

Havøysund, Finnmark, Norway

Perched at the top of Norway on the edge of the Barents Sea, Havøysund is a working Arctic fishing village where reindeer wander the streets and stockfish dries on waterfront racks — as far from a polished cruise port as it gets.

Pier (coastal/expedition ships) or tender (larger ships)

Typical call: 4–6 hrs

Cashless — cards everywhere, no NOK needed

Norwegian (English widely spoken)

Arctic — dress in layers year-round

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Hurtigruten & expedition ships dock at Havøysund Kai; larger vessels anchor and tender

Best For: Arctic scenery, seabird colonies, stockfish culture, authentic Norway

Walk to center: 2–5 min from pier; entire village walkable in under 30 min

Don't Miss: Gavlen viewpoint, Havøysund Church, reindeer on the streets

Getting around: Taxi NOK 150–300

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Hjelmsøya Seabird Cliffs** — One of Norway's largest seabird colonies lives on the island of Hjelmsøya nearby — puffins, razorbills, kittiwakes, and sea eagles pack the dramatic...
 - National Scenic Route Fv889** — Havøysund sits at the end of one of Norway's 18 designated National Scenic Routes.
- King Crab Safari** — The Barents Sea is prime territory for giant red king crab.
 - Måsøy Museum** — A small but evocative museum in an old rectory covering the region's fishing heritage, whale-hunting history, and the WWII destruction of Finnmark.

BEST WALKS

- Village & Harbor Stroll** 1.5 km · 20 min · Flat — A gentle loop around the compact village center taking in the harbor, the stockfish drying racks, Havøysund Church, and the working fishing docks.
- Gavlen Viewpoint Hike** 5 km return · 1.5–2 hrs · Uphill — Climb the paved road from the village to the Gavlen cliffs at the island's high point.
- Bridge Walk** 1 km · 15 min · Easy — Walk out to the distinctive cantilever bridge connecting Havøya island to the mainland.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		35°	29°	17d
Jun		50°	43°	16d
Aug		56°	48°	14d
Sep		50°	43°	17d
Oct		40°	35°	18d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 4:09AM–8:36PM · Sep 5:32AM–6:58PM · Oct 7:40AM–4:31PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Layer up aggressively. Even in July the Barents Sea wind is biting. Pack a waterproof windshell, warm hat, and gloves — regardless of the forecast.
- No cash needed. Norway is almost entirely cashless; cards are accepted at the café, museum, and shop. Don't bother exchanging NOK.
- Watch for reindeer. Semi-domesticated reindeer roam freely across Havøya — keep a respectful distance and don't try to feed them.
- Try tørrfisk. Pick up a bag of dried stockfish jerky at the Coop Prix — it's a genuine local product and a salty, chewy souvenir.
- Sunday visits. Norwegian Sunday trading laws mean the grocery store and museum may be closed. The hotel restaurant and Arctic View pavilion usually open for ship arrivals.
- Midnight sun window. From late May to late July, the sun never sets. Bring a sleep mask if you're sensitive to 24-hour daylight.

Havøysund, Finnmark, 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 Havøysund Church Modern coastal church serving this small Arctic fishing village on Havøysund island.

2 Havøysund Tunnel Undersea tunnel connecting Havøysund to the mainland, part of Norway's engineering feats along the Arctic coast.

P Cruise port / terminal