

Balestrand, Vestland, Norway

A storybook fjord village on Europe's longest waterway — where wooden churches echo Disney's Frozen and glaciers loom just a boat ride away.

Docked (pier)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

Norwegian Krone (NOK)

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MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: Arrive: All aboard:

Excursion: Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships berth at the Balestrand quay, directly in the village center

Walk to center: Under 5 minutes — the quay and village are one and the same

Best For: Fjord scenery, glacier day trips, and quiet Norwegian village charm

Don't Miss: Fjord & Glacier Tour to Fjærland and the Bøyabreen glacier

Getting around: Taxi Metered; short local fares not published

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Fjord & Glacier Tour to Fjærland** — The classic Balestrand excursion: a scenic boat ride up the narrow Fjærlandsfjord, then a bus to the Norwegian Glacier Museum and the Bøyabreen...
 - RIB Boat Safari on the Sognefjord** — Speed through the secluded Finna fjord arm of the Sognefjord on a rigid inflatable boat, taking in sheer mountain walls, waterfalls, and a medieval...
- Cider Tasting at Ciderhuset** — The Sognefjord region has centuries of fruit-growing history.
 - Norwegian Museum of Travel & Tourism** — Carved into solid rock above the village, this interactive museum charts how the English, Germans, and Norwegians 'discovered' the fjords in the 19th...
 - Village Walking Tour — Churches, Kings & Kviknes** — A self-guided loop takes in St.

BEST WALKS

- Village Heritage Loop** 1.5 km · 30 min · Easy — From the quay, stroll south along the waterfront past the Kviknes Hotel to the King Bele Viking burial mound, then loop back through the village past St.
- Dragsvik Ferry Stroll** 8 km · 2-2.5 hrs · Easy — Take the small passenger ferry across the Esefjord to Dragsvik, then follow the quiet old country road back along the fjordside.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		46°	35°	14d
Jun		66°	54°	15d
Aug		66°	54°	20d
Sep		60°	49°	18d
Oct		49°	40°	19d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:13AM–8:56PM · Aug 5:42AM–9:31PM · Sep 7:01AM–7:55PM · Oct 8:16AM–6:21PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Card is king. Norway is largely cashless — most shops, restaurants, and the aquarium accept credit cards. ATMs are scarce in the village.
- Book the glacier tour in advance. The Fjærland glacier tour is the top excursion and sells out fast. Reserve before your cruise or as soon as you board.
- Pack a layer. Even in summer, fjord weather can be cool and changeable. A light waterproof jacket is essential.
- Short on time? If you only have a few hours, skip the glacier tour and do the village loop plus cider tasting — both are close to the pier and very satisfying.
- Seasonal attractions. The aquarium, museum, and most tour operators run mid-May to mid-September. Check ahead if you arrive outside those dates.
- No need for taxis. The entire village is walkable from the quay. Save your money and your steps for the trails.

Balestrand, 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.



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| 1 Norwegian Travel Museum | Explore Norway's travel history and vehicles at this museum. | 2 St. Olavs kirke | Visit this beautiful replica of a traditional Norwegian stave church. |
| 3 Woman Waterfall | See a beautiful, cascading waterfall in a scenic natural setting. | P Cruise port / terminal | |