

# Brønnøysund, Nordland, Norway

A compact Norwegian coastal town that punches above its size — home to a mountain with a hole through it, a UNESCO island group teeming with eider ducks, and a quay monument celebrating its claim as 'the town in the centre of Norway'.

Docked (town pier)

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:** Small/mid ships dock at Midthavna pier in the town centre; larger ships use Nordhavna (Gårdsøya), ~1 km north

**Best For:** Torghatten hike, UNESCO Vega Islands, Norwegian coastal culture

**Walk to centre:** Steps from the pier — the town is compact and flat along the harbour

**Don't Miss:** Walking through Torghatten's 160-metre natural tunnel with panoramic archipelago views

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ 200–300 NOK one-way (~\$20–30 USD) · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

## TOP THINGS TO DO

- Torghatten — Hike Through the Mountain** — A 160-metre natural tunnel pierces Torghatten hill, formed by ice-age erosion.
  - Vega Archipelago — UNESCO World Heritage** — Over 6,500 islands, reefs and skerries make up this UNESCO site, celebrated for 1,500 years of islanders harvesting eiderdown by protecting nesting...
  - Norwegian Aquaculture Centre (Norsk Havbrukssenter)** — An interactive museum north of town that demystifies Norway's salmon-
- farming industry with underwater cameras, live fish feeding, and hands-on...

  - Hildurs Urterarium — Herb Farm & Garden** — A 250-year-old family farm just outside town with 400 herb varieties, 100 rose types, and 1,000 cacti species.
  - Brønnøysund Town Walk & Brønnøy Church** — Stroll Havnegata along the marina, spot the Centre-of-Norway monument on the quay, and visit Brønnøy Church — a Neo-Gothic stone church from 1870...

## BEST WALKS

- Harbour Stroll & Centre of Norway** 1–2 km · 30–40 min · flat — Walk Havnegata from the cruise pier past the visitors' marina to the Centre-of-Norway monument, then loop back through the town's shops and café strip.
- Skarsåsen WWII Fortress Viewpoint** 2–3 km · ~1 hr · gentle incline — A short walk up to the Skarsåsen coastal artillery fortress from WWII.

## WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

**CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

|     | Mon | High | Low | Rain |
|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| Apr |     | 43°  | 33° | 17d  |
| Jun |     | 58°  | 48° | 16d  |
| Aug |     | 62°  | 52° | 20d  |
| Sep |     | 56°  | 48° | 18d  |
| Oct |     | 46°  | 39° | 18d  |

**DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 5:33AM–8:51PM · Aug 4:53AM–9:34PM · Sep 6:32AM–7:37PM · Oct 8:06AM–5:45PM

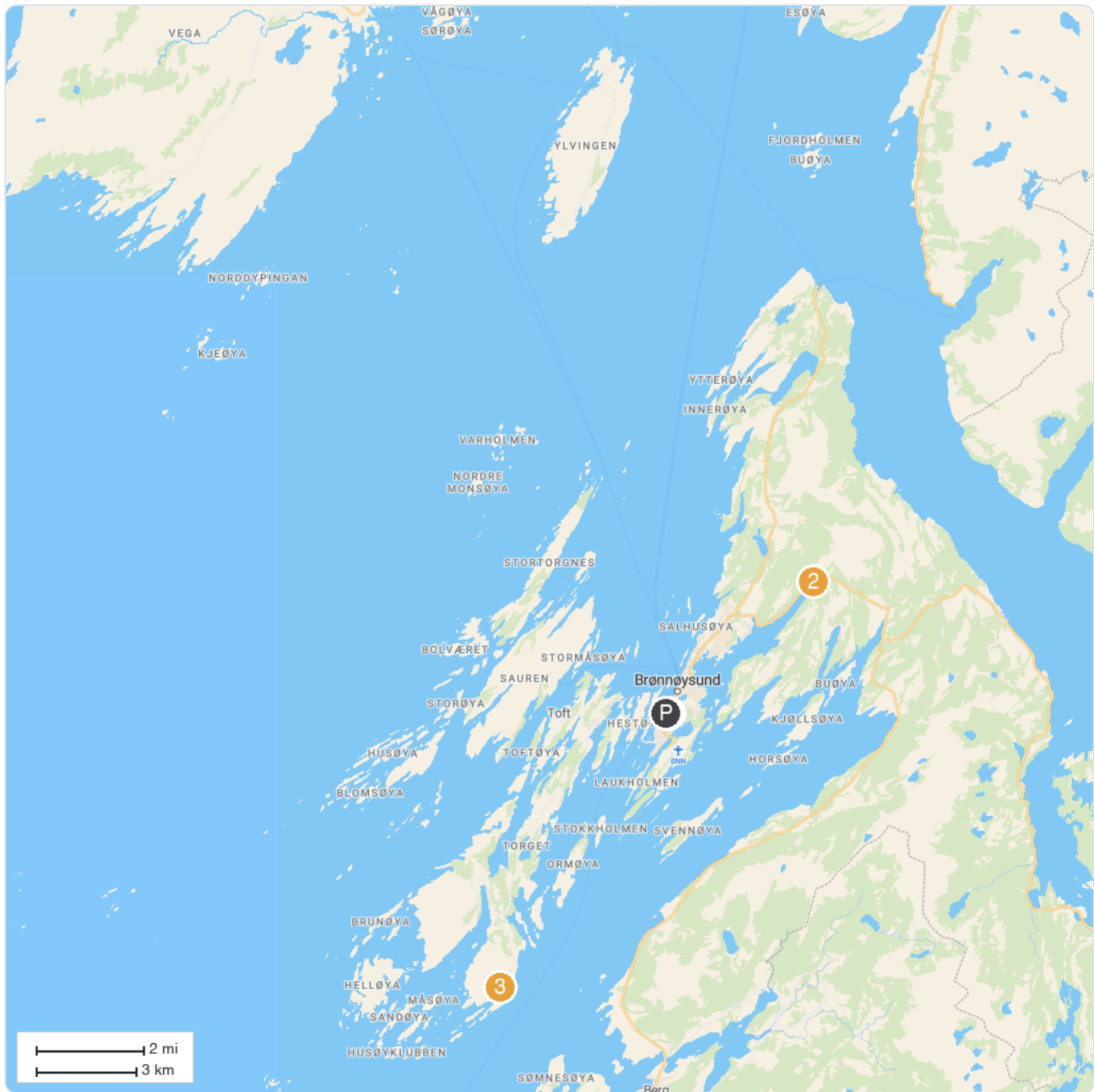
## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Vega early. The ferry to the UNESCO islands is popular in summer and fills quickly — reserve before or immediately after boarding the ship.
- Torghatten = sturdy shoes. The path has irregular stone steps; trail shoes or hiking boots make the ascent much easier than street shoes.
- Weather can flip fast. Pack a light waterproof layer even on sunny mornings — Norwegian coastal weather changes quickly.
- Go cashless. Every café, shop and excursion operator in Brønnøysund takes credit card; NOK cash is optional.
- Free maps at the tourist office. The visitor centre near the harbour has English-language maps and can book last-minute taxis to Torghatten.
- 'Centre of Norway' monument. Look for the marker on the quayside — Brønnøysund proudly bills itself as 'the town in the centre of Norway,' a fun photo stop (the official calculated centre is inland near Steinkjer).

## Brønnøysund, Nordland, 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** Brønnøy Church Historic stone church in Brønnøysund.

**2** Trælvikosen Tidal mudflats, a vital bird sanctuary near Brønnøysund.

**3** Torghatten - Nasjonale turistveger Mountain with a famous hole right through its middle.

**P** Cruise port / terminal