

Sandefjord, Vestfold, Norway

Once the whaling capital of the world, Sandefjord is a small, immaculate Norwegian town where giant blue whales hang from museum ceilings and a Viking burial mound waits just outside town. It's one of those ports where the history punches well above its size.

- Docked (pier)
- Typical call: 6-8 hrs
- Cashless — card only (NOK)
- Norwegian (English universal)
- Whaling heritage

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Modern pier, central harbor — ships dock directly, no tender

Walk to center: 5 min to Whaling Museum & town center on foot

Best For: History buffs, walkers, seafood lovers

Don't Miss: Hvalfangstmuseet (Whaling Museum) and the harbor monument

Getting around: **Taxi** 150–200 NOK (~\$14–19 USD) · **Rideshare** Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Hvalfangstmuseet — Whaling Museum** — One of the world's only museums dedicated solely to whaling.
- Gokstad Viking Burial Mound** — The actual site where the famous 9th-century Gokstad longship was excavated in 1880.
- Midtåsen Sculpture Park** — The former estate of shipping magnate Anders Jahre, now a public park with fjord panoramas, formal gardens, and outdoor...
- Harbour Seafood & Brygga 11** — Sandefjord punches above its weight on food.
- Badeparken & Harbour Promenade Walk** — A short stroll from the pier to Sandefjord's Badeparken (bathing park) along the waterfront.

BEST WALKS

- Harbour & Whaling Heritage Loop** ~2 km · 30-40 min · Flat — Walk from the cruise pier along the waterfront to the Whaling Museum, then up to the Whaling Monument at Badeparken, through the town...
- Town Centre Wander** ~1.5 km · 20-30 min · Flat — A relaxed stroll through Sandefjord's pedestrian streets.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		51°	36°	7d
Jun		67°	53°	11d
Aug		67°	55°	14d
Sep		61°	50°	12d
Oct		51°	42°	14d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:05AM–8:34PM · Jun 4:05AM–10:34PM · Aug 5:38AM–9:07PM · Sep 6:48AM–7:38PM · Oct 7:57AM–6:11PM

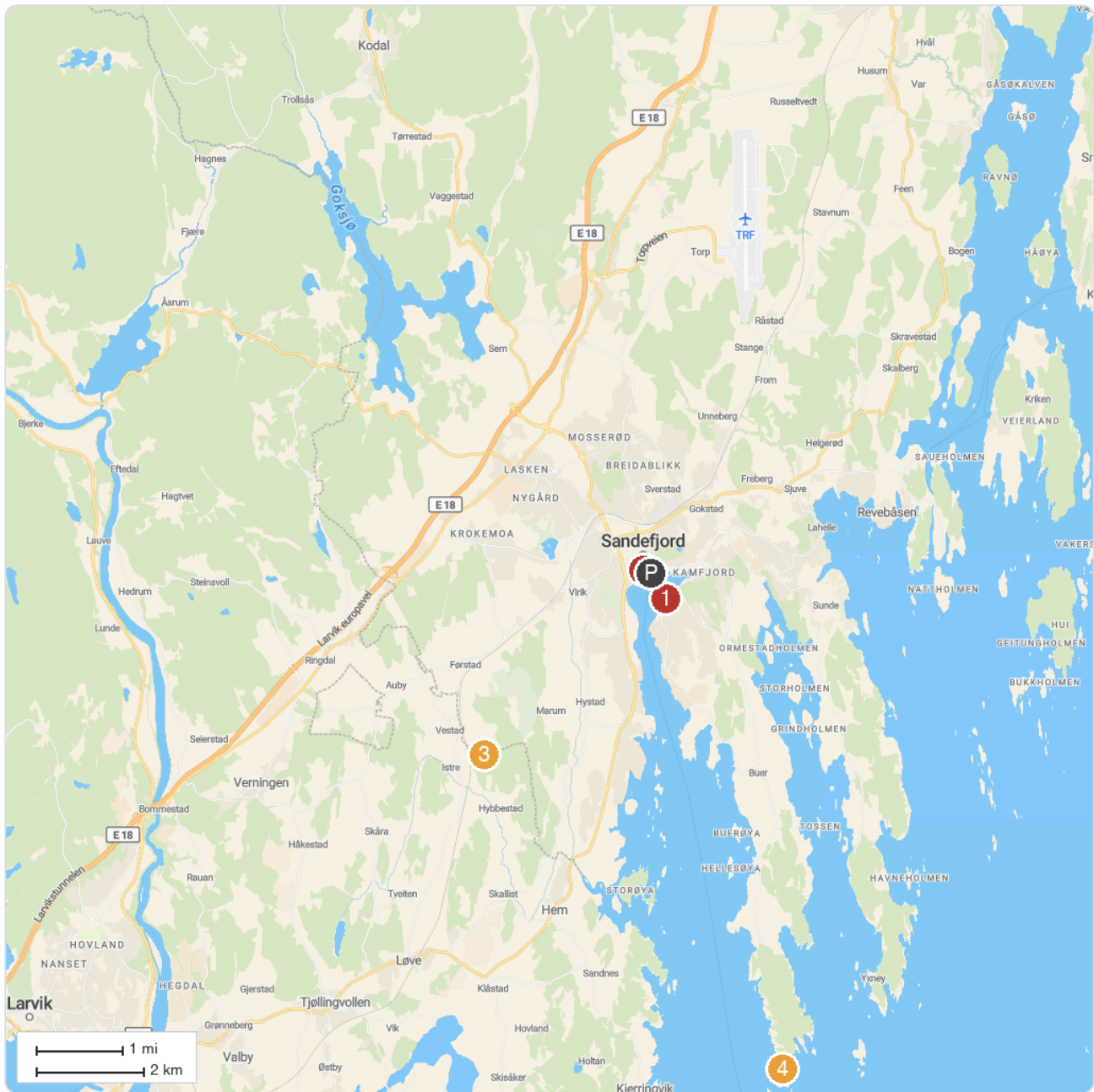
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- No cash needed. Norway is almost entirely cashless — Visa/Mastercard is accepted at museums, cafes, market stalls, even buses. Leave the NOK notes at home.
- Whaling Museum is the highlight. Don't skip it even if you have limited time — it's genuinely world-class and only 5 minutes from the pier.

Sandefjord, 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.



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| 1 Gokstad Coastal Association | See Viking ship replicas and learn about maritime history. | 2 Hvalfangstmonumentet | Iconic monument celebrating Sandefjord's whaling history. |
| 3 Istrehågan, Iron age Cemetery | Explore an ancient Iron Age burial ground with stone settings. | 4 HKB 5/980 Vesterøen | Explore WWII German coastal battery ruins on Vesterøen island. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |