

Eidfjord, Vestland, Norway

A village of 900 people at the inner end of the Hardangerfjord, Eidfjord punches well above its size — it's the launch pad for Europe's most dramatic waterfall and Norway's vast high-mountain plateau.

Pier (docked)

Typical call: 7–9 hrs

Norwegian Krone (NOK) — mostly cashless

Norwegian (English widely spoken)

Hardangerfjord

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships dock in the village center; no tendering

Best For: Waterfalls, fjord scenery, Viking history, mountain hikes

Walk to center: 2–3 min flat walk from pier to cafes and shops

Don't Miss: Vøringsfossen waterfall — 182 m freefall into Måbødalen canyon

Getting around: **Taxi** 150–300 NOK (short trips)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Vøringsfossen Waterfall** — Norway's most visited waterfall drops 182 m into the Måbødalen canyon.
 - Hardangervidda Plateau Drive** — Europe's largest high-mountain plateau sits above Eidfjord at 1,100 m.
 - Hereid Viking Burial Ground** — Western Norway's largest Iron Age and Viking burial ground (c.
- Hardangervidda Nature Center** — World-class interactive museum covering Norwegian climate, wildlife, and nature, with a stunning 225° panoramic cinema.
 - Fjord Kayaking** — Paddle on the glass-flat waters of the inner Hardangerfjord, surrounded by walls of rock rising over 1,000 m.

BEST WALKS

- Village & River Walk** 2 km round-trip · Flat · 30–40 min — Follow the Eio River from the pier through the village center to the old church (Gamlekyrkja, built 1309) and back along the shoreline path.
- Hereid Viking Graves** 3 km round-trip · Moderate uphill · 50–60 min — A steady uphill walk leads to Western Norway's largest Iron Age and Viking burial ground, with panoramic views of the fjord and village far below.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	46°	36°	14d
Jun	67°	53°	16d
Aug	67°	55°	20d
Sep	61°	50°	18d
Oct	50°	42°	19d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:13AM–8:51PM · Aug 5:44AM–9:26PM · Sep 6:59AM–7:52PM · Oct 8:12AM–6:20PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Vøringsfossen transport early. Taxis are nearly non-existent. The Hardanger Fjordtoppen shuttle and ship excursions fill up — pre-book online or head straight to the pier desk on arrival.
- Norway is cashless. Visa and Mastercard work everywhere — Troll Train, kayak hire, the supermarket. AMEX is hit-or-miss. You don't need any NOK cash.
- Layer up, even in summer. Eidfjord sits at the end of a deep fjord near a mountain plateau. Weather changes fast. A windproof rain jacket and fleece are worth packing regardless of the forecast.
- Hardanger cider is the local specialty. This fjord region has EU-protected apple cider — try a glass at a dockside cafe or grab a bottle at the Coop Prix supermarket (5-min walk from pier).
- Best souvenir buys: the supermarket. Freia chocolate, brunost (brown cheese), and local crackers at Coop Prix cost a fraction of pier-side gift shop prices.
- The spiral tunnels alone are worth the trip. The road up to Vøringsfossen passes through engineering-marvel mountain tunnels that corkscrew inside the rock to climb the valley wall — genuinely stunning even before you see the waterfall.

Eidfjord, 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.



1 Vøringsfossen Vøringsfossen is Norway's most famous, dramatic waterfall.

P Cruise port / terminal