

Ny-Ålesund, Svalbard, Norway

At 79°N, Ny-Ålesund is the northernmost functioning civilian settlement on Earth — an active international Arctic research hub where Amundsen launched his 1926 polar flight and glaciers calve into Kongsfjorden just across the water.

Mostly tender (small quay, Zodiac landing typical)

Typical call: 4–6 hrs

NOK — Kings Bay Shop cashless (card only)

Norwegian / English

No Wi-Fi or Bluetooth ashore (20 km radio-silence zone)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Most ships anchor in Kongsfjorden and tender ashore by Zodiac; small 73 m quay available for one vessel

Best For: Polar history, Arctic science, wildlife, otherworldly remoteness

Walk to centre: 500 m flat gravel walk from landing quay to settlement (5–10 min)

Don't Miss: Airship mooring mast from Amundsen's 1926 North Pole flight and the Ny-Ålesund Town & Mine Museum

Getting around: Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Polar Exploration Heritage Walk** — Follow your expedition guide to the 1926 airship mooring mast, Roald Amundsen bronze bust, and the preserved narrow-gauge locomotive — three...
 - Ny-Ålesund Town & Mine Museum** — The world's northernmost museum, this self-guided collection covers the coal-mining era (ended after the 1962 Kings Bay disaster), the history of...
- Arctic Tern & Barnacle Goose Watching** — In summer Ny-Ålesund swarms with nesting Arctic terns — famously aggressive dive-bombers.
 - Kongsfjorden Glacier Views** — From the settlement's waterfront you can see Kongsbreen and Kronebreen glaciers calving across the fjord.

BEST WALKS

- Settlement Heritage Loop** 1.5 km · 25–35 min · Flat gravel paths — From the landing quay, walk to the Ny-Ålesund Town & Mine Museum, Roald Amundsen monument, the 1926 airship mooring mast, and the preserved steam locomotive on the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		22°	14°	9d
Jun		37°	34°	8d
Aug		41°	36°	9d
Sep		37°	31°	15d
Oct		31°	24°	12d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Sep 5:49AM–8:20PM · Oct 9:57AM–3:55PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Radio silence is law. Switch your phone, camera, and smartwatch to flight mode AND manually disable Wi-Fi and Bluetooth before going ashore. The 20 km exclusion zone protects world-class scientific receivers.
- Polar bears are present. Never walk past the yellow warning signs without an armed guide. Inside the marked settlement area you're safe — outside, you're not.
- Arctic tern tip: Nesting terns dive-bomb anything tall. Hold a stick, walking pole, or your hand straight above your head — they target the highest point, keeping your face safe.
- Kings Bay Shop is cashless. Bring a Visa or Mastercard if you want souvenirs, postcards, or stamps for the world's most remote postmark. There are no ATMs or currency exchange on-site.
- No food or drink ashore. The staff mess hall is strictly for resident scientists. Eat and drink on your ship before and after landing — there are zero public cafes, restaurants, or vending machines.
- Stay on the gravel paths. One footstep off the path can crush decades of tundra growth. Arctic vegetation is the most fragile plant ecosystem on the planet — treat it as such.

Ny-Ålesund, 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.



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| 1 Amundsen's Airship Mast | Steel mooring mast used by Roald Amundsen's airship Norge for the first verified flight over the North Pole in 1926. | 2 Ny-Ålesund Northernmost Post Office | The world's northernmost post office, a popular stop for mailing postcards from 79°N. |
| 3 Kongsfjorden Glacier Viewpoint | Shoreline vantage point looking across the fjord toward tidewater glaciers and the Svalbard mountains. | P Cruise port / terminal | |