

Haugesund, Vestland, Norway

The self-proclaimed homeland of the Viking kings, Haugesund offers an authentic slice of Norwegian coastal life — a colorful waterfront, genuine Norse heritage, and a surprising connection to Marilyn Monroe.

-  Pier (Garpeskjær Quay)
-  Typical call: 7–10 hrs
-  Norwegian Krone (NOK) — but cards everywhere
-  Norwegian (English widely spoken)

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Garpeskjær Quay, Risøy island

Walk to center: ~1 km (15–20 min) across Risøy Bridge

Best For: Viking history, waterfront strolling, DIY exploration

Don't Miss: Haraldshaugen monument & the Marilyn Monroe statue

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ~115–150 NOK to city center ·  **Hop-on hop-off**  City Sightseeing / Grayline / Hopon.no

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Avaldsnes & Nordvegen History Centre** — Visit Norway's oldest royal seat on nearby Karmøy island.
- Langfoss Waterfall** — One of Norway's most spectacular waterfalls — 612 m of free-falling water straight into the Åkrafjord.
- Skudeneshavn Old Town** — A perfectly preserved 19th-century sailing village at the southern tip of Karmøy — all white wooden houses, narrow lanes, and a working harbour.
- Åkrasanden Beach** — A Blue Flag beach on Karmøy island with white sand and clear turquoise water — surprisingly Caribbean-looking for Norway.
- Haugesund Waterfront & Haraldshaugen Walk** — Self-guided DIY walk: stroll Haraldsgata, photograph the Marilyn Monroe statue and pink Town Hall on Smedasundet, then continue 2 km north to...

BEST WALKS

- Waterfront Stroll: Pier to Haraldshaugen** 4 km round trip | ~1.5 hrs | Easy (one gentle hill at monument) — Cross Risøy Bridge into town, walk north along the colorful Smedasundet waterfront, snap a photo with the Marilyn Monroe statue, pass the pink Town Hall and its park...
- City Center Highlights** 1.5 km | ~30 min | Easy — A compact loop of the city core: walk Haraldsgata pedestrian street for shopping and coffee, detour to the Haugesund Town Hall (the famous pink neoclassical building)...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:24AM–8:55PM · Jun 4:22AM–10:57PM · Aug 5:56AM–9:28PM · Sep 7:08AM–7:58PM · Oct 8:17AM–6:30PM	
Apr	49°	37°	12d		
Jun	62°	50°	14d		
Aug	63°	53°	19d		
Sep	60°	51°	18d		
Oct	52°	44°	21d		

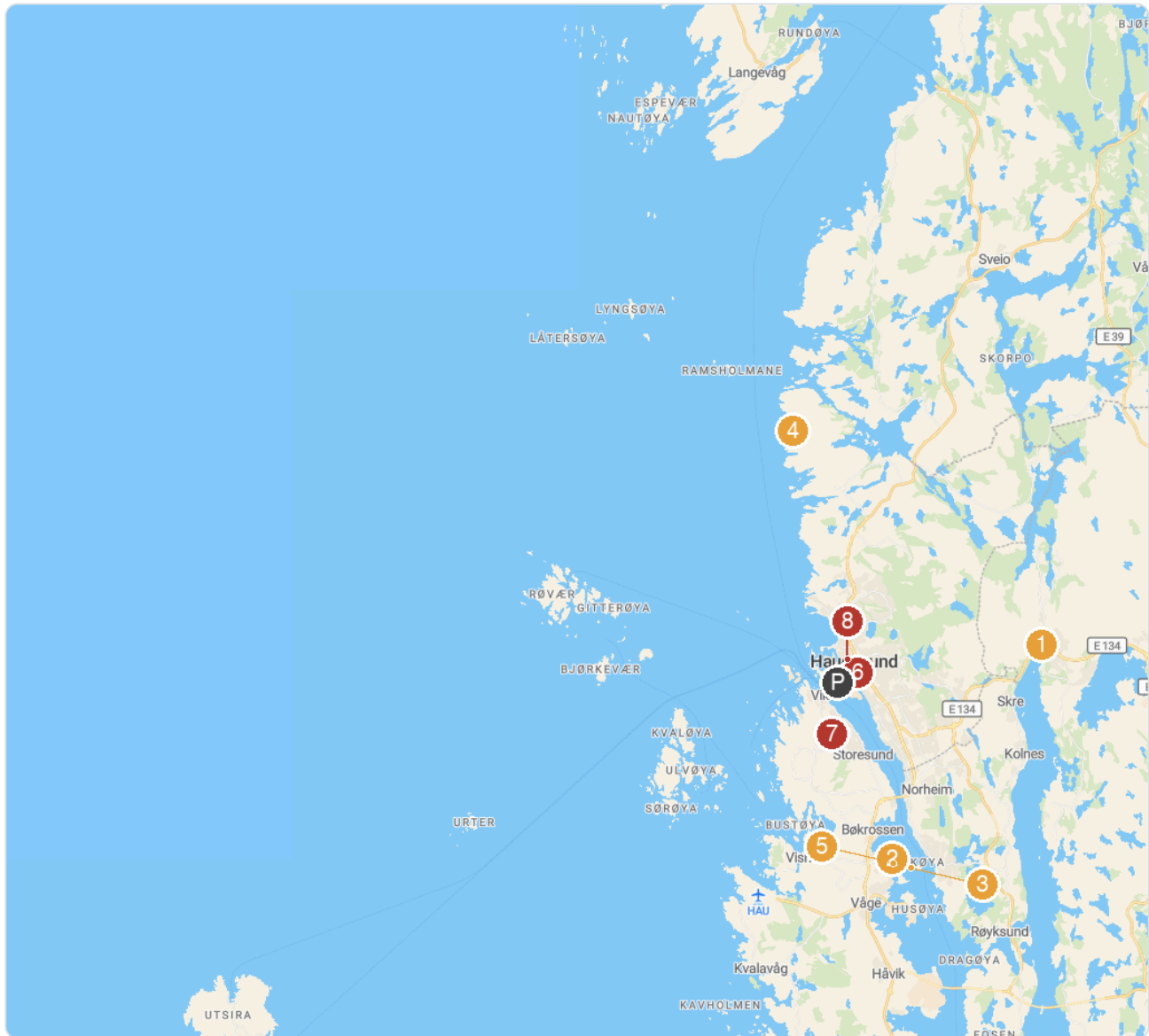
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Go cashless. Norway barely uses cash — Visa/Mastercard accepted everywhere including buses, bakeries, and market stalls. Don't bother exchanging currency.
- Dress for wind and rain. West Norway weather changes fast. Pack a windproof/waterproof jacket even on sunny days — the Risøy Bridge especially funnels the coastal breeze.
- The bridge walk is doable but hilly. The Risøy Bridge into town has a significant incline. If you have mobility concerns, wait for the shuttle bus rather than walking.
- Sunday = shops closed. Almost all retail (including supermarkets) shuts on Sundays. Restaurants and museums remain open.
- Grab a Skillingsbolle. Haugesund's local specialty — a giant cardamom-cinnamon bun with pearl sugar. Any bakery on Haraldsgata will have them.
- No tender required. You dock directly at Garpeskjær Quay — no waiting for tender boats. Budget your shore day accordingly.

Haugesund, 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 Arquebus Krigshistorisk museum | Large museum showcasing Norwegian resistance and war history. | 2 Mary's Needle | Ancient stone needle monument linked to King Harald Fairhair. |
| 3 The Viking Village on Bukkøy (Viking Farm at Bukkøy) | Reconstructed Viking farm offering a glimpse into ancient life. | 4 Hagland fortress | Well-preserved World War II coastal fortress with bunkers and cannons. |
| 5 Nordvegen Historiesenter | Modern history center exploring Norway's Viking Age kings. | 6 Our Savior's Church | Historic church with beautiful architecture and stained-glass windows. |
| 7 Haugaland Zoo | Family-friendly zoo featuring Nordic and exotic animals. | 8 Haugesund Art Gallery | Gallery displaying Norwegian art, especially from the Haugesund region. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |