

Vardø, Finnmark, Norway

Perched on a treeless island in the Barents Sea, Vardø is Norway's easternmost outpost — a place of stark Arctic beauty, a sobering witch-trial memorial, and one of Europe's greatest seabird cliffs.

Pier (dock)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

Norwegian Krone (NOK) — cards accepted everywhere

Norwegian (English widely spoken)

Midnight sun mid-May to late July

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships berth at Vardø Havn, steps from the town centre

Best For: History, birdwatching, stark Arctic landscapes, street art

Walk to Centre: 2 min to main street; 5 min to fortress; 15 min to Steilneset

Don't Miss: Steilneset Memorial — one of the world's most powerful public monuments

Getting around: Taxi NOK 100–175 (short trips) · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Steilneset Memorial** — Designed by architect Peter Zumthor and artist Louise Bourgeois, this 125-metre silk cocoon honours the 91 victims...
 - Vardøhus Fortress** — The world's northernmost star fortress, first established around 1307 and rebuilt in its current octagonal form in 1734.
- Hornøya Island Birdwatching** — Norway's easternmost point and one of Europe's premier seabird colonies.
 - Street Art & Town Walk** — In 2012, artist Pøbel's Komafest project brought international muralists to paint Vardø's abandoned wooden buildings...
 - Drakkar Sculpture & Coastal Walk** — A massive driftwood sculpture on the island's north shore — part Viking longship, part sea monster — built by Russian...

BEST WALKS

- Pier to Fortress to Steilneset Loop** 3 km · 45-60 min · Easy · Paved paths — From the harbour pier, walk north-west to Vardøhus Fortress (5 min), then loop south through the town centre past colourful street art...
- North Shore to Drakkar Sculpture** 2.5 km one-way · 25-30 min · Easy · Coastal path — Head north from the pier along the island's perimeter to reach the striking Drakkar wooden sculpture at the northern tip.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	37°	30°	0d
Jun	50°	42°	0d
Aug	56°	48°	1d
Sep	50°	43°	1d
Oct	41°	35°	1d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 3:48AM–8:05PM · Sep 5:07AM–6:31PM · Oct 7:11AM–4:09PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Dress for Arctic wind, not just Arctic cold. Even in July the Barents Sea breeze cuts through light clothing. A windproof jacket, hat,

Vardø, Finnmark, 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 Partisanmuseet** Museum honoring WWII resistance fighters in Finnmark.
- 3 Steilneset Memorial Site** Memorial and artwork commemorating 17th-century witch trial victims.

- 2 Vardøhus Fortress** World's northernmost historic fortress, dating back to the 1300s.
- P Cruise port / terminal**