

Sortland, Vesterålen, Norway

Known as Blåbyen — the Blue City — Sortland is a quirky Arctic gem where buildings are painted every shade of blue and short poems adorn the walls. It's the gateway to the wild Vesterålen archipelago, just a bridge away from spectacular fjord landscapes and Sami reindeer culture.

Docked (pier)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Norwegian Krone (NOK) — cards universally accepted

Norwegian

Above the Arctic Circle

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Central cruise pier (Sortland Havn), ~100–200 m from city center

Walk to Center: 3–5 min on flat, paved ground

Best For: Blue City art walk, Sami culture, fjord hikes

Don't Miss: Poetry-covered blue buildings and Sortland Bridge views

Getting around: **Taxi** NOK 100–200 for short local trips

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Blue City Art & Poetry Walk** — Sortland's buildings have been painted shades of blue since 1999 as a living art project.
 - Inga Sami Siida — Reindeer Farm** — About 15 minutes from the pier, a Sami family welcomes visitors to feed reindeer, sit around a campfire inside a lavvu...
 - Hurtigruten Museum, Stokmarknes** — The Norwegian Coastal Express was born in Stokmarknes, 30 minutes from
- Sortland.

 - Hike Steiroheia Mountain** — A marked trail from the edge of town climbs to the peak Sjurstakken, rewarding you with panoramic views of Sortland...
 - RIB Boat & Wildlife Safari** — High-speed RIB boats depart from Sortland to explore the fjords — look for white-tailed eagles, seals, and on lucky...

BEST WALKS

- Blue City Poetry Walk** 1–2 hrs · Easy · Free — Pick up the tourist office map and follow the Blue City trail through Sortland's painted streets.
- Sortland Bridge Viewpoint** 40 min each way · Easy–Moderate · Free — Walk out to the iconic Sortlandsbrua cantilever bridge connecting Langøya and Hinnøya.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	39°	29°	17d
Jun	56°	45°	16d
Aug	60°	50°	17d
Sep	53°	44°	16d
Oct	42°	35°	16d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:03AM–8:56PM · Aug 4:11AM–9:50PM · Sep 6:14AM–7:30PM · Oct 8:06AM–5:20PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO