

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.



Whale Safari Andenes. Photo: whalesafari.no

VESTERÅLEN

The world`s most beautiful island kingdom

The Northern Lights appear with the advent of the dark season. Breathtakingly beautiful colours shimmer across the sky and create a bewitching atmosphere. Steep snow-covered mountains are reflected on the ocean surface, along with the sparkling colours from the heavens. In spring the rocky mountains of the islands turn green, and we call Vesterålen "the green Alps". In summer we have 24-hours of daylight and you may experience the amazing Midnight Sun.

Most popular attractions are Whale Safari, Inga-Sami-Siida, Nyksund, the Hurtigruten Museum and Sortland - the Blue City.

ATTRACTIONS/ EXCURSIONS

Bus Trip around Eidsfjord

Starting from the Blue City of Sortland we head south. We pass the characteristic bridge to the town of Stokmarknes and in the distance we may see the old Hurtigruten (Coastal Express) boat MS FINMARKEN in the dock. We follow the Vesterålen fjord rounding the south point of the Island Langøya. Soon we reach the Eidsfjord (The Herring Fjord). Your guide will tell you the fascinating story of the combined Fisherman and Farmer industry. We continue on and soon pass The Herring Oil Factory. Before our tour ends at the pier, we will enjoy a short sightseeing tour of Sortland.

Bus Trip to Nyksund

From Sortland we drive along the west coast of Langøya, first to Myre, one of the most important fishing villages in the north of Norway. From there it

is just a short but very impressive trip to Nyksund, the abandoned fishing village, which came to life again. A guided tour through Nyksund will give you an understanding of how people managed to live here up in the north on this little island, and why it has once again come to life.

Inga Sami Siida is a Sami family that offers Sami traditions, culture, reindeer and nature experiences. Inside the wooden Lavvo, the Sami tent, you will learn about the Samis and their way of life while enjoying a hot drink. Hear fascinating stories about these indigenous people and you will also be treated to some joking; the traditional Sami singing. During your stay at the Siida you can try your hand at throwing a lasso on reindeer antlers.

Hurtigruten Museum in Stokmarknes is the place where Richard With started his coastal steamer company which is today known as "Hurtigruten".

We visit the museum where we see the history of the most renowned cruise company in Europe. We also visit the old Hurtigruten ship MS Finnmarken which lies in front of the museum.

The Aquaculture adventure centre in Vesterålen

First, we take you on a boat trip to visit our fish farm. Then we go to the new exhibitions where we give you the story of the Norwegian aquaculture industry from its beginnings in the 50s and 60s up to the present time with its high-tech operations. We have a funny tunnel that kids can crawl through, computer games, underwater cameras, exciting films and a 12 metre-long map made from glass where every light shows where there are fish farming installations in the north of Norway.



Photo: Inga Sami Siida



Nyksund. Photo: Discover Artic



Sortland - the Blue City. Photo: Vesterålen Reiseliv

Andenes - 3 different trips: Whales, bird and seal safari, natural tourist road and rocket centre

The guide will present local history along the route from Sortland to Andenes.

On the first tour we arrive at the Whale Centre for a guided tour around the exhibition, providing basic knowledge about the biology of the whales, their function in the eco-system and assertive research. We then board the safari vessel and go out to search for whales. Hot soup and coffee/tea will be served. After arrival at the port of Andenes the coach will take you back to the port of Sortland.

On the second trip we arrive at the Sea Safari Centre where half of the group get ready for a tour out to the sea in a RIB boat. We are out, looking for birds and seals and if we are lucky also for whales. After a

1.5-hour trip the group changes. While the second group is on tour we will have a sightseeing tour through Andenes.

The third tour follows the national tourist road on the west side of Andøya to Andenes. We stop at a traditional farm renowned for its homemade cheese. We will have several photo-stops on the way, including the white beach of Bleik. We visit the Spaceship-Centre Aurora and operate a mission. In Andenes we have some local snacks, with time for a walk through Andenes before heading back to Sortland. Our last stop will be at a Soap Factory.

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 centre of the town. The tour starts and finishes at the port of Sortland.

Other excursions on request

We also offer other different excursions on request, such as hiking, bicycling, kayaking, golfing and different cultural activities.

PORT & TOURIST INFORMATION

PORT OF SORTLAND

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TOURIST INFORMATION

Visiting address: Kjøpmannsgata 2, NO-8400 Sortland
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Terminal/Restrooms in pier area: YES
Shuttle bus: YES, Free. Every 30 minutes.
Between pier, church and city centre.
Parking place for buses: YES, 40 m
Taxi: YES
Rental cars: YES
Public transportation: YES, 500 m
Shopping: 400 m

Local currency: NOK
ATM: YES, 400 m
Currency exchange: NO
Tax refund: NO

Public telephones in pier area: NO
Internet access in pier area: Wi-Fi by the end of 2015
Mailboxes in pier area: NO
Distances - airport: 20 km, Stokmarknes Airport
- 110 km Evenes, Harstad/Narvik Airport
Distance to city centre: 400 m
Nearest hospital: Nordlands Hospital Vesterålen / +47 75 42 40 00 / 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
Pontoon: NO
Pilot: To be booked in advance
Emergency: CH 16
Medical emergency: 113
Charts: Chart 76
Tidal movement: 0.6 m - 2.8 m
ISPS approved: YES
Designated quays for cruise ships: YES

Ship tenders allowed: NO
Beam: Unlimited
Max size ship in port: BT 150 000 / PAX 3500
Max number of passenger per day in port: 3500
Max number of ships per day in port: 1 (2)
Ship's stay min /max: No limitation
Port facilities according to Cruise Norway's guidelines: YES
Maximum ship length: 350 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: 7.5-12 m AIRDRAFT: No limitation BEAM: No limitation HEIGHT QUAYSIDE: No limitation

