

Andenes, Vesterålen, Norway

Perched at the northern tip of Andøya island, Andenes is Norway's undisputed whale capital — sperm whales feed year-round in the deep Bleik Canyon just offshore, while a 40-metre red lighthouse watches over a compact fishing village where the midnight sun never quite sets.

Docked (quay, central harbor)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

Norwegian Krone (NOK)

Norwegian (English widely spoken)

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Quay alongside in Andenes harbor (Østre Havn); town center is a short walk

Best For: Whale watching, birdlife (puffins, eagles), Midnight Sun photography

Walk to center: 5-10 min on foot to Whale Center, lighthouse, and restaurants

Don't Miss: Whale safari on the Bleik Canyon — sperm whales sighted on almost every trip

Getting around: Taxi NOK 130–170 (short trips) · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Sperm Whale Safari** — Board a purpose-built whale-watch vessel and head out over the Bleik Canyon, one of the deepest submarine troughs off Norway's coast.
- Puffin & Seabird Safari to Bleiksøya** — The sea stack of Bleiksøya, visible from Bleik Beach a short drive south, hosts around 80,000 puffins during the breeding season (mid-April to August).
- Andenes Lighthouse Climb** — The 40-metre red cast-iron lighthouse (1859) is one of Norway's tallest.
- Scenic Drive: Norwegian Scenic Route Andøya** — The designated National Tourist Route hugs Andøya's western coast past Bleik Beach (one of North Norway's longest white-sand beaches), peat bogs, and...
- Andenes Whale Center & Exhibition** — The harbour-front Whale Center houses a full whale exhibition covering marine mammal anatomy, deep-sea ecology, and the Bleik Canyon environment.

BEST WALKS

- Harbor to Lighthouse Loop** 1.5 km · Easy · 30-45 min — A flat waterfront walk from the cruise quay along Hamnegata past the Whale Center, through the small town centre, to the lighthouse and adjacent Polar Museum.
- Bleik Beach Walk** ~10 min drive south + 1 km walk · Easy · 45 min on beach — Bleik Beach is one of Norway's finest Arctic beaches — a long white-sand crescent backed by the dramatic Bleiksøya sea stack.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		39°	33°	16d
Jun		51°	45°	14d
Aug		56°	50°	15d
Sep		52°	47°	15d
Oct		44°	40°	18d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 4:56AM–8:57PM · Aug 4:02AM–9:54PM · Sep 6:10AM–7:28PM · Oct 8:06AM–5:14PM

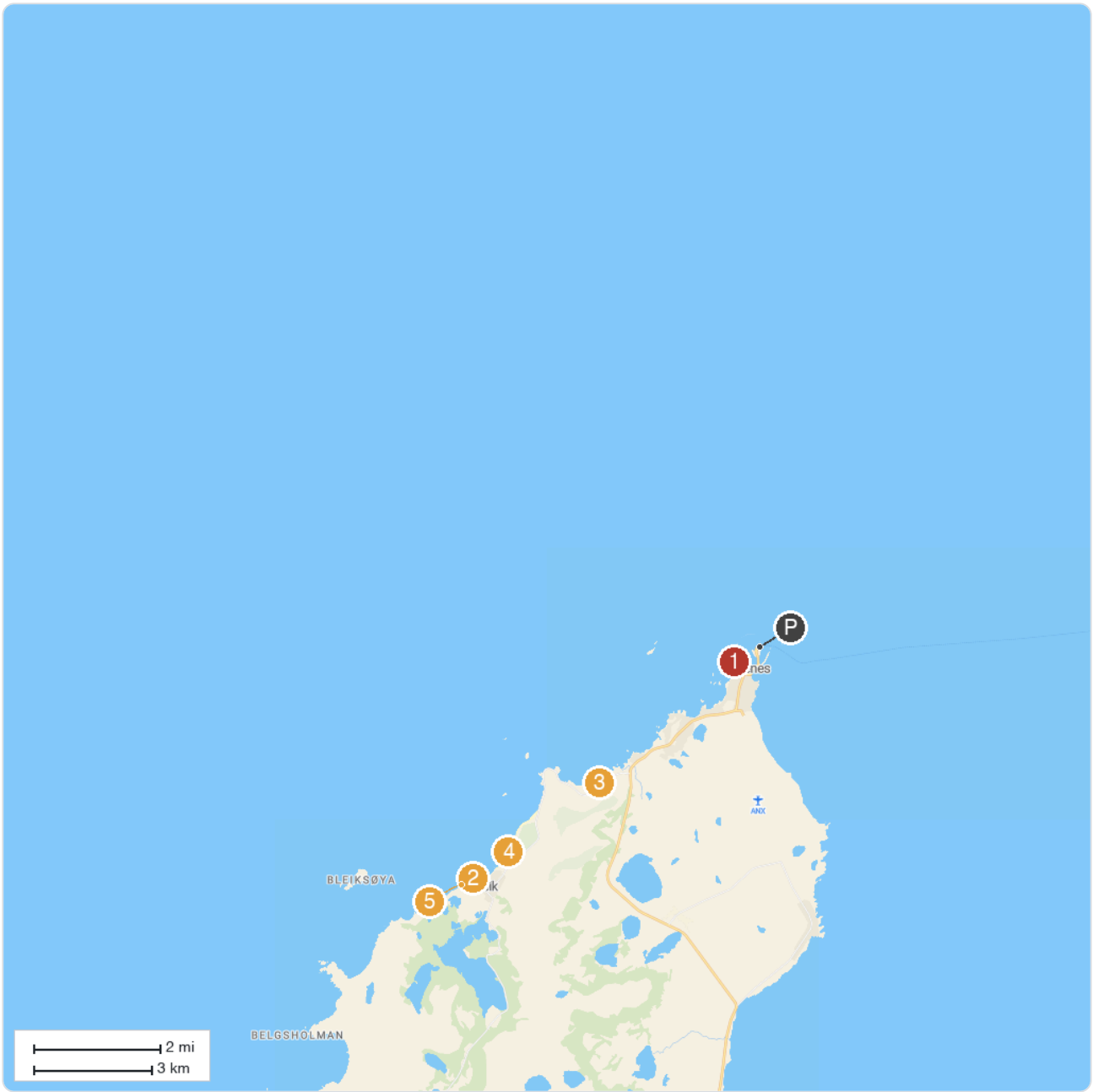
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book whale safaris before you arrive. Ships bring 100-500 passengers and boats fill fast — reserve online with Whalesafari Andenes or Arctic Whale Tours at least a week ahead.
- Cards accepted almost everywhere in Andenes. Norway is a near-cashless society — you rarely need Norwegian Krone in hand, but ATMs are available in the town center.
- Midnight sun runs late May to late July. Even on evening calls, the sun stays well above the horizon — bring sunglasses and expect bright photos at any hour.
- Dress in layers. Arctic coastal weather changes quickly; even a clear summer day can feel cold on the open whale-watch deck. A windproof layer is essential.
- Rent a car or taxi to see Bleik Beach and Bleiksøya. They're ~11 km south (about a 10-minute drive) — a quick trip unlocks the best scenery on the island.
- Andøy Museum (Polar Museum) is next to the lighthouse — small but excellent for Arctic trapping and local history, with exhibits on legendary hunter Hilmar Nøis.

Andenes, 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 Andøymuseet | Local museum showcasing Andøy's history, culture, and nature. | 2 Puffin Safari AS | Boat tour to observe puffins and other seabirds. |
| 3 Spaceship Aurora | Interactive visitor center about space, rockets, and northern lights. | 4 Bleik sandstrand | Stunning white sand beach perfect for walks and views. |
| 5 Bleik, Vesterålen | Charming fishing village known for its beautiful beach and birdlife. | P Cruise port / terminal | |