

VESTERÅLEN CRUISE PORT - SORTLAND

Vesterålen is a group of islands bordering on Lofoten in the south. The Vesterålen islands are connected by bridges and are also linked with the mainland, making travel ferry-free. Vesterålen comprises six municipalities: Andøy, Bø, Hadsel, Lødingen, Sortland and Øksnes.



Nyksund. Photo: Marten Brill

VESTERÅLEN

- the world`s most beautiful island kingdom

The Northern Lights appear with the advent of the dark season. Breathtakingly beautiful colors shimmer across the sky and create a bewitching atmosphere. Steep snow-covered mountains are reflected on the ocean surface, along with the sparkling colors from the heavens. Vesterålen has a certain amount of daylight, but no sun during the dark season. Despite this, the season is still enjoyed by those who appreciate winter and candlelight.

ATTRACTIONS/ EXCURSIONS

Bus Trip around Eidsfjord

The Vesterålen islands comprise of a group of five large islands, surrounded by many smaller ones and thousands of islets, down to the size of small rocks, where only birds and seals manage to find a home for themselves.

Our trip will take us around 'Langøya', the main island of Vesterålen, on roads which, historically, have always connected the oldest villages in the area. Trading was conducted by boat and the most important product was fish. This is why trading centers like Jennestad and villages like Holmstad are situated on the coastline. On the way, we will witness the beauty of Vesterålen. High mountains rising out of the ocean, the small islands of southern Bø and the highest peak in Vesterålen.

'Møysalen'

At lunchtime, we can enjoy the view looking out to the sea and visit the town of Stokmarknes. We pass by the "birthplace" of the Norwegian Coastal Express where Ritchard With founded his company, before we finally end up again in Sortland, the blue city, and

administrative center of this region.

If you are wondering why we call Sortland "the blue city", all will be explained when you visit one of our sculptures in the city center, which belongs to the "Sculpture project".

Bus Trip to Nyksund

We set off from 'the blue city' Sortland and drive along the west coast of Langøya, the main island of Vesterålen and the third largest in Norway. On the other side of the sound, we see Hinnøya, Norway's largest island.

We now take the road towards the county of Øknes and after passing Myre, still one of the most important fishing villages in northern Norway, we arrive at Nyksund - the abandoned fishing village which came to life again. A guided tour through the place will answer these questions and give you a feeling of how people managed to live up here in the north, on this little spot of an island. Feel free to walk around Nyksund and explore. There's so much of interest to be found round every corner. Before leaving, a good lunch will be provided in a cozy restaurant with an original fisherman's atmosphere.

We make our way back full of outstanding impressions and new experiences. This time, we follow the Liffjord on the west side of Vesterålen and see, once more, how quickly the vegetation can change. We get a view over to Andøya. The island looks so near, but it takes a long time to get there by bus following the coast road.

Inga Sami Siida

- Sami traditions, culture, reindeer and nature experience. Inga Sami Siida is a Sami activity company that offers Sami traditions, culture, reindeer and nature experiences.

The Sami people have always lived close to nature and the reindeer, and now it's time for you to become familiar with this amazing, Arctic animal. By feeding them they become curious and come and eat out of your hand. Afterwards in the winter you may drive with your own reindeer sledge. Sitting next to the fire in our Sami tent, the lavvo, we will tell you about the reindeer and give you a deeper insight into the Sami lifestyle. You can also listen to the "joik"... the Sami people's special song. Try throwing the lasso at reindeer antlers, taste Sami food and see our selection of Sami handicrafts and photos. If you are



Sami Siida. Photo: Marten Brill



Aquaculture at Vesterålen (AIV). Photo: Marten Brill



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lucky the Northern Light with light up the sky, and while you are relaxing on reindeer skin, the herd strolls around you. Laying on your back, we will tell you about the Sami people's starry sky: A cosmic hunting story.

Visit a Norwegian Salmon farm!

Discover why Norwegian Salmon is the best in the world. The salmon roe is only a few millimeters, and yet it is still big enough to create one of Norway's most important industries. Did you know that Norwegian salmon is enjoyed by 12 million people in more than 100 countries every day? Norwegian Salmon is known for its high quality and great taste, and is Norway's most renowned product. Salmon farming also provides opportunities and settlement along the coast of Norway, and is together with the fisheries the most important industry in Vesterålen.

"Aquaculture in Vesterålen" is a new adventure center for aquaculture that opened in 2011. At our facility we will take you on a boat trip to visit our fish farm. In the new exhibitions we give you the story of the Norwegian aquaculture industry from its beginnings in the 50s and 60s up to today with its

high-tech operations. We have a funny tunnel that kids can crawl through, computer games, under-water cameras, exciting films and a 12 meter-long map made from glass where every light shows where there is fish farming in all of northern Norway.

Art and History:

Lihallen Kulturgård (culture center)

A short, 20-minute, bus ride from Sortland and we arrive at the church in Sigerfjord. From here, we have a 500-meter uphill walk to Lihallen.

Many years ago Lihallen was used as a TB hospital, but after closing down, the house was abandoned and neglected for decades. The current owners overtook the property in 1998 and restored it to serve as both a gallery and their private home. The hostess, Tove Hov Jakobsen, is a well-known artist and her paintings are on display in the two in-house galleries. Your hosts will give a presentation, talking about Lihallen's long history.

You will also be able to enjoy a tour around the main building - their home and workplace. The fantastic view over the fjord and surrounding areas should not be missed and should definitely be included in your

'things to do' list when visiting Vesterålen. Tea and coffee, and their very own special cake, will be served.

Sortland - The Blue City

We take a tour around the town, accompanied by an informative talk where we learn more about the 'blue city' concept. We will hear how the idea was born; 'art for a better environment and integrating art into architecture'. We will also learn about the many quotations written on many of the walls in the center of the town.

The tour starts and finishes at the port of Sortland.

PORT OF SORTLAND

Distance to nearest pilot station nautical miles/Hours: Approx. 20 nm to southern/45 nm to northern station
Visiting address: Havnegata 7, NO-8400 Sortland
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Internet: www.sortland-havn.no

TOURIST INFORMATION

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Distance from port: 200 m
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Phone / Fax: 76111480/76111481
E-mail: vesteraaen.reiseliv@online.no
Internet: http://visitvesteralen.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

Guide Service: YES
Terminal/Restrooms in pier area: YES
Shuttle bus: YES
Parking place for buses: YES
Taxi: YES
Rental cars: YES
Public transportation: YES
Shopping: 200 m
Local currency: NOK

ATM:

Currency exchange: YES/ 300 m
Tax refund: NO
Public telephones in pier area: NO
Internet access in pier area: NO
Mailboxes in pier area: NO
Distances - airport: 110 km: Harstad/Narvik - Evenes
Distances - airport: 20 km: Stokmarknes Airport
Distance to city center: 200 m
Nearest hospital: 25 Km

PORT SERVICES / FACILITIES & INFORMATION

Bunkers delivery /method: By oil hose
Supplies: YES
Waste handling: YES
Waste water method: NO
Tugboats: To be booked in advance
Anchorage: Not used
Pontoons: NO
Pilot: To be booked in advance
Emergency: Channel 16
Medical emergency: Phone 113
Charts: YES
Tidal movement: YES
ISPS approved: YES
Designated quays for cruise ships: YES
Ship tenders allowed: YES
Beam:

Max size ship in port: 150 000 - 200 000
Max number of passenger per day in port: 3500
Max number of ships per day in port: 1 (2)
Ships stay min /max: No limitation
Environmental limitations /restrictions: NO
Port facilities according to Cruise Norway's guidelines: YES

Maximum ship length: 1 Quay - length 436 m
Maximum ship draft and depth in sea: 10 m
Maximum ship air draft if bridge: 30 m



QUAY: Sortland Terminalkai
LENGTH: 450 m
DRAFT: 7.5 til 12 m
AIRDRAFT: No limitation
BEAM: No limitation
HEIGHT QUAYSIDE: No limitation

