

Kristiansund, Møre og Romsdal, Norway

Built across four islands after WWII bombing leveled the old town, Kristiansund punches above its size — gateway to the Atlantic Ocean Road, home to the world's oldest continuously running public ferry, and the undisputed clipfish capital of Norway.

-  Pier (Storkaia, city center)
-  Typical call: 6-8 hrs
-  Norwegian Krone (NOK) — nearly cashless
-  Norwegian / English widely spoken
-  Clipfish capital of the world

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Storkaia pier, central Kirkelandet island — 1-5 min walk to town

Walk to center: 2 min to main square; 20-25 min uphill to Varden viewpoint

Best For: Atlantic Ocean Road drive, island-hopping by ferry, Norwegian coastal culture

Don't Miss: Sundbåten ferry (since 1876) and Kirkelandet Church's 320 stained-glass windows

 Getting around:  Taxi  100–200 NOK (short trip)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Atlantic Ocean Road Drive** — An 8.3 km ribbon of bridges leaping between islands above the open Atlantic — consistently voted one of the world's most scenic roads.
- Norwegian Clipfish Museum** — Kristiansund made its fortune drying cod on coastal rocks and shipping 'klippfisk' to Spain, Portugal, and Brazil.
- Grip Island Day Trip** — A 40-minute boat ride takes you to Grip — a tiny, largely deserted island village with colorful fishermen's houses, a medieval stave church (c.1470)...
- Innlandet Old Town Walk** — The only island that survived WWII bombing, Innlandet is a quiet enclave of 18th- and 19th-century wooden buildings, narrow lanes, and small harbors.
- Varden Viewpoint Hike** — A brick tower from 1892 crowns the highest point on Kirkelandet — 25 minutes uphill from the pier but rewarded with a 360° panorama of all four...

BEST WALKS

- City Center & Kirkelandet Church** 1.5 km · 30 min · Easy — From Storkaia, walk to the main square (Rådhusplassen), continue to Kirkelandet Church to view 320 stained-glass windows, then stroll to the Clipfish Wife bronze statue...
- Varden Viewpoint Loop** 2.5 km · 50 min · Moderate (uphill) — Head inland from the pier, climb the hill to Varden for panoramic views, then descend back to the harbor.
- Sundbåten Island Hop** 3-4 hrs · Easy · Ferry-assisted — Ride the world's oldest public ferry between all four islands: Kirkelandet → Gomalandet (Clipfish Museum) → Innlandet (old wooden streets and lunch) → Nordlandet → back...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	46°	35°	15d
Jun	58°	49°	15d
Aug	62°	52°	17d
Sep	58°	49°	18d
Oct	49°	41°	18d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 6:01AM–8:58PM · Aug 5:27AM–9:37PM · Sep 6:54AM–7:52PM · Oct 8:17AM–6:11PM	

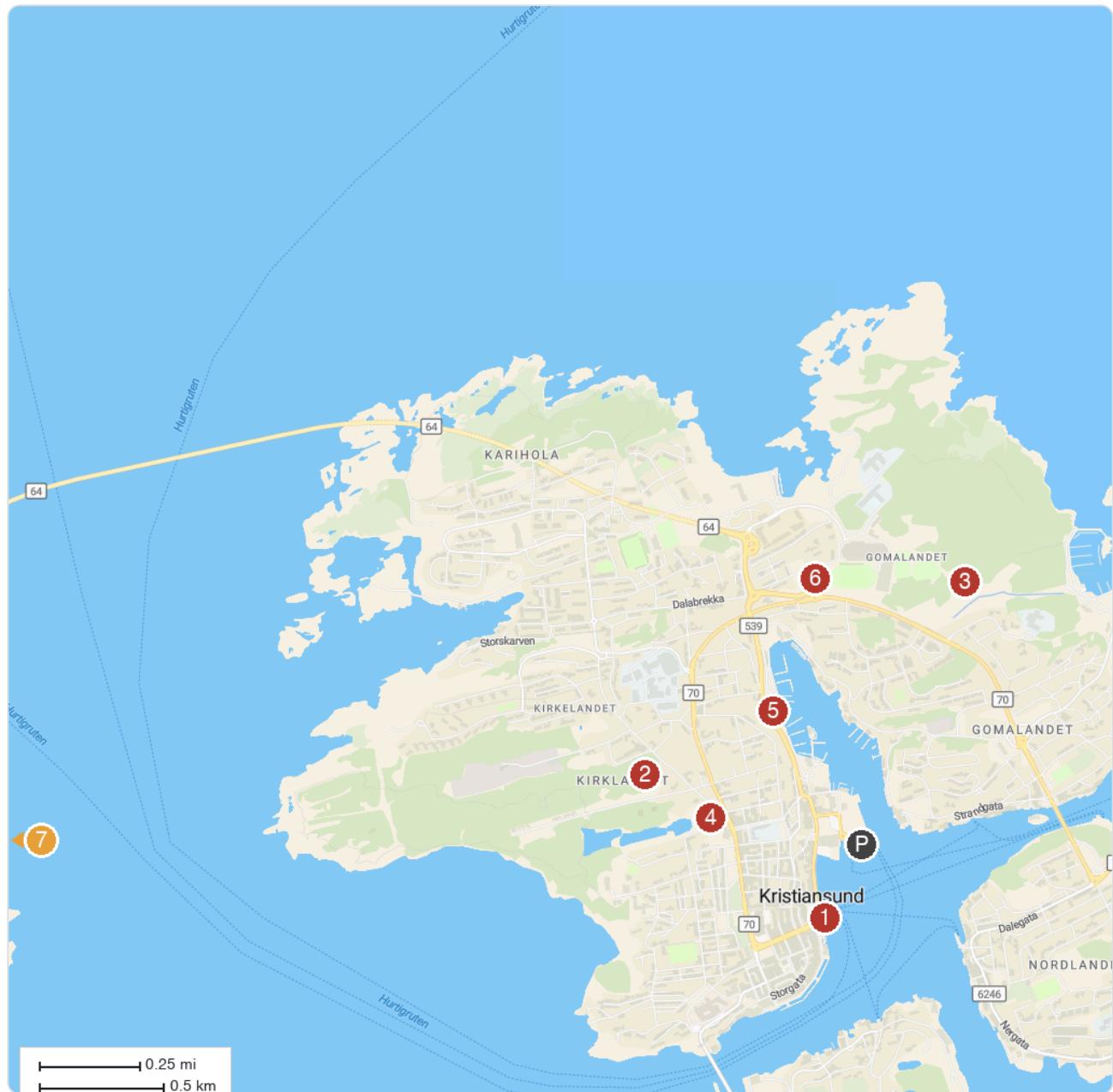
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash is useless here. Norway is nearly cashless — pay by Visa or Mastercard everywhere, including the Sundbåten ferry (≈40 NOK/ride), public toilets, and cafés. Don't bother with an ATM.
- Layers and waterproofs are essential. Atlantic coast weather can deliver sun, wind, and rain within the same hour. A windproof, waterproof jacket is non-negotiable.
- Book the Atlantic Ocean Road early. Independent travel there is possible by bus, but schedules rarely suit ship departure times. Taxis back are very expensive — book a ship excursion or local tour to be safe.
- Eat klippfisk — the local identity dish.
- Sundbåten is a must-do, not just transport.
- Don't skip Kirkelandet Church.

Kristiansund, Møre og Romsdal, 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 Sundbåten- The harbour ferry | Sundbåten is Kristiansund's historic public harbour ferry. | 2 Varden | Varden offers panoramic views of Kristiansund from its historic tower. |
| 3 Folkeparken | Folkeparken is a beautiful park with walking trails and a lake. | 4 Svanedammen | Svanedammen is a picturesque pond, often with swans, within Folkeparken. |
| 5 Mellemværftet, Historic Shipyard | Mellemværftet is a preserved historic shipyard museum. | 6 Atlanterhavsbadet | Atlanterhavsbadet is a modern indoor water park and swimming facility. |
| 7 Stavnes Lighthouse | Stavnes Lighthouse is a scenic, active lighthouse on Averøy island. | P Cruise port / terminal | |