

Arendal, Aust-Agder, Norway

Billed as the 'Venice of the North', Arendal wraps a handsome 18th-century old town around a lively inner harbour — most ships dock right in the thick of it, leaving you free to wander islands, eat shrimp by the quay, and be home before dinner.

-  Docked (Batterikaaien or Hotelkaaien pier)
-  Typical call: 6–8 hrs
-  Norwegian Krone (NOK) — cards widely accepted
-  Norwegian; English spoken everywhere

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships berth at Batterikaaien or Hotelkaaien in the inner harbour; very large vessels may anchor and tender to Pollen quay

Walk to centre: 2–5 min on foot from either pier to Pollen promenade and Tyholmen old town

Best for: Historic wooden architecture, island hopping, kayaking, local seafood

Don't miss: Tyholmen old town, a shrimp lunch at Pollen, and the ferry to car-free Merdø island

 Getting around:  Taxi  NOK 100–200 ·  Rideshare  Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Tyholmen Old Town Walk** — Tyholmen is Arendal's historic island district, packed with immaculately preserved 18th- and 19th-century white wooden...
- Ferry to Merdø Island** — A short Merdøferga ferry hop from Pollen quay reaches car-free Merdø — sandy beaches, the 18th-century Merdøgaard...
- Kayaking the Archipelago** — Paddle through the sheltered skerries around Arendal, including within Raet National Park.
- KUBEN Museum (Aust-Agder Museum)** — Arendal's main cultural history museum covers Viking-age artefacts, maritime heritage, and 19th-century local life.
- Glass Lift & Panorama Views** — The Glass Lift connects the Market Square (Torget) to the hillside above, giving sweeping views over Galtesund strait...

BEST WALKS

- Tyholmen & Pollen Harbour Loop** 1.5 km · 30–45 min · Easy — From the pier, walk to Pollen promenade, cross to Tyholmen island via the short bridge, and loop through the old-town lanes past the...
- Market Square to the Glass Lift** 0.5 km · 20 min · Easy — Walk from Pollen up to Torget (Market Square) and take the Glass Lift up to the hill for panoramic views.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	50°	37°	8d
Jun	66°	53°	10d
Aug	66°	55°	13d
Sep	61°	52°	14d
Oct	52°	44°	16d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

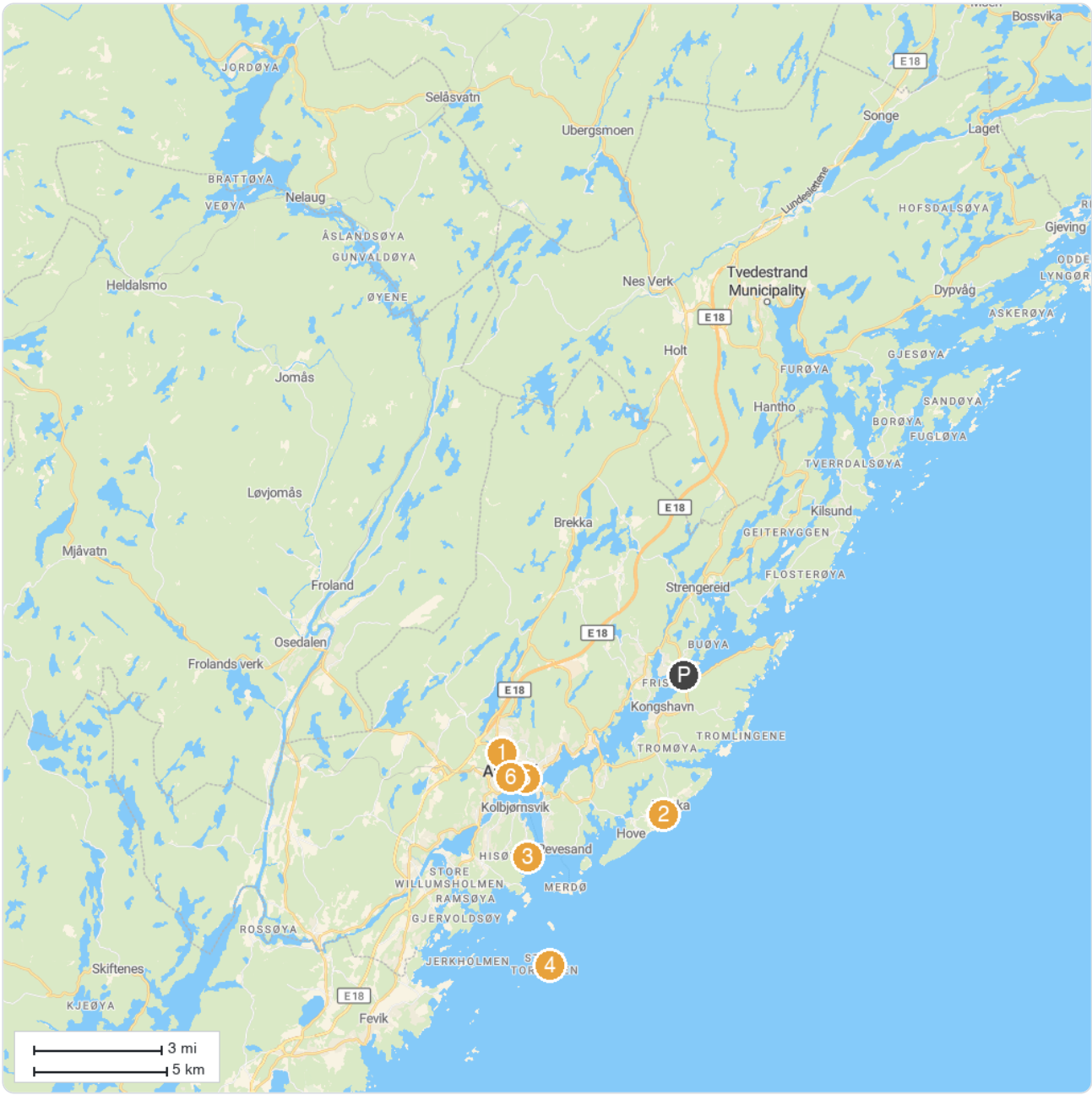
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Arendal, Aust-Agder, Norway — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 KUBEN, Aust-Agder museum og arkiv | KUBEN is Aust-Agder's regional museum and archive. | 2 Tromøy Church | Tromøy Church is a historic medieval stone church. |
| 3 Sandviken Fort | Sandviken Fort is a historic coastal defense fortress. | 4 Store Torungen Lighthouse | Store Torungen Lighthouse is an iconic island lighthouse. |
| 5 Parc Barbu | Parc Barbu is a modern waterfront park with sculptures. | 6 Glassheisen til Fløyheia | Glassheisen is a scenic glass elevator to Fløyheia viewpoint. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |