

Haugesund, Norway

Port information

Currency	The currency in Norway is Norwegian Kroner . Foreign exchange is available from reception onboard on Deck 5. Major credit & debit cards are widely accepted.	Language	The language spoken in Norway is Norwegian .
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Getting around

Distance to Town Centre	The town centre from the pier is approx. 800 meters therefore it's only a short walk from where the ship will be docking.	Main Highlights	<p>Haugesund Town Hall was a gift from shipowner Knut Knutsen OAS and his wife Elisabeth. The town hall was designed by architects Gudolf Blakstad and Hermann Munthe-Kaas and was officially opened in 1931. The park was opened in 1949. The pink town hall is one of the most famous buildings in the country and contains a wealth of artistic decorations. The building and its surrounding areas have been preserved.</p> <p>Panoramafilm of Haugalandet, experience nature, activities and tourist attractions on a 3-screen super videograph in "Little Maritim", at the Scandic Maritim Hotel in Haugesund. KIB-media in Haugesund made this film, which takes you on spectacular helicopter flights under Risøy Bridge, over Pulpit Rock and Folgefonna Glacier. Moods from Sildajazz, quiet nature and a stormy ocean are also included.</p> <p>Museum of Cultural History is centrally placed in downtown Haugesund (close to the church) you find Karmsund folkemuseum. The museum concentrates on the history of the town and region. Exhibitions show important parts of this history: farming, herring fisheries, shipping trade and the development of the town Haugesund. On display is a wealthy citizen's elegant dining room, the oldest shop in town and a classroom from 1910. An authentic 1930-office is on display in the town exhibition. Entrance fee: 50 NOK per adult & 30 NOK for senior/students open Monday to Friday between 10.00-14.00.</p> <p>For a map of the town area, please pass by Destination Services on Deck 5 to view our electronic map available on the TV screen. Top tip! Take a picture of the map on your smartphone to use ashore...</p>
Main Highlights	<p>The Homeland of the Viking Kings is located between Stavanger and Bergen in the heart of Norway's south-western cruise region, and nestling among countless small islands and the mighty, almost endless, fjords such as Åkrafjord, Hardangerfjord and Lysefjord. Haugesund is a vibrant and historic town dating back to Viking times. This is where, a thousand years ago, King Harald Fairhair united Norway into a single kingdom, and it was from this area that the Viking Kings ruled Norway for more than 500 years. The region has laid claim to the title of Norway's Birthplace – the Homeland of the Viking Kings. The region offers a wealth of natural wonders just waiting for you to explore – including the impressive North Sea coastline. The fjords on the other hand are enclosed and intimate, offering picturesque and tranquil landscapes. Our Viking history, fjords, islands, mountains, waterfalls, glaciers, rivers and the town itself all combine to make this region an exciting cruise destination.</p> <p>Fans of history and culture are well catered for in this town. A visit to the Nordvegan History Centre will provide the perfect opportunity to "experience Norway's birthplace". Visitors will learn about Norway's history and also about the sovereigns that ruled the region.</p> <p>Nature lovers and beach fanatics should take the time to go and enjoy a hike in the Karmøy beaches. The available natural trail leads visitors on a hike that rewards with beautiful views of the white sandy beaches, and historical monuments located further South.</p>		

Essential information

Tourist information	In Haugesund city centre the tourist information is located in Bytunet, Strandgaten 171. Here you will find brochures from Haugesund and Fjord Norway	Shopping	Shopping in Haugesund centres around the downtown area, especially the pedestrian streets Skåregata and Haraldsgata, where shops and boutiques line the sidewalks with interesting products and beautiful handicrafts. If you need more than the shops in town, there are also large modern shopping centres nearby.
Internet access	Many cafes and restaurants offer WiFi access as well as the tourist information in the city centre.	PLEASE NOTE:	As with all tourist destinations please keep a close eye on valuables

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in Haugesund

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