

Bjørnøya, Svalbard, Norway

Halfway between mainland Norway and Spitsbergen, Bear Island is one of the North Atlantic's great seabird kingdoms — a protected wilderness of plunging cliffs, fog-shrouded plateaus, and millions of nesting guillemots.

-  Expedition Zodiac only (no pier)
-  Typical call: 3-6 hrs (weather-dependent)
-  Norwegian Krone (NOK)
-  Norwegian
-  Wildlife focus

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Zodiac/tender only — no pier; landings weather-dependent

Location: Barents Sea, 74°N — 178 km² nature reserve

Best For: Seabird cliffs, Arctic wildlife, expedition photography

Don't Miss: The guillemot cliffs of Stappen and Fuglefjella

 Getting around:

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Seabird Cliff Zodiac Cruise** — Zodiac along the dramatic southern cliffs — collectively known as Fuglefjella, including the towering Stappen pillar...
- Herwigamna Landing & Meteorological Station** — Land at the only inhabited spot on the island — the Norwegian meteorological station, continuously staffed since 1947...
- Kvalrossbukta Whaling Ruins** — Visit the remains of the old whaling and walrus-hunting outpost on the island's coast — a stark reminder of Bear...
- Miseryfjellet Hike** — For fit expedition travellers, hike toward Miseryfjellet (536 m), the island's highest peak, for panoramic views of the...

BEST WALKS

- Herwigamna Northern Plain** Easy · 1-3 km · Flat tundra — Wander the boggy Arctic tundra around the met station, with around 1,200 shallow freshwater lakes stretching to the horizon.
- Southern Cliff Viewpoints** Moderate · variable · Rugged coastal path — If a southern landing is permitted, approach the cliff tops above Fuglefjella to look down on the vast guillemot colonies — an...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	51°	35°	7d
Jun	67°	53°	12d
Aug	67°	55°	14d
Sep	61°	50°	12d
Oct	51°	42°	14d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:06AM–8:35PM · Jun 4:06AM–10:35PM · Aug 5:39AM–9:08PM · Sep 6:49AM–7:39PM · Oct 7:58AM–6:12PM

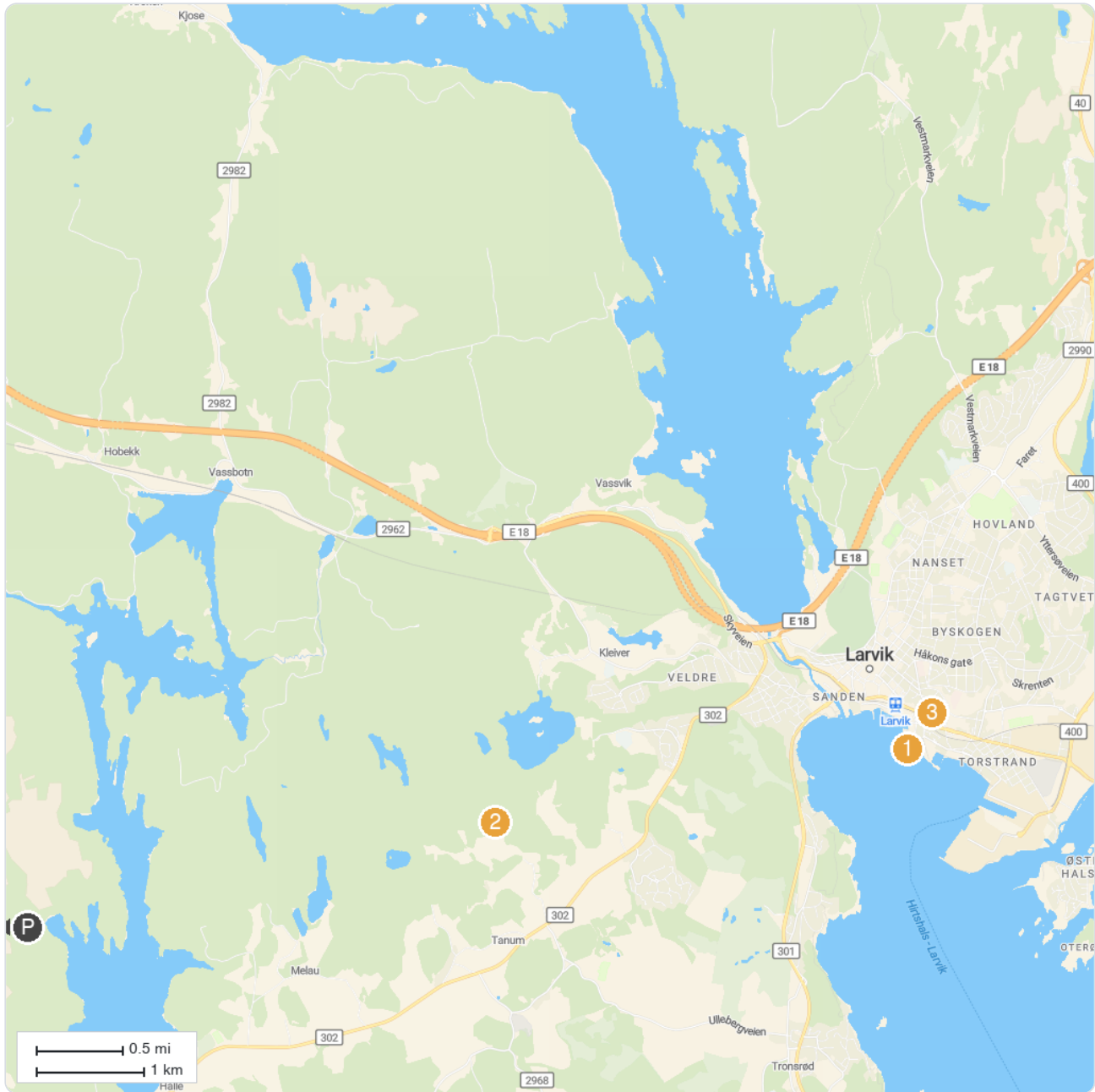
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Expect cancellations. Bear Island is notorious for dense fog and sudden swell. Many ships pass without landing. Treat any shore time as a bonus, not a given.
- No polar bears on the island now, but guides carry rifles as a precaution. Do not wander from the group — follow guide instructions at all times.

Bjørnøya, Svalbard, 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.



- 1 Tollerodden** Historic peninsula with charming old houses and a lighthouse.
- 3 Herregården i Larvik** Historic 17th-century manor house, now a fascinating museum.

- 2 Salsås** Larvik's highest point, offering panoramic views.
- P Cruise port / terminal**