

Bleiksøya Island, Vesterålen, Norway

A steep, cone-shaped bird rock rising from the Norwegian Sea, Bleiksøya is home to 80,000 pairs of Atlantic puffins. Ships anchor off Bleik village — one of Norway's most spectacular Arctic beaches — and tender passengers ashore for wildlife safaris unlike anything else in Europe.

 Tender port

 Typical call: 5–7 hrs

 Norwegian Krone (NOK)

 Norwegian

 Wildlife & nature focus

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Anchor & tender — ships anchor offshore; tenders land at Bleik village harbour (~400 m from anchorage)

Best For: Puffin & seabird safaris, whale watching, Arctic beach walks, midnight sun

Walk to center: Bleik village is tiny — café, shop, and beach are within 5–10 min on foot from the tender pier

Don't Miss: A boat puffin safari around Bleiksøya (April–August): 80,000 breeding puffin pairs on the cliffs

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  280–340 NOK (~\$25–\$32 USD)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Puffin Safari Around Bleiksøya** — Small boats circle the protected cone-shaped island while 80,000 pairs of Atlantic puffins wheel overhead and perch on...
 - Sperm Whale Safari — Bleik Canyon** — The Bleik Canyon, a deep submarine trench roughly 10 nautical miles (~17 km) offshore, draws sperm whales year-round.
- Bleik Beach Walk (Bleiksstranda)** — One of Norway's longest white-sand beaches stretches along the village, backed by dramatic dunes — an extraordinary...
 - Hike Måtinden** — Vesterålen's signature hike (405 m) above Bleik rewards with panoramic views over Bleiksstranda beach, Bleiksøya bird...

BEST WALKS

- Bleik Village & Beach Stroll** 1–2 hrs | Easy | Free — From the tender pier, walk through the small village to Bleiksstranda — one of Norway's most photographed beaches.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		39°	33°	16d
Jun		51°	44°	14d
Aug		56°	50°	15d
Sep		52°	46°	15d
Oct		44°	39°	18d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 4:56AM–8:58PM · Aug 4:03AM–9:54PM · Sep 6:11AM–7:29PM · Oct 8:06AM–5:15PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Puffin season is everything. Puffins are present mid-April to mid-August. Outside this window, Bleiksøya's main draw disappears — whale safaris still run year-round.
- Book safaris before you arrive. Puffin and whale tour boats are small and sell out. Pre-book through your ship or operators like puffinsafari.no or whalesafari.no.
- Tender conditions can change. This is an exposed stretch of the Norwegian Sea — tender operations may be cancelled in rough weather. Have a flexible departure.

Bleiksøya Island, Vesterålen, 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 Puffin Safari AS | Boat tour operator for observing puffins and other seabirds. | 2 Andøymuseet | Local museum showcasing cultural history and nature of Andøy. |
| 3 Spaceship Aurora | Interactive science center about space, rockets, and northern lights. | 4 Bleik, Vesterålen | Charming fishing village with stunning views and local culture. |
| 5 Bleik sandstrand | Beautiful white sandy beach perfect for walks and relaxation. | P Cruise port / terminal | |