetery there are two memorial stones, one in memory of those who perished at sea in the period 1850-1945, and one in memory of those who did not return after WW2.

In the area surrounding the church, you will find several cultural heritage posters with historical information about the church and the churchyard.

A tour or even to attend at a church service is a great experience







## Rotary-trail

Along Hareidselva you will find the Rotary trail, a good alternative to experience the surroundings of Hareid. The walk is approximately 5.5 km long and starts just a few minutes by foot from the city center of Hareid. After about 200 m you will find a newly restored mill house. Further along the trail you experience a dam for an old power plant and several fishing ground for salmon and trout. The trail continues to and alongside Grimstadvatnet and the Grimstadvatn wildlife conservation area. Along the trail there are several places to sit down and enjoy the nature, and you will also find a small activity park.

You can choose to walk or cycle, and there are several starting points along the trail.



# Golf Club

**S**unnmøre Golfklubb has a beautiful 9-hole golf course, 9-hole football golf course, pro-shop and good training facilities in nice surroundings with a beautiful view of the Sunnmøre Alps. In the architect designed clubhouse from 2008 you will find Cafe Tap-in and a conference room.

The golf course has 8 ponds in play, as well as several rivers and side water hazards, which help to increase the degree of difficulty of the course. The golf club is located at Hovden, about 10 minutes by bus from the harbour.





# Snipsøyrdalen

**S**nipsøyrvatnet is a beautiful, big lake in Hareid. It is nice to take a bike ride around the lake to enjoy the beautiful nature in the valley of Snipsøyrdalen. The lake is also great for kayaking and swimming.

The beach of Holesanden is to be found in the southern end of the lake. The water is often warm in summer, nevertheless the beach is nice to use at all seasons. By the beach, there is a cabin owned by Hareid YMCA. Most Sundays in the summer season,

the cabin offers a café where you can buy coffee and the most delicious homemade cakes, a light meal or maybe just an ice cream.

Midsummer they arrange traditional Norwegian midsummer with a bonfire by the lake and an open café.

A short distance away from Holesanden, you will find a river called Nesselva – another nice outdoor area for hiking, kayaking or swimming in Snipsøyrvatnet.



# Ålesund

Ålesund is at present time the second largest cruise destination in Norway and should hardly need any further introduction by us.

Hareid Port has, by stepping forward as a new cruise destination, opened an alternative gateway to Ålesund city and its attractions.

The catastrophic fire of 1904 left the town of Ålesund in ashes. The rebuilding created one of Europe's most characteristic architectural environments in the Art Nouveau style

**TRANSPORTATION:** Passengers can easily travel on their own from Hareid to Ålesund by the commuter speed boat, which will bring them from Hareid and downtown Ålesund in approx. 20 minutes.

Duration of a trip to Ålesund may be as long as the cruise passenger may find suitable.

The commuter boat has regular departures, mostly every hour during office hours and approx. every second hour in the evening. The boat terminal is located in the center of Hareid and a short walk from our new planned cruise berth.

The commuter boat is a public service, but the capacity is generally very good. The commuter boat is certified for 296 passengers.



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# Runde

**R**unde is the southernmost of the large bird islands in Norway. With its 160 inhabitants (apart from the birds) the island is located only approx. 35 minutes with bus from Hareid. Runde has an exceptional variety of species – in fact all sea-bird species nesting in colonies are represented. Most numerous is probably the tourists great favourite, the puffin.

On this island you will also find Runde Miljøsent, which is an international environmental research center. It is also a convey center where amongst other things you get the opportunity to see parts of the treasure that was found on

the seabed at Runde in 1972. The treasure was a part of the cargo of the dutch freighter «Akerendam» which shipwrecked on its maiden voyage in 1725.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Hareid port can provide for guided tours to Runde either by bus or with the veteran ship Polarstar (see page 5). The tour will be a roundtrip where you get the opportunity to see the entire island from the ship. Due to harbour conditions there are no possibilities for disembarking.

Capacity: By bus: 50 passengers per bus  
By ship: 49 passengers.





# Hjørundfjorden

**H**jørundfjorden is a side arm of Storfjorden in the same way as Geirangerfjorden (Geiranger) is a side arm of the same fjord system.

Hjørundfjorden is 33 km long and has its own side arm, which leads to the small village of Øye. In this village you will find the beautiful Union Hotel Øye, a traditional Swiss style hotel, originally based on tourism and local mountaineering traditions. Today the hotel offers an excellent kitchen and comfortable accomodation, together with proud references to its past history and a vast amount of artifacts in every corner of the hotel.

Hjørundfjorden with its side arm is entirely surrounded by alpine peaks up to 1500m, rising directly from the sea level. Geirangerfjorden may very well be the king of the norwegian Fjords. In that case Hjørundfjorden may surely be the queen. Lighter, but wilder, more complex and far more beautiful.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Hareid Port can easily provide for tailor made Fjord cruises, directly from Hareid. Capacity: Approx. 45 passengers. Additional capacity can be arranged. Duration: Approx. 3-5 hours depending of number of excursions.

Photo: Lenita Storeide





# Christian Gaard

**T**randal is a tiny village in Hjørundfjorden (a side arm to Storfjorden) with only 17 residents.

The surroundings are breathtaking and the atmosphere is warm and welcoming. The only way to get to Trandal is by boat, unless you prefer to walk across the mountains. Which in fact surprisingly many seems to do.

Here you will find Christian gaard which offers small scale accomodation and also offers food

and beverage for their guests. Christian Gaard also organizes concerts and festivals on a regular basis, such as blues and country festivals.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Hareid Port can provide for visits at Christian gaard for Cruise passengers, directly to Trandal from Hareid.

Capacity: Approx. 45 passengers. Additional capacity can be arranged. Duration: Approx. 3-5 hours depending on activities.v

*All photos: Lenita Storeide*





### **Anchorage Hareid:**

Green = sludge

Yellow = sand and gravel

Orange = hard/rocky seabed



# Hareid Port

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Hareid port authority

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General port information:

Hareid port has today one ISPS-terminal mainly used for cargo.

### **Godsterminalen (the freight terminal):**

Pier length: 120 m

Pier depth: 6-7 m

Fresh water: Yes

Grey water: No

Waste handling: Yes

Bunkers: Yes, by boat



Cold ironing: No  
Tugs: Tugboats not mandatory  
ISPS approved: Yes

Comments: This quay is mainly intended for cargo ships, but can also be used for smaller cruise ships. However, we would recommend anchorage and tendering in the period before our planned cruise pier is available.

### **Anchorage & tendering information**

Please refer to the previous pages for:

Secure anchorage(s) position  
Minimum depth of anchorage  
Type of bottom  
General slope of seabed  
Wind current  
Wind from SW

Distance: anchorage to

tender pier less than 1000m dependant of actual anchorage position.

### **Tender**

Floating dock  
Number of tender piers: One off  
Length: 40m  
Minimum depth of water: 2,5m  
Fendering: Woodwork  
Height above water: 0,4m (fixed staircase with railings available, height above water 0,8m)  
Wheelchair accessible: Yes

### **Cruise pier under planning:**

Pier length: 250 – 300m  
Pier depth: 10 – 20m (sloping seabed)  
Fresh water: Yes  
Grey water: Yes  
Waste handling: Yes  
Bunkers: Yes, by boat  
Cold ironing: Yes

Tugs: Tugboats not mandatory  
ISPS: Yes (on/off)

Comments: This pier is planned, but at the time of writing still not projected. Pier specifications are preliminary.

The plans include cruise terminal and crew room.

Miscellaneous: Private quays of various size and depths.  
Car ferry and passenger boat terminals.

Local passenger terminal with toilets available on shore.



Overåsanden, The Sunnmøre Alps in the back.



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