

Gudvangen, Vestland, Norway

Tucked at the innermost point of the Nærøfjord, Gudvangen is where sheer mountain walls rise 1,200 metres above mirror-still water — and where the Vikings never really left.

Tender port

Typical call: 5–7 hrs

Cashless (NOK, cards everywhere)

Norwegian / English widely spoken

UNESCO World Heritage fjord

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only — ships anchor in the fjord; pontoon pier in village centre

Best For: Fjord scenery, Viking culture, kayaking, Nærøfjord boat trips

Walk to centre: Tender lands steps from the Viking Valley and riverside path

Don't Miss: Njardarheimr Viking Valley & Kjelfossen waterfall views from shore

Getting around: **Taxi** NOK 430–550 (~\$40–\$52 USD)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Njardarheimr Viking Valley** — A living Viking settlement where re-enactors work, cook, and craft year-round using authentic Viking-age methods.
- Nærøfjord Electric Catamaran to Flåm** — Board a silent, zero-emission catamaran for a 2-hour glide through the UNESCO-listed Nærøfjord — just 250 m wide at its narrowest, with waterfalls...
- Nærøfjord Kayak Tour** — Guided kayak tours launch directly from the Gudvangen shoreline.
- Stalheim Hotel Viewpoint** — A 15-minute taxi or bus ride leads to the historic Stalheim Hotel, perched above the Nærøydalen valley with one of the most photographed panoramas in...
- Flåm Railway Day Trip** — Gudvangen is 20 minutes by bus through mountain tunnels from Flåm.

BEST WALKS

- Nærøydalselvi Riverside Stroll** 1–2 km | Flat | 20–40 min — Follow the crystal-clear Nærøydalselvi river as it flows into the fjord.
- Village Centre Loop** 0.5 km | Easy | 10–15 min — A quick orientation walk taking in the Gudvangen Fjordtell hotel (grass roofs, Viking-modern architecture), the ferry dock, and the views up-fjord from the small beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		45°	36°	14d
Jun		66°	53°	16d
Aug		66°	55°	20d
Sep		60°	51°	17d
Oct		50°	42°	19d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:13AM–8:53PM · Aug 5:43AM–9:28PM · Sep 7:00AM–7:53PM · Oct 8:14AM–6:20PM

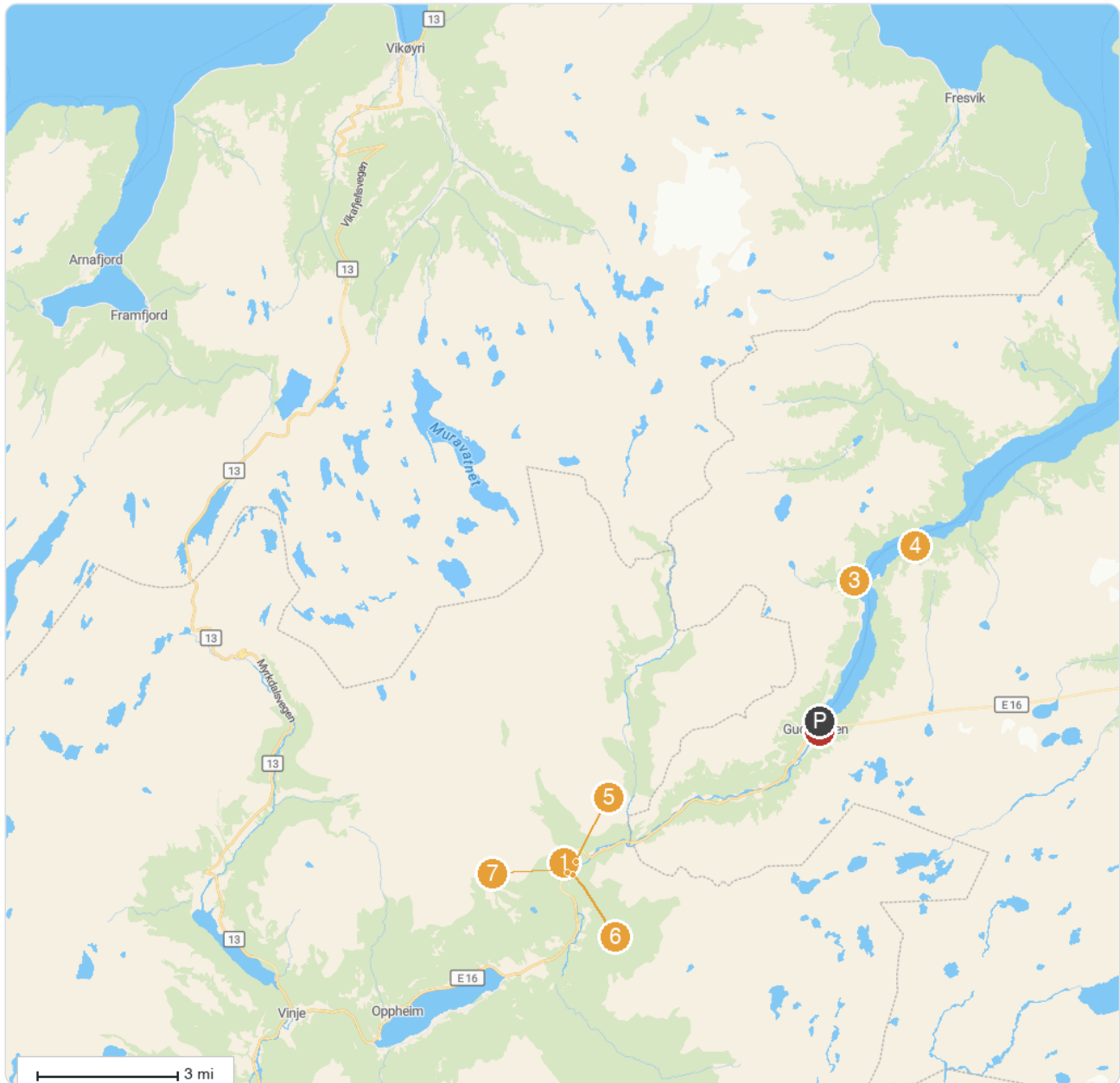
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Go early or late. Gudvangen sits on the 'Norway in a Nutshell' tourist circuit — bus tours flood in between 11 AM and 3 PM. The Viking Valley and riverside path are far more peaceful at either end of the day.
- Pack layers and waterproofs. The narrow fjord walls block sun and trap mist. Even in summer it can feel cool and showers arrive fast. A packable rain jacket is essential.
- Forget cash. Norway is one of the world's most cashless countries. Every café, ticket booth, and even the gas station accepts Visa/Mastercard — often contactless only.
- Flåm Railway tickets sell out. If you plan to ride independently, book months ahead at visitflam.com. Last-minute availability is rare in peak season (June–August).
- Environmental regulations limit big ships. The Nærøfjord has strict emission rules — only small-to-mid-sized vessels call here. Expect a genuinely quiet, uncrowded fjord experience.
- Try a Norwegian hot dog. The local Shell station serves the classic pølse in a potato lefse wrap — don't judge it until you've tried it with all the toppings.

Gudvangen, 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 Stalheim Fjord Og Fjellhytter | Mountain and fjord cabins offering accommodation and views. | 2 Njardarheimr | Authentic Viking village showcasing ancient Norse life. |
| 3 Tuftefossen | A beautiful, powerful waterfall cascading down the valley. | 4 Odnesfossen | A stunning waterfall visible from the valley floor. |
| 5 Stalheimskleiva | Historic, incredibly steep hairpin road with 13 turns. | 6 Stalheimfossen | A majestic waterfall near Stalheim, often seen from the road. |
| 7 Stalheim Panoramic Terrace | Viewpoint offering breathtaking panoramic views of Nærøyfjord valley. | P Cruise port / terminal | |