

Balestrand, Vestland, Norway

A storybook fjord village on Europe's longest waterway — where wooden churches echo Disney's Frozen and glaciers loom just a boat ride away.

 Docked (pier)

 Typical call: 6-8 hrs

 Norwegian Krone (NOK)

 Norwegian

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships berth at the Balestrand quay, directly in the village center

Walk to center: Under 5 minutes — the quay and village are one and the same

Best For: Fjord scenery, glacier day trips, and quiet Norwegian village charm

Don't Miss: Fjord & Glacier Tour to Fjærland and the Bøyabreen glacier

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  Metered; short local fares not published

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Fjord & Glacier Tour to Fjærland** — The classic Balestrand excursion: a scenic boat ride up the narrow Fjærlandsfjord, then a bus to the Norwegian Glacier...
- **RIB Boat Safari on the Sognefjord** — Speed through the secluded Finnafjord arm of the Sognefjord on a rigid inflatable boat, taking in sheer mountain walls...
- **Cider Tasting at Ciderhuset** — The Sognefjord region has centuries of fruit-growing history.
- **Norwegian Museum of Travel & Tourism** — Carved into solid rock above the village, this interactive museum charts how the English, Germans, and Norwegians...
- **Village Walking Tour — Churches, Kings & Kviknes** — A self-guided loop takes in St.

BEST WALKS

- **Village Heritage Loop** 1.5 km · 30 min · Easy — From the quay, stroll south along the waterfront past the Kviknes Hotel to the King Bele Viking burial mound, then loop back through...
- **Dragsvik Ferry Stroll** 8 km · 2-2.5 hrs · Easy — Take the small passenger ferry across the Esefjord to Dragsvik, then follow the quiet old country road back along the fjordside.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	46°	35°	14d
Jun	66°	54°	15d
Aug	66°	54°	20d
Sep	60°	49°	18d
Oct	49°	40°	19d

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 6:13AM–8:56PM · Aug 5:42AM–9:31PM · Sep 7:01AM–7:55PM · Oct 8:16AM–6:21PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Card is king. Norway is largely cashless — most shops, restaurants, and the aquarium accept credit cards. ATMs are scarce in the village.
- Book the glacier tour in advance. The Fjærland glacier tour is the top excursion and sells out fast. Reserve before your cruise or as soon as you board.

Balestrand, Vestland, 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 Norwegian Travel Museum | Explore Norway's travel history and vehicles at this museum. | 2 St. Olavs kirke | Visit this beautiful replica of a traditional Norwegian stave church. |
| 3 Woman Waterfall | See a beautiful, cascading waterfall in a scenic natural setting. | P Cruise port / terminal | |