

Kristiansand, 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 ship will docked approximately 1km from the town centre.	Main Highlights	At the Natural History Museum and Botanical Garden you will get to experience natural history from the ice age to the present, and how it developed from the coast to the mountains. There's a colorful mineral exhibition at the museum and there is a Botanical garden with a historical rose garden dating from 1850. You will also find Norway's largest collection of cactus, as well as flowers and trees from all over the world.
Main highlights	<p>As the capital of southern Norway, Kristiansand has become known as the town of flowers, rich on culture and traditions with a laid back southern atmosphere. Founded in 1641, Kristiansand tends to pleasantly surprise its visitors to the town due to its easy access to the town centre with the fish market and the old town.</p> <p>Kristiansand's Main Square is the heart of the town. The square is the main shopping street in the centre and here you can also find the tourist information and the cathedral.</p> <p>Located right in the centre of Kristiansand is an area called Posebyen; here you will find the largest collection of low-rise, wall-to-wall wooden houses in Northern Europe. These white wooden houses have been unchanged since the 17th century. Its name was given by French soldiers who came to relax here.</p> <p>Built by royal decree between 1662 and 1672, the Christiansholm Fortress was built to protect the town from any invasions. Today it still stands on the shore lines of the city centre of Kristiansand as if it is still guarding the town, like it has been doing for the last 4 centuries. You can visit the inside to get a better feel for wartime of the 17th and 18th century and life during these times.</p> <p>Kristiansand Cathedral is located at the city square. It is a late Gothic cathedral from 1884, consecrated in 1885 and is the third cathedral built in the town of Kristiansand and one of the largest cathedrals in Norway.</p>	<p>See fish and shellfish swimming in tanks at the Fish Market and the small boats chugging through the canal. Try local specialties like shrimp or mussels directly from the fishmonger or at one of the many restaurants in the area.</p> <p>The Kristiansand Museum is Southern Norway's largest museum and is where you can learn about the history of the area. Visit one of the many houses from different eras to learn how the Norwegians have lived through the ages. It consists of the Open Air Museum, Miniby (miniature city) and a main building with a toy exhibition.</p> <p>Kristiansand Cannon Museum is a historical defence museum that features a heavy German coastal defence battery from 1940-45, with the world's second largest land-based cannon (337 tonnes). Here you can also find plenty of other material from WWII.</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. <i>Top tip! Take a picture of the map on your smartphone to use ashore...</i></p>

Essential information

Tourist information	The tourist information centre is located in the main town centre.	Shopping	Kristiansand has a variety of shopping - from shopping malls to small boutiques, antique shops, Norwegian design brands, international brands and local handcraft shops.
Internet access	Many cafes and restaurants offer WiFi access, as well as the tourist information 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 Kristiansand

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