

Harstad, Troms, Norway

Above the Arctic Circle on Norway's largest island, Harstad delivers Viking churches, a colossal WWII cannon, and a walkable harbor town — all with pier access straight into the heart of it.

 Pier (new 2023 quay)

 Typical call: 6-8 hrs

 Cashless — card everywhere

 Norwegian (English widely spoken)

 Midnight Sun: late May – late Jul

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — central quay (2023), ships up to 300 m

Best For: WWII history, Viking heritage, Arctic scenery

Walk to centre: 2-5 min flat walk from gangway

Don't Miss: Trondenes Church + Adolf Gun combo tour

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~135 NOK (5 km) ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- The Adolf Gun (Adolfkanonen)** — One of the largest land-based naval guns ever built, installed by German forces during WWII on what is now an active Norwegian military base.
- Trondenes Church & Historical Centre** — Built around 1250, Trondenes is the world's northernmost medieval stone church.
- Grottebadet Waterpark** — An unusual attraction built entirely inside a mountain cave in the middle of town — water slides, a wave pool, therapy pools, and saunas.
- Folkeparken & Coastal Walk** — A peaceful recreational park on the edge of town with forest trails, traditional wooden shelters, and small lakes.
- Arctic Seafood Lunch in Town** — Harstad has a surprisingly strong dining scene.

BEST WALKS

- Town Centre Stroll** 1.5 km · 20 min · flat — From the pier, walk through the harbour front to the main square (Torget), past Harstad Church on the hill, and loop back through the main shopping street.
- Coastal Walk to Trondenes** 3 km one way · 40 min · easy — Follow the waterfront north from the pier along a beautiful coastal path to the Trondenes peninsula.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		39°	30°	15d
Jun		54°	45°	16d
Aug		59°	50°	16d
Sep		53°	45°	16d
Oct		42°	36°	16d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 4:57AM–8:52PM · Aug 4:06AM–9:46PM · Sep 6:09AM–7:25PM · Oct 8:02AM–5:15PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Go cashless: Norway is one of the world's most cashless societies. Every café, bus, and museum takes card — there's no need to hunt for an ATM or exchange currency.
- Bring ID for the Adolf Gun: It's on an active military base. A valid passport or government-issued ID is required to enter. Don't leave it on the ship.
- Layer up: Arctic weather is unpredictable even in summer. A windproof jacket, light fleece, and waterproof shoes are essential regardless of the forecast.
- Midnight Sun (late May–late Jul): The sun doesn't set. If you're here in summer, expect bright light around the clock — bring an eye mask if you're sensitive.
- Hurtigruten calls: The Hurtigruten coastal ferries stop in Harstad daily — the northbound ship in the early morning (~07:10–07:45) and the southbound mid-morning (~08:00–08:30). It's a brief, scenic stop worth catching from the quay.
- Sundays: Retail shops and supermarkets close on Sundays by law, but museums, restaurants, and tour operators remain open.

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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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Trondenes Church

Norway's northernmost medieval stone church, beautifully preserved.

2

Adolfkanonen

See a massive German WWII coastal artillery cannon.

3

Trondenes Historical Center

Explore Viking, medieval, and WWII history at this museum.

4

Tv-Tårnet

Enjoy panoramic views from this prominent TV tower.

5

Folkeparken

A large park for hiking, swimming, and outdoor recreation.

P

Cruise port / terminal