

Haugesund, Vestland, Norway

The self-proclaimed homeland of the Viking kings, Haugesund offers an authentic slice of Norwegian coastal life — a colorful waterfront, genuine Norse heritage, and a surprising connection to Marilyn Monroe.



Pier (Garpeskjær Quay)



Typical call: 7–10 hrs



Norwegian Krone (NOK) — but cards everywhere



Norwegian (English widely spoken)

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Garpeskjær Quay, Risøy island

Walk to center: ~1 km (15–20 min) across Risøy Bridge

Best For: Viking history, waterfront strolling, DIY exploration

Don't Miss: Haraldshaugen monument & the Marilyn Monroe statue



Getting around: **Taxi** ~115–150 NOK to city center · **Hop-on hop-off** City Sightseeing / Grayline / Hopon.no

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Avaldsnes & Nordvegen History Centre** — Visit Norway's oldest royal seat on nearby Karmøy island.
- **Langfoss Waterfall** — One of Norway's most spectacular waterfalls — 612 m of free-falling water straight into the Åkrafjord.
- **Skudeneshavn Old Town** — A perfectly preserved 19th-century sailing village at the southern tip of Karmøy — all white wooden houses, narrow...
- **Åkrasanden Beach** — A Blue Flag beach on Karmøy island with white sand and clear turquoise water — surprisingly Caribbean-looking for Norway.
- **Haugesund Waterfront & Haraldshaugen Walk** — Self-guided DIY walk: stroll Haraldsgata, photograph the Marilyn Monroe statue and pink Town Hall on Smedasundet, then...

BEST WALKS

- **Waterfront Stroll: Pier to Haraldshaugen** 4 km round trip | ~1.5 hrs | Easy (one gentle hill at monument) — Cross Risøy Bridge into town, walk north along the colorful Smedasundet waterfront, snap a photo with the Marilyn Monroe statue, pass...
- **City Center Highlights** 1.5 km | ~30 min | Easy — A compact loop of the city core: walk Haraldsgata pedestrian street for shopping and coffee, detour to the Haugesund Town Hall (the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY



CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	49°	37°	12d
Jun	62°	50°	14d
Aug	63°	53°	19d
Sep	60°	51°	18d
Oct	52°	44°	21d



DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:24AM–8:55PM · Jun 4:22AM–10:57PM · Aug 5:56AM–9:28PM ·
Sep 7:08AM–7:58PM · Oct 8:17AM–6:30PM

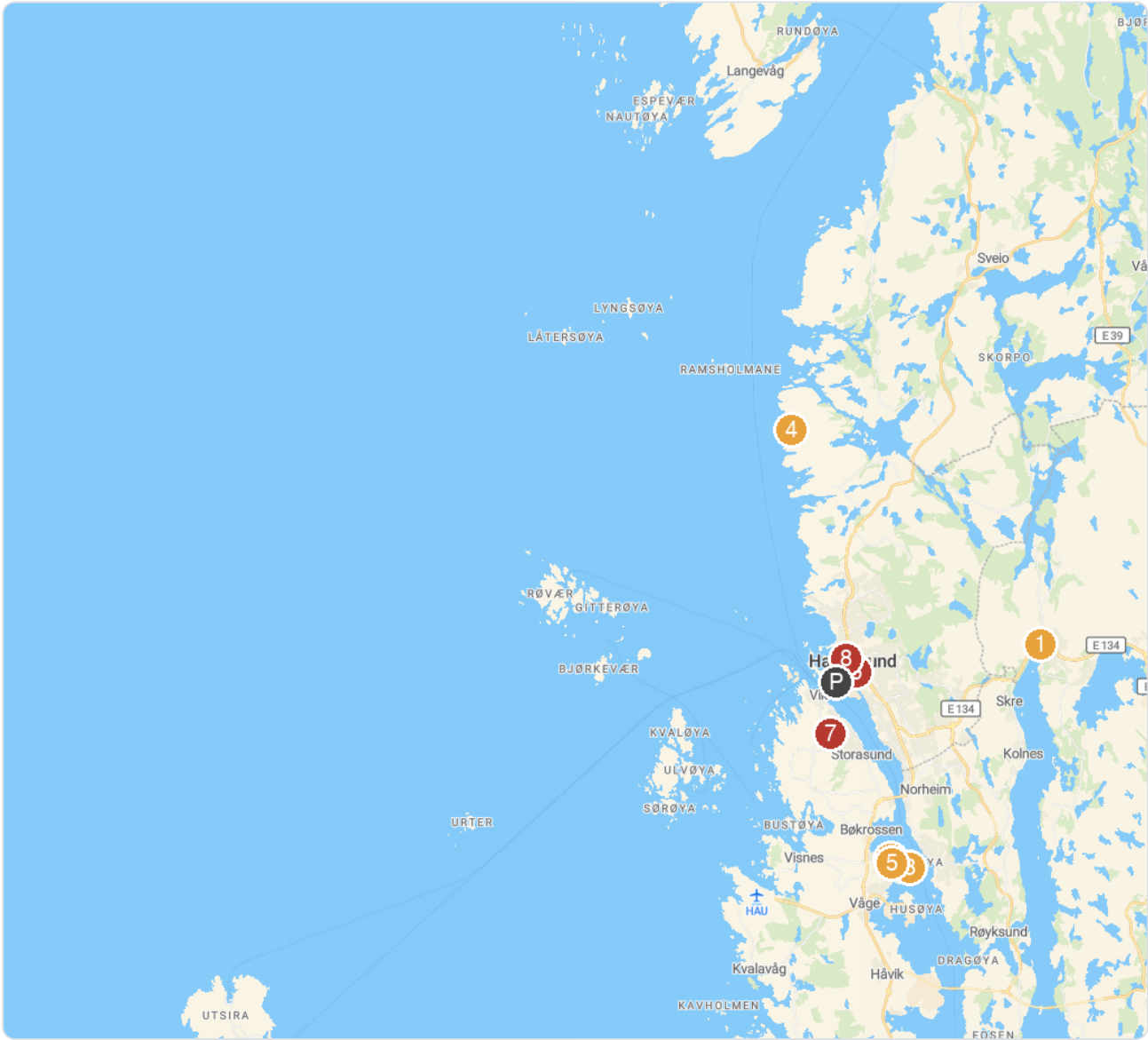
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Go cashless. Norway barely uses cash — Visa/Mastercard accepted everywhere including buses, bakeries, and market stalls. Don't bother exchanging currency.
- Dress for wind and rain. West Norway weather changes fast. Pack a windproof/waterproof jacket even on sunny days — the Risøy

Haugesund, 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.



1	Arquebus Krigshistorisk museum	Large museum showcasing Norwegian resistance and war history.	2	Mary's Needle	Ancient stone needle monument linked to King Harald Fairhair.
3	The Viking Village on Bukkøy (Viking Farm at Bukkøy)	Reconstructed Viking farm offering a glimpse into ancient life.	4	Hagland fortress	Well-preserved World War II coastal fortress with bunkers and cannons.
5	Nordvegen Historiesenter	Modern history center exploring Norway's Viking Age kings.	6	Our Savior's Church	Historic church with beautiful architecture and stained-glass windows.
7	Haugaland Zoo	Family-friendly zoo featuring Nordic and exotic animals.	8	Haugesund Art Gallery	Gallery displaying Norwegian art, especially from the Haugesund region.
P	Cruise port / terminal				