



Wairus. Photo: Ann J. Nordvalen

HAREID

The explorer’s port

Hareid is a new cruise port located south of Ålesund, positioned at the entrance to the fjords with stunning views of the peaks of the Sunnmøre Alps. The region holds traces from the Viking Age and has a rich historical connection to fishing and Arctic harvesting. Historically, the people of Hareid have demonstrated a persistent desire to explore, create and invent. Today, the area is home to world-leading technology companies and the largest polar museum in Norway. Welcome to Hareid – the explorer’s port.

Attractions
The Arctic Museum Aarvak
The Arctic Museum Aarvak, Norway’s largest polar museum, showcases Arctic harvesting and expeditions to the Arctic. The centrepiece is the Arctic vessel, M/S Aarvak, constructed in 1912, which was brought onshore and integrated into the side of the museum. The Arctic museum presents a century of history of Arctic harvesting in northeast Greenland, along with the history of mining operations in the town of Ny-Ålesund iat Spitsbergen, also known as ‘Brandal City’ after its founding in 1917. A visit to the museum may be combined with a boat trip on the polar ship MS Polarstar, also part of the museum. The museum is located a 5-minute drive from the port of Hareid.

Polarstar
The historical polar ship MS Polarstar was built in 1948 for Arctic harvesting, constructed of steel to navigate rough seas and ice for over 50 years. The ship also embarked on polar expeditions to Greenland and Spitsbergen. Fully restored in 2017, it is protected by the Norwegian Directorate of Cultural Heritage and certified for 50 passengers.

A boat trip on the Polarstar may be combined with a visit to the polar museum in Brandal. For groups, the optimal experience and storytelling about the explorers from Hareid comes with a combined bus/boat trip. The ship also offers excursions to the nearby fjords.

Hodr-Hjørungavaag Viking chieftain seat
In 986, one of the most crucial Viking battles allegedly took place in Hjørungavåg, near Hareid, securing Norwegian independence from the Danes, at least for a few decades. With this historical background in mind, local enthusiasts and volunteers in the small village have constructed a magnificent Viking building based on old craft traditions. By visiting the site, visitors can explore craft traditions from the Viking Age, delve into the history and sagas of the battle, not to mention meet the local team of volunteers working to realize the dream of creating a Viking village containing several houses and maybe even a Viking ship.

Village walk in Hareid
Embark on a charming village stroll in Hareid, starting from the cruise pier. This leisurely walk weaves together history, culture and the beauty of the Norwegian landscape. The highlight is the wellpreserved 1877 church, which is a living part of Hareid’s rich heritage. Continue through the modern village centre, take a break at the wooden pier for ice cream or coffee and soak in the scenic views. Extend your walk along the breakwater and explore shopping options in the village. Engage with the local rhythm and enjoy everyday life in this delightful place. As the village walk ends, carry with you the visual charm of Hareid and a warm sense of its hospitality. It’s a thoughtfully crafted experience, making every step a joyful journey into the heart of Hareid’s elegance and allure.



The arctic polar ship, Polarstar. Photo: VR Foto

Kvitneset - Coastal Walk
Hareid is situated on the island of Hareidlandet. A walk in the rugged coastal landscape at Kvitneset recreational area by the village of Brandal allows guests to explore history, nature, amazing sunsets and the powerful waves from the open sea on stormy days. During the Second World War, the occupying forces ordered the construction of a coastal fortress at Kvitneset. Firing positions, command bunkers and a series of tunnels and caves for storing ammunition were built by locals and many prisoners of war. Firthermore, there are three burial mounds from the Iron Age.



Hodr-Hjørungavaag viking chieftain seat. Photo: Hodr-Hjørungavaag viking chieftain seat

Easy hike in the Hareidlandet Highlands
Håbakknotten (256 m.a.s.l.) is the village mountain in Hareid. The hike starts from the cruise pier, leading to the top of the small mountain. The hike takes a total of about 3.5 hours and is rewarded with a spectacular panoramic view of the fjords, lakes and the rest of the highlands. The hike passes through the village and then continues past the remains of old farms and settlements.



Hareid Church. Photo: Cecilie Hatloy

Shopping and village life in Hareid
In the village, you will find restaurants, grocery stores, a pharmacy, a vintage shop, clothes shops, a sports shop, bakeries and flower shops. All are easily accessible from the port. During the summer season and in December, Hareid also hosts several local events.

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Pilot channel: Ch.13/16
Port VHF channel: NA

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PORT INFORMATION
Designated cruise quay: Godsterminalen
ISPS: Yes
Maximum ship length: 200m / 170m
Maximum ship draft: 8m / 7m
Maximum beam: unlimited
Maximum air draft: unlimited
Bollard strength (certification): 50 t (land bollards 200t to be established)
Tidal movement: 1,4m

ANCHORAGE / TENDER
Max size: Unlimited
Ship tenders allowed: Yes
Type of bottom: Mud/sand/gravel/some rocky parts
Depth: 20 - 50 m

PORT SERVICES
Gangway available: on request
Tugboats: on request
Crew facilities: Under planning expected to be established in 2025/ 2026
Bunkers delivery: Yes
LNG bunkering: On request
Waste handling: Yes
Grey water: Yes

SUSTAINABILITY
Shore power: No
EPI: No
ESI: No
Max ships per day: 1
Max passengers per day: 5000
Restrictions in harbour: No
Sustainable activities: Yes

GENERAL INFORMATION
Turnaround facilities: No
Terminal/Toilet facilities in pier area: Under planning expected to be established in 2025/ 2026
Shuttle bus: On request
Parking place for buses: 10 parking places
Public transportation close by port: Yes
Distance from port to airport: 48 km (by car) / (alternatively by commuter boat and bus, approx 35 - 40 min)
Distance from port to town centre: 400 m (existing quay)) / 800 m (future quay)
Distance from port to nearest hospital: 27 km (Ålesund) / 44 km (Volda)

Quay	Water depth	Length	Height	Fenders	Shore power	Grey water	Max ship size
Godsterminalen	8 m	120 m	2.5 m	Yokohama	N/A	Yes	170 - 220 m on request

