

## BRØNNØYSUND CRUISE PORT

**Events:** Norwegian National Day, Norwegian Coast Festival, Nordland Boat Regatta, Brass Music Festival, Village Festivals

**Cruise Season:** March - October **Average temperature (Celsius):** May 8, June 12, July 15, August 15, September 10

**Useful links:** [www.visithelgeland.com](http://www.visithelgeland.com) **Cruise Information:** [www.visithelgeland.com](http://www.visithelgeland.com)

**Port Information:** [www.cruiseportbronnøysund.no](http://www.cruiseportbronnøysund.no), [www.bronnoyhamn.no](http://www.bronnoyhamn.no)



Torghatten. Photo: Ronny Lien

# BRØNNØYSUND

## In the centre of Norway, among thousands of islands

Brønnøysund welcomes you to embark on an exploration in fascinating coastal history as well as a tour in an ancient and unique geological landscape. The area has 10045 islands and more than 10,000 years of history to share. It includes Stone Age findings, Viking history and war history, as well as modern technology and contemporary daily life. The Torghatten Mountain, with the hole straight through it, is our most well-known landmark among many in the region. The Vega Archipelago World Heritage Site gives an insight into the hard, but interesting life of the Islanders over the centuries. Brønnøysund bridge gives a beautiful panoramic view and there are easy hiking routes within walking distance from the centre of the town.

### ATTRACTIONS/EXCURSIONS

#### Mythical Mountain Torghatten

Torghatten is one of Norway's most iconic tourist attractions, known for the spectacular hole through the mountain. The hole is a marine abrasion cave that, during several periods of higher sea level in the last Ice Age, eventually became a tunnel. People feel small as they wander through the hole, with a length of 160 m, height of 35 m and width of 15-20 m. The mountain, like many along the Helgeland Coast, is the subject of many myths and legends and it is a place which visitors simply must experience when they visit Brønnøysund.

Torghatten mountain is one of the geosites in the Trollfjell Geopark, which aims to provide world-class activities and thrills based on the unique geological history and localities in the region. The bus tour starts with a sightseeing through town, before crossing the splendid Brønnøysund Bridge and continuing 14 km to the foot of Torghatten. We then commence the hike to the hole. We follow a natural path up the mountain, and after around 30 minutes we reach the entrance. From here, we can enjoy the fantastic view and walk through the hole itself before following the same path down again.

#### Velfjord Open Air Museum and Nøstvik Church

Velfjord Open Air Museum has an idyllic location in Velfjord, a fjord with seven distinct arms. The museum comprises a large collection of buildings and artefacts from the 16th and 17th centuries. It was set up to illustrate the daily life during this time and has a full range of tools for a variety of crafts. The Velfjord Museum also features an exhibition of Saami articles of everyday use. The Nøstvik Church is a log-built cruciform church dating from 1674. The Church is one of the oldest wooden churches in northern Norway. It features some historical content, including an altarpiece and church bell gifted to the church in 1758.

#### Sømna Open Air Museum

The rural museum lies beautifully beside the Church at Vik and has 12 old and restored buildings from the 19th and early 20th century. The museum provides a unique insight into the the fishing and farming way of life for both men and women, and exhibits tools and artifacts that they used in their work. The tour includes a demonstration of baking local traditional bread, as well as tasting of local traditional treats. A visit to the Vik Church, built in 1876 with a cruciform plan, is also included in the tour.

#### Nevernes Havn

Nevernes Havn, with an idyllic location overlooking the Velfjorden, is a centre for coastal heritage in southern Helgeland. Through extensive exhibitions with artefacts dating from the 18th century to the present, Nevernes tells the story of the people of Helgeland, during times of peace and war. Nevernes was once a commonly used harbour for local fishermen and at the Brygga local fishing boats, nets and other artefacts are exhibited. Brattås House is a farm house from 1850 with inventory, as well as metal and wooden tools. Nevernes Gaard features an exceptional collection of war memorabilia from World War II, with displays ranging from uniforms and personal effects to equipment and small firearms.

#### Home visit to a traditional Norwegian coffeetime

You will be welcomed by one of the locals to take traditional Norwegian morning or afternoon coffee in a perfectly ordinary Norwegian home. We walk in small groups from the centre of Brønnøysund and we are welcomed to come inside by one of the residents of the household to enjoy a cozy and informal cup of coffee. You may of course enjoy a nice cup of tea instead of coffee but coffee has been our local favourite beverage for the last decade. Just as tea has been for other cultures.



Unesco Island Vega: Photo: Rita Johansen

### UNESCO Island Vega

The Vega archipelago was inscribed on UNESCO's list of world heritage sites in 2004. The Vega archipelago gained world heritage status mainly due to the unique interaction between the eider ducks and generations of fishermen / farmers. A trip to the Vega archipelago offers an exciting insight into the traditions of egg and down collection. At Vega we visit the E-House, a museum and documentation centre devoted to eider ducks. The museum documents the tradition of keeping eider ducks as domestic animals. At the World Heritage Exhibition, the guide will tell you about Vega's world heritage traditions and about life on Vega today. There is also a film and a beautiful photo slideshow from the archipelago. You can also experience the landscape of Holandsosen Nature Reserve, known for its calcareous bedrock, wetlands and rich birdlife. You can join a botanic hike to Guristraumen studying different orchids and other plants on the shoreline. In the same area you will find a cafe and a shop called "Lille Lånan" selling different products made of eiderdown.



Norwegian Aquaculture Centre. Photo: Torhild Haugen

### Norwegian Aquaculture Centre

The sea and fishing traditions have for thousands of years been the primary source of food and basis of survival for the people on the coast of Norway. The Norwegian Aquaculture Centre invites you to get an insight into modern aquaculture and fish farming, which is the second largest export industry in Norway. The Norwegian Aquaculture Centre also includes an exhibition that consists of aquariums - both freshwater and saltwater -, a section which highlights the fisheries in the olden days and a unit which present the fascinating geological history of the region. In the beautiful surroundings along the Toftsundet strait you visit a real fish farm and get a close up experience of the salmon fish farming process. And at the end of the tour you are of course welcome to taste the end product.

### Hildur's Herb Garden

You will get a sincere and warm welcome from the excellent hosts and experience their private home. In the old living room, with antique furniture and artefacts, you will get a glimpse of the farm's old history. In the Sagastua lounge with a flair from the Viking Era, you will



Hildur's Herb Garden. Photo: Olav T. Søla

be invited to enjoy a tasty meal flavored by the herbs from the garden and seasonal ingredients, usually produced in the local region. The herb garden, with approx. 200 plants, roses and perennials, is a gorgeous sight offering peace of mind. The small farm shop stocks local products including herbs, tea and spices, which are produced on the farm.

### Other attractions upon request

- Brønnøy Church
- Skarsåsen Fortress from the 2nd World War
- Vevelstad Open Air Museum
- Forvik Trading Post with coffee roastery
- Hiking, biking and kayaking tours
- Flightseeing

### More information:

www.visithelgeland.com  
www.trollfjellegeopark.no  
www.havbrukscenter.no  
www.hildur.no  
www.verdensarvvega.no

## PORT & TOURIST INFORMATION

### PORT OF BRØNNØYSUND

Visiting address: Havnegata 44, NO-8900 Brønnøysund  
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### TOURIST INFORMATION

Visiting address: Sømnaeveien 92, NO-8900 Brønnøysund  
Distance from port: 2 km  
Mailing address: Sømnaeveien 92, NO-8900 Brønnøysund  
Phone/Fax: +47 95 11 31 33  
E-mail: bronnoysund@visithelgeland.com  
Internet: www.visithelgeland.com

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Terminal/Restrooms in pier area: NO  
Shuttle bus: YES, to be ordered at the tourist office  
Parking place for buses: 50 m  
Taxi: YES, to be booked in advance  
Rental cars: YES, to be booked in advance  
Public transportation: NO  
Shopping: 2 km  
Local currency: NOK  
ATM: YES, 2 km

Currency exchange: Yes, 2 km, at the tourist office  
Tax refund: NO  
Public telephones in pier area: NO  
Internet access in pier area: YES  
Mailboxes in pier area: NO  
Distances - airport: 4 km  
Distance to city centre: 2 km  
Nearest hospital: Brønnøysund Medical Centre, phone +47 75 01 24 00, 3 km

### PORT SERVICES / FACILITIES & INFORMATION

Bunkers delivery /method: By truck  
Supplies: YES  
Waste handling: YES  
Waste water method: By truck  
Tugboats: YES, on request  
Anchorage\*: YES, on request  
Pontoons: NO  
Pilot: Channel 13  
Emergency: Channel 16  
Medical emergency: 113  
Charts: Norwegian Charts NO 488 and 53  
Tidal movement: 2.5 m  
ISPS approved: YES  
Designated quays for cruise ships: NO  
Ship tenders allowed: NO  
Max size ship in port: 300 m /2000 pax  
Max number of passengers per day in port: 2000

Max number of ships per day in port: 2  
Ship's stay min /max: No limitation  
Port facilities according to Cruise Norway's guidelines: YES  
Maximum ship length: Central Port: 200 m  
Northern Port Gårdsøya: 300 m  
Maximum ship draft and depth in sea: Central Port: 6.2 m  
Northern Port Gårdsøya: 25 m  
Maximum ship air draft if bridge: 30 m



**QUAY:**  
Central Port  
Northern Port

**LENGTH:**  
200 m  
100 m

**DRAFT:**  
6.2 m  
25 m

**AIRDRAFT:**  
Bridge 30 m  
None

**BEAM:**  
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**HEIGHT QUAYSIDE:**  
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