

Larvik, Vestfold, Norway

A quietly compelling Norwegian town where the legacy of Thor Heyerdahl meets Viking trading roots, world-class spa culture, and the world's most northerly beech forest.

-  Pier (ferry/cruise quay)
-  Typical call: 6–8 hrs
-  NOK — cashless society, card everywhere
-  Norwegian (English widely spoken)

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships berth at Larvik Harbour (Revet), adjacent to Color Line ferry terminal

Best For: History buffs, spa lovers, nature walkers, Viking archaeology

Walk to centre: ~20 min (1.5 km) along the flat waterfront to Torget square

Don't Miss: Kaupang Viking site, Bøkeskogen beech forest, Farris Bad spa day pass

 Getting around:  Taxi  NOK 120–200 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Kaupang Viking Town** — Norway's oldest town (c. recreation areas (Norway's first, from 1884).
- Farris Bad Spa Day Pass** — One of Scandinavia's most acclaimed spa hotels, built on pillars over the fjord above Norway's only natural mineral spring.
- Bøkeskogen — The Great Beech Forest** — The world's northernmost beech forest is one of Norway's oldest protected
- Larvik Museum & Herregården Manor** — The baroque Herregården manor (1677) is one of Norway's finest wooden buildings, built for a Danish-Norwegian count.
- Stavern — Artists' Village** — Ten minutes from Larvik by bus or taxi, Stavern is a postcard-perfect coastal village of white wooden houses, galleries, and narrow lanes, centred on...

BEST WALKS

- Harbour & Inner Town Stroll** 2 km · 30–40 min · Flat, paved — Walk the waterfront from the pier along Indre Havn to Torget square, then north past Tollerodden park (Thor Heyerdahl statue, fjord views) and back through the...
- Bøkeskogen Forest Loop** 3–5 km · 1–1.5 hrs · Gentle hills — Head uphill from Storgata into Bøkeskogen — the world's northernmost beech forest.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	50°	36°	7d
Jun	66°	53°	11d
Aug	66°	56°	13d
Sep	61°	51°	12d
Oct	51°	43°	14d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 6:06AM–8:35PM	Jun 4:06AM–10:34PM
Aug 5:39AM–9:07PM	Sep 6:49AM–7:39PM
Oct 7:57AM–6:12PM	

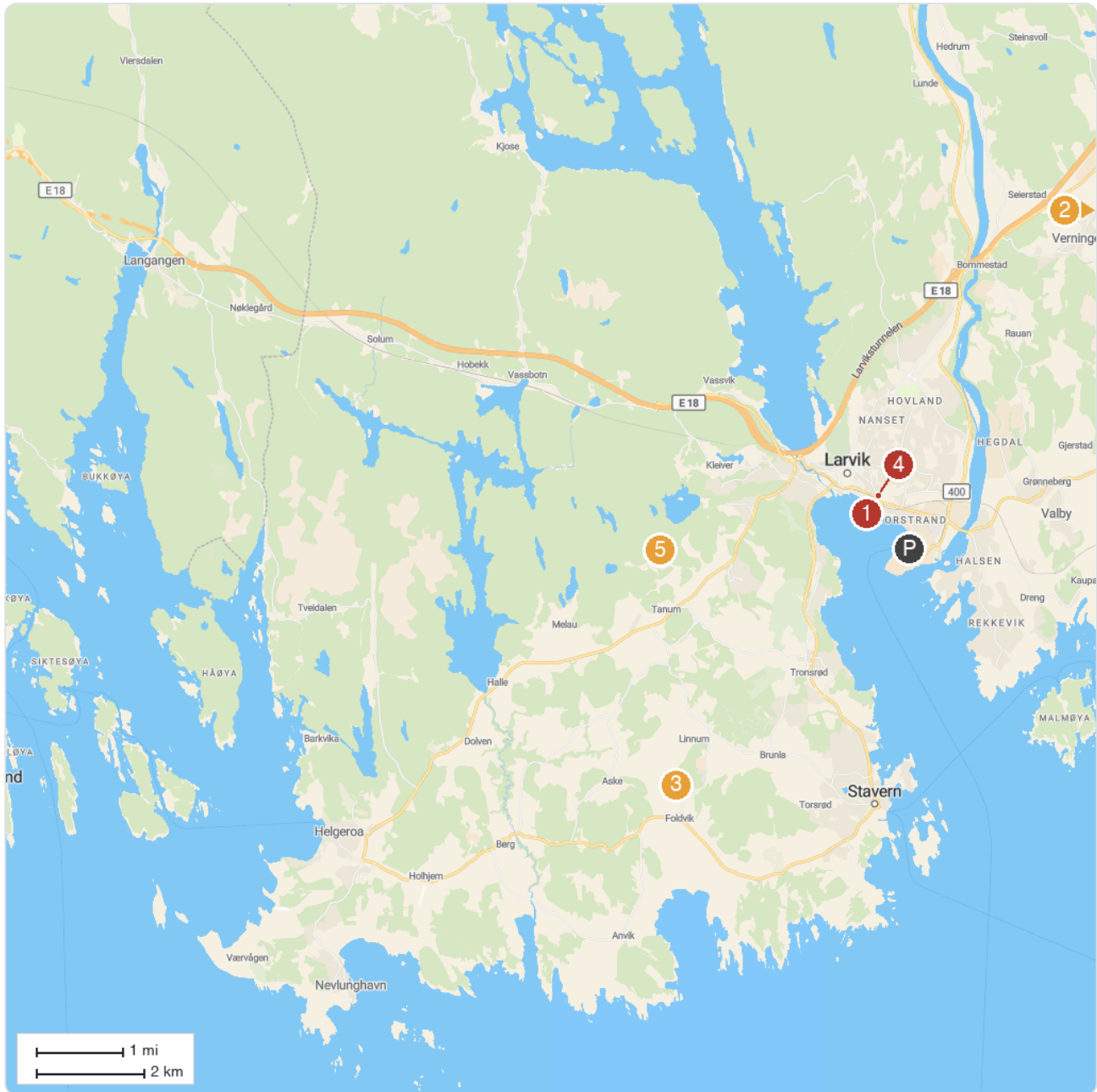
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Go cashless: Norway is one of the world's most cashless societies. Every cafe, bus, museum, and market stall accepts Visa/Mastercard — you genuinely don't need NOK cash.
- Layer up: Even in summer, coastal Vestfold shifts quickly from sunshine to drizzle. Pack a light waterproof jacket — you won't regret it.
- Thor Heyerdahl connection: The explorer's childhood home is at Steingata 7 (private, exterior only). His statue at Tollerodden park is the best photo stop and a short flat walk from the pier.
- Try Farris water: Norway's only natural mineral spring is bottled right here. Pick up a bottle at any shop — it's been an icon since 1907 and the locals are rightly proud of it.
- Sunday closures: Most shops close on Sundays in Norway. Museums, restaurants, Farris Bad, and Bøkeskogen are open — retail stores generally are not.
- Kaupang & Stavern: Both are ~5–10 km away and easy by local bus (VKT) or taxi. Pay bus fare by card or use the Farte app. A taxi to Kaupang and back costs roughly 300–400 NOK.

Larvik, Vestfold, 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 Tollerodden** Historic peninsula with charming old wooden houses and maritime heritage.
- 3 Foldvik Family Park** Fun family park with animals, rides, and activities for kids.
- 5 Salsås** Hike to Salsås for panoramic views of Larvik and the coast.

- 2 Istrehågan, Iron age Cemetery** Ancient Iron Age burial ground with impressive stone ship settings.
- 4 Herregården i Larvik** Visit a grand 17th-century manor house, former count's residence.
- P Cruise port / terminal**