

Lærdal, Vestland, Norway

Norway's sunniest fjord village rewards slow walkers with cobbled lanes of colourful 18th-century timber houses and a legendary salmon river — and Borgund Stave Church is just 30 km away.

- Tender port
- Typical call: 6–8 hrs
- Norwegian Krone (NOK) — nearly cashless
- Norwegian (English widely understood)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Tender — ships anchor; shuttle to Lærdalsøyri guest harbour
- Best For:** Historic wooden architecture, stave church day trips, scenic fjord hiking
- Walk to centre:** 2 min flat walk from tender pier to Gamle Lærdalsøyri
- Don't Miss:** Borgund Stave Church (30 km) and the Lærdalselvi salmon river walk

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ ~100–200 NOK (~\$10–20 USD) base+short ride

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Borgund Stave Church** — Built around 1180, Borgund is the best-preserved stave church in Norway — a triple-nave masterpiece of dragon-head gables and ancient timber work 30...
- Gamle Lærdalsøyri Walking Tour** — Over 160 colourful 18th- and 19th-century timber buildings line Øyragata and surrounding lanes — one of the finest intact historic streetscapes in...
- Norwegian Wild Salmon Centre** — The Lærdalselvi was historically fished by European royalty and is still one of Norway's premier salmon rivers.
- Stegastein Viewpoint & Aurlandsfjellet Scenic Route** — Drive the Snow Road over the mountains to Aurland and stop at the Stegastein viewpoint — a cantilevered wooden platform 650 m above the Aurlandsfjord.
- Vindhellavegen Historic Mountain Path** — Adjacent to Borgund Stave Church, this 19th-century drystone path winds up a steep mountain gorge with dramatic horseshoe bends — one of Norway's...

BEST WALKS

- Gamle Lærdalsøyri Historic Quarter** 1–2 hrs · Flat · Free — From the tender pier walk west along the waterfront to the entrance of Gamle Lærdalsøyri and stroll Øyragata and the side lanes, admiring the preserved timber facades.
- Salmon River & Village Loop** 45 min · Flat · Free — A short circuit along the banks of the Lærdalselvi past the Norwegian Wild Salmon Centre and back through the modern village — good for passengers who want a quick...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		47°	35°	13d
Jun		67°	54°	15d
Aug		67°	56°	20d
Sep		61°	50°	17d
Oct		50°	42°	18d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:09AM–8:52PM · Aug 5:39AM–9:27PM · Sep 6:57AM–7:51PM · Oct 8:12AM–6:17PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Norway is nearly cashless. Even unmanned farm-fruit stands take card. You do not need NOK cash, but keep a chip card handy for the salmon centre or a café.
- Lærdal is unusually sunny and dry for Norway — it sits in a rain shadow and gets less than 500 mm of rain per year. Expect warmer, calmer weather than outer-fjord ports.
- Shops close early — most open around 10:00 and close by 16:00–17:00. Museum visits and shopping are best done mid-morning.
- Do not rely on public buses for Borgund or Flåm. Bus schedules are school-run timetables with very few departures. Book a ship excursion or private taxi to guarantee your return.
- Pick up local strawberries or cherries from unmanned self-service stands in summer — Lærdal's warm microclimate produces exceptional fruit. Pay by card or cash (VIPPS).
- Set an alarm for the last tender. The next ship call is often the next day — missing the boat in a remote fjord port means a very expensive taxi to the next port.

Lærdal, 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** Lærdal parkering. Gamlebyen Parking for Lærdal's historic Old Town with traditional wooden houses.
- 3** Vedahaugane Scenic viewpoint with a unique art installation and mountain views.

- 2** Aurlandsfjellet scenic route (north entry Lærdalsøyri) Start of the scenic 'Snow Road' with stunning mountain views.
- P** Cruise port / terminal