



Bergen

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Bergen is a charming old city with a youthful spirit. As you fly into Bergen, you will see the stunning cliffs rising out of the sea and the fjord surrounded by majestic mountains. In the Middle Ages, Bergen was the largest city in Scandinavia, and it wasn't until the 1830s that Oslo's population overtook that of Bergen. However, Bergen retains its status as an important port city. The dramatic scenery, lively music scene, and pleasant and relaxed atmosphere make Bergen a very popular destination.

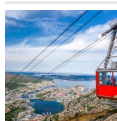


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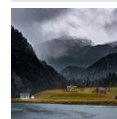
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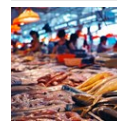
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THE CITY



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The city of Bergen is surrounded by seven mountains based around its harbour. In the Bergenhus district, there are well-preserved medieval buildings. On the other side of the harbour is the Klosteret area, which has beautiful 18th-century wooden houses and charming alleys where you can take a stroll out to the Nordnes peninsula. The city centre extends from the main square, Torget, to the Nygård area, where most shops and restaurants can be found.

Bergen was involved in trade with countries all over Europe and was awarded its city charter as early as 1070 by King Olav Kyrre. Contacts with the Hanseatic League allowed Bergen to export fish and import important supplies of grain. In the harbour, which is called Vågen, you can still see parts of the Bryggen, the old Hanseatic Wharf. The old wooden buildings are on the UNESCO world heritage list and have been damaged by fire several times.

From March to May, you can hear drummers marching through the streets - this is the Buekorps, a relic from the days when every Norwegian city had its own militia, but nowadays, it is children who make up the teams of drummers.

Bergen has a rich cultural scene and two major festivals: Bergen Festspel and Nattjazzen. The composer Edvard Grieg grew up here and his home, Trolldhaugen, has been turned into a museum. In recent years, a number of artists from Bergen, including Kings of Convenience, Annie and Röyksopp, have achieved international success.

DO & SEE



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Bergen is beautifully situated right by the stunning Norwegian fjords. The scenic landscapes are a major part of the experience. Hiking is one popular alternative, as are horseback riding and boat trips.

Bryggen



Lining up the eastern side of the Vågen harbour is Bergen's most famous postcard, Bryggen. A series of colourful wooden buildings, which once housed the trading offices of the Hanseatic League.

Over the years, Bryggen has been ravaged by many fires, and in 1702 the entire city was reduced to ashes. Its rebuilding followed the foundations that had been there since the 12th century, which means that Bryggen was able to

retain its medieval architecture.

In 1979, the area was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. And today, Bryggen is home to museums, shops, restaurants, and pubs.

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Address: Bryggen, Bergen
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-4pm
Phone: +47 55 55 20 80
Internet: stiftelsenbryggen.no

The Bergen Aquarium

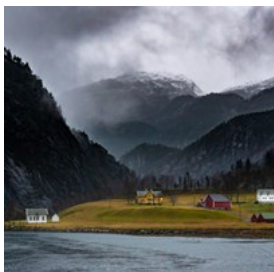


Sea creatures can be seen in their natural setting at the Bergen Aquarium–Norway's largest aquarium as well as one of the city's

biggest tourist attractions. It is home to Europe's largest collection of fish species and primitive marine creatures together with basins for seals, penguins, and sea birds.

Photo: francesco de marco/Shutterstock.com
Address: Nordnesbakken 4, Bergen
Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm
Phone: +47 55 55 71 71
Internet: www.akvariet.no/en
Email: post@akvariet.no

Mostraumen Fjord Cruise

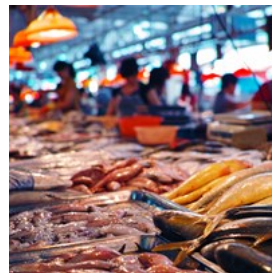


Feast your eyes and fill your camera roll with Norway's postcard-perfect scenery on this fjord tour from Bergen. Head along the

narrow Mostraumen fjord to see some of western Norway's most spectacular landscapes. Spot wildlife, including seals and goats, and sample the fresh mountain water.

Photo: Michael Fousert/Unsplash

Fjellskål Fisketorget



For over 800 years, the fish market in Bergen has been a meeting place for merchants and fishermen. Here you will be able to buy the freshest fish and choose from the largest selection of seafood. The market consists of several indoor fish counters as well as restaurants.

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Address: Strandkaien 3, Bergen
Phone: +47 989 05 898

Fløyen (Fløyfjellet)



From the fish market, you can take the cable car up to one of the seven mountain peaks and enjoy the breathtaking view!

The cable car climbs 320 metres up the mountain, and you can either take an invigorating walk down or, in winter, go down by sledge.

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USF – Cultural Centre



This former sardine canning factory is now a unique cultural meeting place. It includes schools for dancers, filmmakers and scriptwriters, a

design office, and artist studios, along with stages, exhibition halls, and one of the best cafés beside the sea.

Photo: aerogondo2/Shutterstock.com
Address: Georgernes Verft 12, Bergen

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11am-11pm, Fri-Sat
11am-midnight
Phone: +47 55 30 74 10
Internet: usf.no/english
Email: epost@usf.no

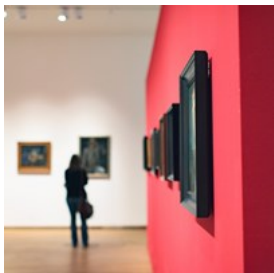
Mount Ulriken



Bergen is surrounded by seven mountains, the highest of which, at 643 metres, is Mount Ulriken. Take the cable car up to the top or if you're feeling adventurous, choose one of the routes to the summit and conquer the mountain on foot or by bike.

Photo: Samot/Shutterstock.com
Address: Mount Ulriken, Bergen

KODE — Art Museums and Composer Homes



KODE is one of Scandinavia's largest museums for art, craft, design, and music. It features more than 43,000 art objects, ranging from paintings, drawings, sculptures, installations and videos to musical instruments, furniture, artisanal handcraft, and design. All can be experienced in four museum buildings in Bergen city centre and in the homes of the composers Ole Bull, Harald Saeverud, and Edvard Grieg.

Photo: Ysbrand Cosijn/Shutterstock.com
Address: Rasmus Meyers allé 9, Bergen
Phone: +47 53 00 97 00
Internet: kodebergen.no/en
Email: post@kodebergen.no

DINING

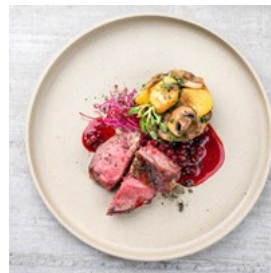


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The best selection of restaurants can be found between Bryggen and Nygård. Bryggen has several excellent fish restaurants, and the view really is worth the price. In the Klosteret area, you will find small cosy restaurants, such as the Spisekroken, which offers modern dishes on the menu.

Soup is very popular in Bergen, and it is served both in the most basic bars as well as in the more sophisticated restaurants.

To Kokker

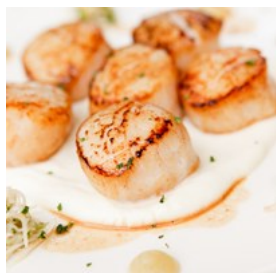


To Kokker is the kind of restaurant you would like to take home with you! It serves typical, high-quality Norwegian dishes in a picturesque

building which is appealingly crooked and genuinely cosy. Try their wild Norwegian venison with blackberry sauce which is very popular with the locals.

Photo: hlphoto/Shutterstock.com
Address: Enhjørningsgården 29, Bergen
Opening hours: Wed-Sat 5pm-11pm
Phone: +47 55 30 69 55
Internet: www.tokokker.no
Email: restaurant@tokokker.no

Enhjørningen Fiskerestaurant



References to the Enhjørningen (Unicorn) appear in documents from the time of the Hanseatic League.

Nowadays, it is a small, comfortably furnished restaurant that specialises in excellent fish and shellfish dishes. The mussel soup with curry, garlic and saffron is definitely worth trying.

Photo: NITI JUNKAVEEKOOL/Shutterstock.com

Address: Enhjørningsgården 29, Bergen

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 4pm-11pm

Phone: +47 55 30 69 50

Internet: www.enhjoeringen.no

Email: info@enhjoeringen.no

Bryggeloftet & Stuene Restaurant



If you want the opportunity to try exotic dishes such as smoked whale and reindeer, Bryggeloftet is the right place to be. They really

know how to serve fish and game, it's not inordinately expensive, and it boasts harbour views. In winter, you can enjoy traditional stockfish.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bryggen 11, Bergen

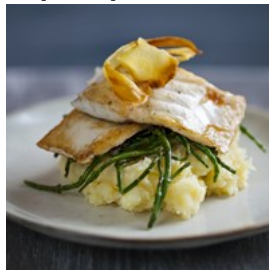
Opening hours: Daily noon-11:30pm

Phone: +47 55 30 20 70

Internet: www.bryggeloftet.no/frontpage

Email: restaurant@bryggeloftet.no

Skyskraperen Restaurant



The Skyskraperen Restaurant is located at the top of Mount Ulriken, with a spectacular view of the surrounding mountains. The menu

offers traditional, hearty Norwegian dishes during the day and a selection of dishes with a modern twist at night. This is the perfect location to enjoy a meal after a hike or a ride in the cable car.

Photo: Magdanatka/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mount Ulriken, Haukelandsbakken 40, Bergen

Phone: +47 53 64 36 43

Internet: ulriken643.no/en/skyscraper

Email: booking@skyskraperen.no

Daily Pot



Daily Pot is Bergen's amazing vegan restaurant, located only a 2 minute walk away from the city centre. The dishes on the menu focus

on healthy, organic, and locally sourced ingredients. The head chef and owner carefully selects what is on offer for the week.

Photo: Kiian Oksana/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vaskerelven 21, Bergen

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-8pm, Sat & Sun noon-8pm

Phone: +47 450 75 373

Internet: www.dailypot.no

Email: post@dailypot.no

Pingvinen



This cosy, traditional Norwegian gastropub offers real comfort food to help you wait out the rain. The dishes are based on local

ingredients like fish or lamb and locally sourced vegetables. The rustic and relaxed atmosphere has attracted tourists and locals alike for many years.

Photo: Jacek Chabraszewski/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vaskerelven 14, Bergen

Opening hours: Daily noon-1am

Phone: +47 55 60 46 46

Internet: www.pingvinen.no

Email: pingvinen@engengruppen.no

Suppologen



Always on the hunt for new, delicious, healthy recipes, the suppologist travels around the world to bring excellent flavours back home with him.

Suppologen is Bergen's soup shop that offers a large selection of creations inspired by the typical soups of different countries, all at reasonable prices.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: Starvhusgaten 3, Bergen

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-6:30pm, Sat noon-6pm

Phone: +47 984 53 230

Email: post@suppologen.no

CAFÉS



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The cafés in Bergen can be an excellent place to find shelter during a shower of rain, and there are plenty of establishments in the city centre to choose from. Skillingsbolle (cinnamon roll) is a Bergen speciality, baked from rye flour and aniseed.

Landmark



The Bergen Art Museum has a department called Landmark, where musical happenings, electronic experiments, and art exhibitions are held. The

café is elegant and pleasant and serves marvellous Sunday breakfasts as well as a changing lunch menu prepared with seasonal and local products.

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Address: Rasmus Meyers allé 5, Bergen

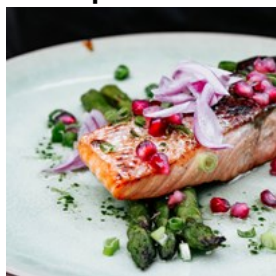
Opening hours: Daily 11am-5pm

Phone: +47 458 89 046

Internet: www.kunsthall.no/en/landmark-cafe

Email: post@landmarkbergen.no

Café Opera



Café Opera is a lively café and restaurant in the heart of Bergen, offering a great selection of simple, fresh, and tasty food (both Norwegian and international) at reasonable prices. It attracts a mix of locals and tourists, and at night, Café Opera turns into a club hosting live bands and DJ nights.

Photo: micheile dot com/Unsplash

Address: Engen 18, Bergen

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-11:30pm, Fri-Sat 11am-3am, Sun 12-11:30pm

Phone: +47 55 23 03 15

Internet: cafeopera.org

Email: cafeopera@engengruppen.no

Det Lille Kaffekompaniet



Det Lille Kaffekompaniet is a popular coffee shop in Bergen with a history that is not at all as small as the name might suggest. Founded in 1996 by four students, DLK quickly became a local favourite for excellent coffee. Then as today, the focus is on a close relationship between owners, baristas and guests, forming a tight-knit community of coffee lovers.

Photo: migrean/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nedre Fjellsmauet 2, Bergen

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

Phone: +47 55 31 67 20

Baker Brun



Baker Brun bakery is the perfect location to enjoy some afternoon coffee with a pastry. They offer freshly baked treats such as cinnamon buns, cakes, and pastries. Be aware that this place can become a bit crowded in the afternoon, but the wait is definitely worth it.

Photo: Nina Firsova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Englegården, Nye, Bryggen 41, Bergen

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-6pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 10am-6pm

Phone: +47 930 79 514

Internet: bakerbrun.no/bakeriutsalg/bryggen

Email: kundeservice@bakerbrun.no

Godt Brød



Godt Brød is a popular bakery with several locations across Bergen. It has been awarded a prize for its organic bread. Apart from their tasty bread, they have brownies, cookies, and a selection of sandwiches. They also offer delicious, freshly baked breakfast options.

Photo: mubus7/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vestre Torggaten 2, Bergen

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-6pm, Sat 8am-6pm, Sun 9am-5pm

Phone: +47 55 56 33 10

Internet: www.godtbrod.no

Email: hei@godtbrod.no

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Bergen is a university city, so its nightlife is strongly influenced by its student population. Hulen at Olav Ryes vei 48 is a popular student centre built in 1968 where rock concerts are held. Here are other suggestions for a fun night out in Bergen.

Ginial Bar



In addition to a large selection of beer, the major attraction of Ginial Bar is the extensive gin menu. You can choose from a wall of gins from all over the world to add to the drink of your choice. The bartender will happily help you with your decision and make a recommendation.

Photo: Rimma Bondarenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vaskerelven 6, Bergen

Opening hours: Mon–Thu 4pm–10pm, Fri 4pm–1:30am, Sat 4pm–2:30am, Sun 4pm–9pm

Phone: +47 919 29 079

Magic Ice Bar Bergen



Experience the magical atmosphere of this bar made entirely out of ice. It is the work of renowned ice carvers and a venue you should not

miss. You will be provided with a warm poncho and gloves upon entering. All that is left to do is enjoy your welcome drink served in an ice glass, while you admire the incredible ice sculptures.

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Address: C. Sundts gate 50, Bergen

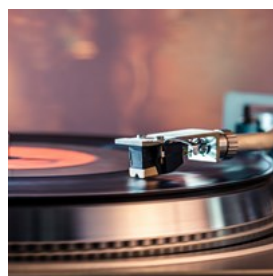
Opening hours: Daily 4pm–11pm

Phone: +47 930 08 023

Internet: www.magicice.no

Email: bergen@magicice.no

Apollon Platebar



Apollon Platebar not only offers a variety of tap beer but also a large selection of types of vinyl. Try local beers while you browse through classic

rock, folk, psychedelia, indie & metal. The combination of a record store and bar creates a unique atmosphere you should not miss.

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Address: Nygårdsgaten 2A, Bergen

Opening hours: Mon–Sat 10am–12:30am, Sun 2pm–12:30am

Phone: +47 55 31 59 43

Internet: apollon.no/en

Email: post@apollon.no

Dyvekes



Dyvekes wine bar is a hidden gem located on one of Bergen's oldest streets. It might be a bit difficult to find at first, but once you've made it,

you will be able to enjoy a large selection of delicious wines in a cosy, 16th-century atmosphere. The knowledgeable waiters will help you with your selection.

Photo: Sergio Pasqual/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hollendergaten 7, Bergen

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 3pm-1am, Fri 3pm-2am, Sat noon-2am
Phone: +47 55 32 30 60

Henrik Øl og Vinstove



Henrik Øl og Vinstove is a pleasant bar where guests can spend their time people-watching or reading newspapers and magazines while waiting

for their friends to arrive. The staff is friendly, and the bar offers a good range of local beers.

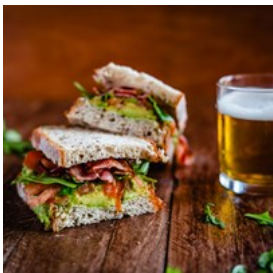
Photo: Natalya Okorokova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Engen 10, Bergen

Opening hours: Sun-Fri 4pm-12:30am, Sat 3pm-12:30am

Phone: +47 55 90 03 84

Café Opera



Café Opera functions as a café, pub and club, and hosts top-class domestic and international DJs. They offer a delicious selection of breakfast,

lunch, and dinner options. The venue has been in existence for more than twenty years, and still attracts party-goers. Check out their website to learn more about upcoming events.

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Address: Engen 18, Bergen

Phone: +47 55 23 03 15

Internet: cafeopera.org

Email: cafeopera@engengruppen.no

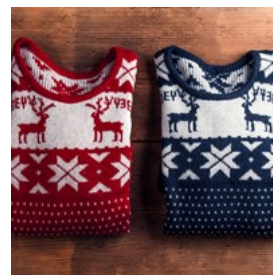
SHOPPING



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Bergen is a pleasant place to take a stroll, and has both small, picturesque shops and large department stores and shopping malls. The main shopping area is in the city centre, which is easily accessible on foot. A visit to the Kløverhuset for clothes and shoes and to the Bergen Storsenter, which is the main shopping precinct with over seventy shops, is always worthwhile. Go to the Kjøttbasaren food hall when your tummy starts to rumble, and you can buy some delicious treats to take home or enjoy a pleasant meal.

Bryggen Husflid



A sweater from Bryggen Husflid will equip you perfectly for the cold Norwegian weather. It is located in an ancient wooden building that is

listed as one of UNESCO's World Heritage sites. They have been providing handmade Norwegian knitwear for over 25 years.

Photo: Halfpoint/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bryggen 19, Bergen

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

Phone: +47 55 32 88 03

Internet: www.sweaterspecialist.com

Email: bryggenhusflid@bergen.online.no

Farmers' Market



The Farmers' Market in Bergen is held twice per month on Saturdays right at the harbour (check the website for specific dates). This is the place to try new foods and shop for local specialities. Producers and farmers come to the market to sell everything from meat and smoked salmon to cheese, bread and pastries.

Photo: wjarek/Shutterstock.com
Address: Strandkaaien 3, Bergen
Opening hours: Sat 10am-4pm
Internet: bondensmarked.no
Email: bergen@bondensmarked.no

Galleriet



Galleriet mostly houses large chains such as Vero Moda, Benetton and Gant, but also has a number of interesting shops such as Lene V, which sells furnishings from the Designers Guild and Cattelan, together with several shoe shops and few places to have a meal.

Photo: Rawpixel/Shutterstock.com
Address: Torgallmenningen 8, Bergen
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-9pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 2pm-7pm
Phone: +47 915 49 821
Internet: www.galleriet.com
Email: galleriet@dnb.no

Bergen Steinsenter



Bergen Steinsenter is located in the heart of Bergen, Bryggen. Browse through a beautiful selection of stones, minerals, fossils & jewellery and find something truly unusual and unique. The different crystals make for a perfect gift or souvenir to take home with you.

Photo: Holly Mazour/Shutterstock.com
Address: Bredsgården 1f, Bergen
Opening hours: Mon-Fri noon-4pm, Sat noon-3pm
Phone: +47 55 32 82 60
Internet: bergen-steinsenter.no
Email: bergen@steinsenter.no

Julehuset



At Julehuset (Christmas House), it is Christmas all year round. This is the place to go to start your preparations, or simply if you start missing the most wonderful time of the year in the middle of August. If you are lucky, you might even get to meet Santa.

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Address: Holmedalsgården 1, Bergen
Phone: +47 55 21 51 04
Internet: www.julehusetbergen.no
Email: julehuset@aviken.no

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Bergen Airport (BGO)



Flying is definitely the best way to get to Bergen, but it's a good idea to book well in advance. The Gaia airport bus service from Bergen

Airport at Flesland runs every 15 minutes. The journey takes about half an hour, and the bus takes you to the SAS Royal Hotel Bryggen in the city centre.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Bergen lufthamn, Flyplassvegen 555, Bergen

Phone: +47 67 03 15 55

Internet: www.avinor.no/flyplass/bergen

Email: post@avinor.no

More Info: Also known as the Bergen Flesland Airport or Flesland Airport

Best Time To Visit



The best month to visit Bergen is May. If you want to experience a variety of different shows, live acts, concerts and exhibitions, this will be

the best month to come here. While rainfall is also lowest in May, temperatures are the most

pleasant in July and August; however, these months are also the busiest.

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Passport/Visa

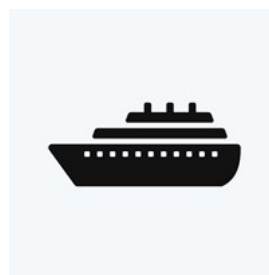


Norway can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea,

Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travellers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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Cruise Port



Bergen is a popular cruise destination and can be considered the gate to the fjords of Norway. The wharf in Bryggen is listed among

UNESCO's World Heritage Sites.

Skolten Cruise Port (Vagen Harbor), the main cruise terminal, is located about 1km away from the Bryggen wharf area. This is where most cruise ships dock, larger ships may also dock at Dokken/Jekteviken Port, which is about 1km away from the Fish Market.

The cruise schedule for the port in Bergen can be found here: www.bergenhavn.no

There are free shuttle services available that will take you to Hurtigruteterminalen (speed boat terminal). From there, you can easily reach the city centre on foot. If you require special assistance or a wheelchair, a shuttle bus can take you directly to the city centre.

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Public Transport



Tickets for local buses can be bought from the bus driver or at the bus station, which also has day tickets (the latter will save you money if you

plan to make more than 2 journeys within 24 hours). Travelling by bus and train is an excellent way to see the varied landscape.

Norges Statsbaner, NSB, runs the line between Oslo and Bergen, which reaches heights of more than three thousand feet above sea level. The largest bus operator is NOR-Way, and Lavprisekspresen/Artic Express offers low-price services from Oslo. From Bergen, you can take the Hurtigrutten ferry to Kirkenes, and there are also ferries to Hirtshals and Newcastle.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



Bergen Taxi Phone: +47 07000 Norges Taxi
Phone: +47 910 08 000

Photo: Taxi

Post



Bergen's main post office is located in the Exhibition Shopping Center.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Småstrandgaten 3, Bergen

Pharmacy



Vitusapotek Nordstjernen in the Bergen Storsenter is open daily until 11pm and also has an emergency service.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Strømgaten 8, Bergen

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-11pm, Sun 1pm-11pm

Phone: +47 55 21 83 84

Electricity



220 V AC, 50 Hertz

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Telephone



Country Code: +47 Area
Code: 55

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Population

285,900 (2021)

Currency

1 Norwegian krone = 100 öre

Opening hours

Shops are open Monday to Friday from 9am to 6pm and on Saturday from 9am to 3pm. Many shops are closed on Sundays. The banks are open from 9am to 3:30pm, but most stay open later on Thursdays.

Newspapers

Bergens Tidende
Bergensavisen

Emergency numbers

Police: 112
Fire brigade: 110
Ambulance: 113

Tourist information

Bergen Tourist Information
Strandkaien 3, Bergen
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Daily 9am–4pm



