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# SMØLA

**ISLAND GEM OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN**

2023-2024

# SMØLA ISLAND

— EXCITING AND DIFFERENT



## Why Smøla?

- Unique and mystical prairie landscape
- Nature-based activities
- Visit both a living and a vacated fishing village in one day

**The cruise destination Smøla is ideal for small ships and expedition sailings with guests looking for unique nature, exciting experiences, nature-based activities and local produce.**

Smøla island is also reachable as shore excursion for cruise ships calling Kristiansund.

Imagine a cruise ship sailing to Smøla, through the 5 000 small islands in the archipelago, passing old fishing villages with the sun rising on the horizon. A truly beautiful experience.

Do you think your passengers would enjoy photographing the majestic sea eagle, fishing in the Atlantic, hiking across the rugged landscape or kayaking in the spectacular archipelago? If yes, Smøla is a destination you should consider.

Welcome to Smøla – an island to explore and adore.

SMØLA  
KRISTIANSUND

TRONDHEIM

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### TOUR SYMBOLS:

- Excursion by bus (or other transportation)
- Tour includes boat trip
- Tour includes a (very) easy walk
- Easy hiking – no experience required
- Tour includes scenic locations
- Tour includes visit to a church or stave church
- Tour includes a museum
- Tour or activity suitable for families with children
- Tour includes a cultural element such as art or music
- Experience local produce
- Tour suitable for smaller groups or can be tailored to VIP customers

## LEARN MORE ABOUT CRUISE DESTINATION SMØLA ISLAND

[www.knhavn.no/cruise](http://www.knhavn.no/cruise)  
[www.visitnorthwest.no](http://www.visitnorthwest.no)  
[www.opplevsmola.com](http://www.opplevsmola.com)

## LOOKING FOR ANOTHER CRUISE PORT IN THIS AREA?

Check out Kristiansund – the top of Fjord Norway and the gateway to the Atlantic Ocean Road. Two cruise quays directly in the town centre within easy reach of attractions, activities and shopping. Ship length up to 300 m.

# SMØLA

– sea eagles, islands and islets, culture  
and coastal heritage idyll



The beautiful island of Smøla is located in a gap of the Atlantic Ocean, between the cities of Kristiansund and Trondheim.

The main island and the archipelago of thousands of small islands, islets and skerries, in combination with the prairie-like landscape, create the distinctive character that you likely won't find anywhere else in the world.

The archipelago provides exciting areas for fishing and kayaking. The unique, flat landscape is well-suited for biking and hiking in easy terrain. There is rich bird life in the area and you have good chances of seeing the majestic sea eagle.

Smøla also offers small fishing villages in an exciting and different landscape. Experience a genuine and vibrant coastal culture community, where the people still keep the traditions alive.

Until around 1960, there were about 20 fishing villages on small islands around Smøla. Most of them are now abandoned, while in Veiholmen – the largest fishing village south of the Lofoten Islands – there are still people to be found behind the curtains of the houses. Today, Veiholmen has

about 300 permanent residents, mainly engaged in fishing and tourism, and during summer the village is full of life.

### Around the island

The west side of Smøla has thousands of small islands and islets. In the north, Veiholmen stretches out like an index finger. In the east, sheltered coves and islands form a delightful archipelago. In the south, there are magnificent panoramic views towards the Tustna mountains, while the countryside on the islands of Edøy and Kuli is very distinctive.

«Thanks very much for what was a highlight visit for our guests. We look forward to our return!»

Trey Byus, Chief Expedition Officer  
at Lindblad Expeditions

### Did you know?

Smøla island has successfully welcomed Lindblad Expeditions yearly since their first call in 2014 (except during the covid period). Now, also other cruise lines have discovered the island. However, with only a handful of calls every year, Smøla island can still be considered a hidden gem.

**Are you ready to explore it?**

## DYRNE SVÅGEN HARBOUR

The idyllic Dyrnesvågen harbour is located on the northwestern side of Smøla, well sheltered from the raging Atlantic Ocean just outside the breakwater.

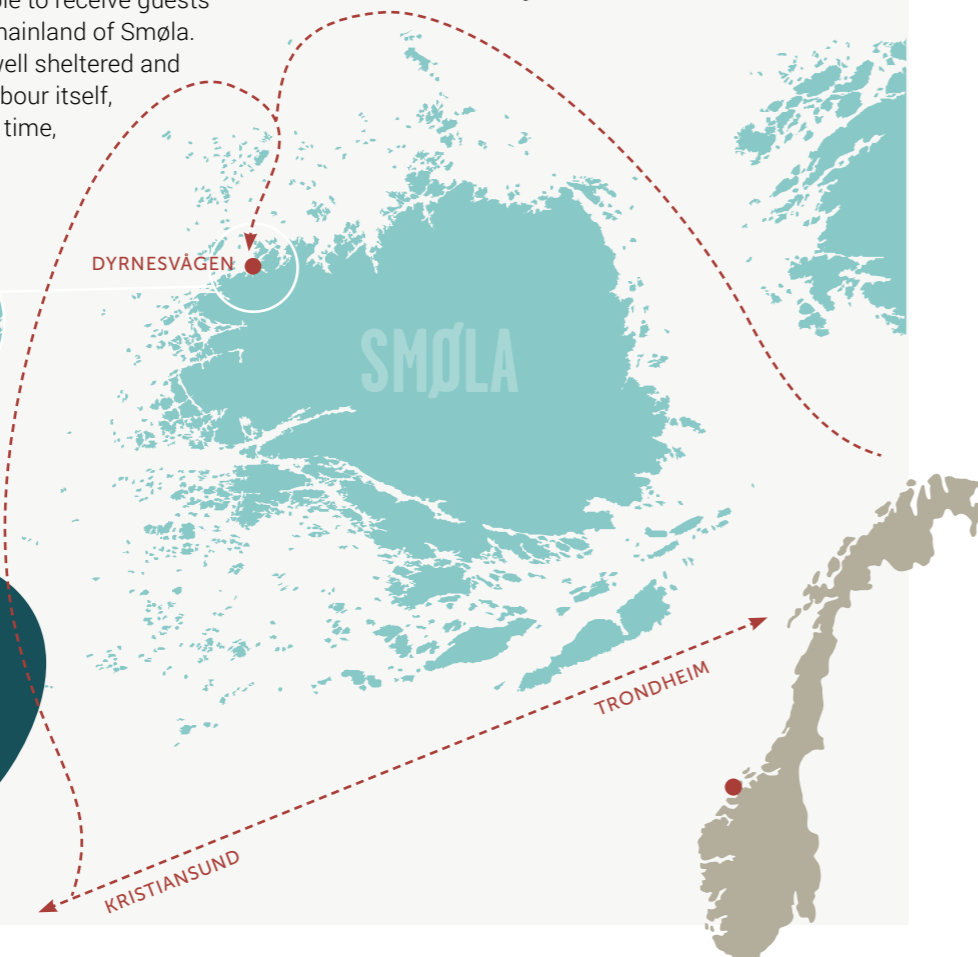
It is a small harbour, but in the old days Dyrnesvågen was one of Smøla's largest fishery ports. A breakwater was built to make the port more sheltered, but it also made the port entrance somewhat narrower. Operating with a depth of 5 metres, the available width for entrance to the inner port is approximately 20 metres. Therefore, we currently operate mainly with tender operations, located just outside the breakwater.

For the 2023 season, there will be a new ISPS-approved floating berth available to receive guests for further transport to the mainland of Smøla. The tender location is also well sheltered and located very close to the harbour itself, which means a short transit time,

thereby increasing the time available for activities ashore or in the archipelago.



Aerial view of the Dyrnesvågen area with harbour and breakwater in the lower right corner.



### DID YOU KNOW?

The first cruise call ever to Smøla was at 27 May 2014 by MS «National Geographic Explorer»

## CRUISE DESTINATION SMØLA (TENDER PORT)

### – Facilities, services and information

#### PORT AUTHORITY

Port of Kristiansund and Nordmøre IMC  
Contact info on page 23.

#### DOCKING INFORMATION

Landing largest ship: 195 m at anchor  
Air draft: No limit  
Tidal movement: Approx. 2 m

#### ANCHORAGE/TENDER

Anchorage positions:  
Dyrnes N63°25,94' E007° 49,25' or  
Baholman N63°28,5' E007°53,29'  
Max GT: No limit  
Type of bottom: Sand and mud  
Minimum depth: 30–40 m  
Distance from anchorage to tender pier: 0.9 nm

#### PORT SERVICES

Bunkers (by barge/boat)  
Sludge landing (upon request)  
Grey water landing (upon request)

#### SECURITY & ENVIRONMENT:

Fenced terminals (ISPS approved)  
Watchmen service  
ESI discount  
Max ships per day: 1

#### OTHER INFORMATION:

Online cruise schedule:  
[knhavn.no/cruise/cruise-calls](http://knhavn.no/cruise/cruise-calls)  
Itinerary planner for most Norwegian cruise ports:  
[planner.cruise-norway.no](http://planner.cruise-norway.no)

Information updated March 2023.  
Subject to possible changes and errors.



### Distance from pilot station

South: Grip/Kristiansund 15 nm/1 hr  
North: Kråkvågsfjorden/Flesa 55 nm/4 hrs  
Pilot channel 16/13

### Ship measurements:

Max. ship length: 195 m  
Max. ship draft: 8 m  
Max. air draft: No limit

# WHAT TO EXPLORE?

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## TOURS AND EXCURSIONS



# BRATTVÆR OLD FISHING VILLAGE

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**Visit an old, genuine fishing village, just a short zodiac ride from the ship's anchorage.**

After the walk, enjoy delicious Norwegian waffles at the prayer house, prepared and served by the locals, before listening to a talk on the history of Smøla, the fisheries and the Thule myth.

Brattvær is a beautiful former fishing village on an island about 3 km northwest of Dyrnes. Once a thriving fishing community, with a population of around 300 in the glory days. Today, no one permanently resides on the island, but it is a popular vacation area for the families of the old fishermen. The last inhabitant left in 2012.

**Duration** 3 hrs

**Season** All year

**Capacity** On request

**Included** Guided walk, waffles and talk

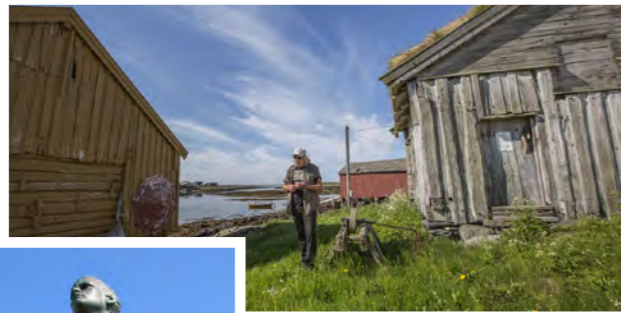
**Note** Not wheelchair accessible

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Join a 1 hour guided walk of the island and see how they used to live in the old days, with their own school, prayer house, wharfs and docks. A sneak peek into the past! Many of the buildings are well preserved.



## TOURS AND EXCURSIONS



### DID YOU KNOW?

Veiholmen is the largest fishing community south of the Lofoten Islands

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## TOUR DE VEI HOLMEN

**Visit the still active and vibrant fishing village of Vei holmen. Small and charming!**

Vei holmen with around 300 inhabitants is located at the northernmost tip of Smøla. Vei holmen was heading the same way as Brattvær and other fishing villages with people moving to the mainland, but they built a bridge, and that made people stay.

The road with its bridges, landfills and protective breakwaters is an adventure in itself. The guided bus tour from the tender pier takes about 30 minutes.

Guided walk in this small but lively fishing community with local cafés and pubs, an exciting museum and coastal heritage idyll.

**Duration** 3.5 hrs

**Season** All year

**Capacity** On request

**Included** Guided tour by bus and on foot, museum's visit

**Note** Mainly wheelchair accessible

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## TOURS AND EXCURSIONS



## HIKING IN DYRNESDALEN

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**Enjoy the fantastic landscape and maybe also the majestic sea eagle!**

This guided hiking tour (2–3 hours, light–medium difficulty) takes you through the flat landscape of Dyrnesdalen and towards the windmill park of Smøla.

You will come pretty close to the windmills, hear them wheezing and see the dimensions. Visit one of the highest peaks of the island (45 m) from which you can see your cruise ship and the beautiful surroundings.

During the hike, you may also encounter wildlife, including the majestic sea eagle.

**Duration** 3 hrs

**Season** Spring, summer, autumn

**Capacity** On request

**Included** Guided hiking tour

**Note** Moderate walk, starting directly from the tender pier. Good footwear and clothes according to weather and season are recommended. Not wheelchair accessible.

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## SEA EAGLE SAFARI

**Join an exclusive safari by boat, looking for the mighty sea eagle!**

Smøla has the densest populations of the white-tailed eagle – the sea eagle – in the world. This guided safari starts with a scenic and comfortable boat ride to the prime location for sea eagles, far off the beaten track. A RIB boat will take you even further into the land of sea eagles. Explore the rich wildlife of the area and get an insight into the life of the fascinating eagle.

The safari offers good chances of close encounters with the eagles and you will have fantastic photographic opportunities.

We recommend that you bring a tele-lens. 70-200/300/400 mm are perfect for eagle photography.

**Highly recommended for photographers!**



**Duration** 3 hrs

**Season** All year

**Capacity** Max. 11 per boat

**Included** Guided safari by boat

**Note** Necessary equipment for the boat ride will be provided. Footwear and clothing suitable for weather and season. Not wheelchair accessible.

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## KAYAKING IN THE ARCHIPELAGO

THE ARCHIPELAGO SURROUNDING SMØLA IS PERFECT FOR KAYAKING!



**Go kayaking in the shallow and spectacular archipelago, well hidden from weather and waves.**

The area is sheltered with small channels and numerous inlets and reefs. The big waves from the Atlantic Ocean are not far away, but at a safe distance. The battering creates a powerful sound that very well can be heard from a small kayak gliding through the seas between the islets.

Enjoy a spectacular trip with crystal clear water and tranquillity of nature. Use your senses: listen, see and smell the scenery...

This tour is also suitable for beginners and children. The guide introduces you to the kayak, shows the basic paddle techniques and makes sure you are safe and comfortable during the tour.

**Duration** 3–4 hrs

**Season** All year

**Capacity** Max. 8 per guide

**Included** Guided kayaking tour and necessary equipment

**Note** This activity is weather dependent

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## CULTURAL SMØLA



**Visit a beautifully located old church and enjoy an intimate and special concert.**

Start with a short, guided bus ride to the western part of Smøla and the old Brattvær church, located in beautiful scenery. The guide will take you for a short and easy walk to enjoy the views from the nearby hillside before you enter the church and learn about its dramatic history.

An intimate and special concert will be held for you, with local artists performing local music.

**OPTIONAL ADD-ON:** Taste local food.

**Duration** 3 hrs

**Season** All year

**Capacity** Max. 40 per bus

**Included** Guided tour and local music

**Note** Wheelchair accessible

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## DEEP SEA FISHING

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**The waters surrounding Smøla are known for an abundance of fish. Try your luck!**

Enjoy fishing? Let a skipper who knows the area well take you to the best fishing spots! Board a traditional fishing boat (approx. 50 ft/15 m) and head out for a few hours of angling. Halibut, haddock, mackerel, plaice, tusk and cod are most likely to be hooked.

Whatever the catch of the day may be, it will be cleaned and delivered onboard.

**Duration** 4 hrs

**Season** All year

**Capacity** Max. 10 per boat

**Included** Boat trip with skipper. Fishing and safety equipment.

**Note** Not wheelchair accessible

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# AQUACULTURE VISITOR CENTRE



### Unique opportunity to learn more about the Norwegian fish-farming industry!

The Aquaculture Visitor Centre at Smøla is located at Edøya, about 35 minutes' drive from the tender pier. This is one of around 30 public viewing facilities in Norway.

Upon arrival, enjoy the exhibition showing the life cycle of salmon, innovation processes, the history of aquaculture and much more (around 20 min.). Written information in Norwegian, English and German.

Continue with an exciting visit to a full-scale fish farm, about 5-10 minutes' boat ride from the centre. Here you will gain first-hand knowledge of

how fish-farming is practiced and observe aquaculture specialists in action. You can also participate in feeding the salmon.

**OPTIONAL ADD-ON:** Salmon lunch at a local restaurant.

**Duration** 3 hrs

**Season** May–September, all year upon request

**Capacity** Max. 12 per boat, max. 24 in one group

**Included** Guided tour at the centre and the fish farm

**Note** The cages are accessed by speed boat, and visitors will get necessary safety equipment to wear at sea. Guiding in English. Café at the centre.

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## OTHER ACTIVITIES

# LOOKING FOR OTHER THINGS TO DO?

Smøla offers a range of activities, which can all be tailored to suit your passengers' needs.



### Smøla by bike

A bicycle ride on Smøla is a great experience! The weather will determine the pace of the trip. There are almost no hills here, but you can get the resistance of the wind if you are a bit unlucky. You will see the ocean and the sky all the way. Anyone can do this ride. The major elevations are the bridges you may encounter, such as the bridge on the road to Veiholmen.



### Cruising the archipelago

A private boat trip for you and your family or friends can be arranged.



### Visit Haugjegla lighthouse

Go ashore at this popular destination, situated on the northern tip of the island, just a short boat trip from Veiholmen. Guided tour on request.



### Golfing at Dyrnesdalen (9 holes)

Beautifully situated woodland course. Putting green, driving range, rent of equipment, golf simulator, café/kiosk. The course is sloped. Season: April–November.

COMBINE YOUR CALL AT SMØLA WITH A CRUISE ON THE TODALSFJORD

POSSIBLE COMBINATION



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CRUISING THE TODALSFJORD – IDYLIC AND SECLUDED



Todalen is a small village with around 350 inhabitants, situated about 120 driving kilometres from Kristiansund. From the Todalsfjord, the valley rises towards Trollheimen and Kårvatn, where the road ends. There are various excursions locally in Todalen. In addition, cruising the fjord itself is a nice experience.

EXPERIENCE THE TOP OF FJORD NORWAY!

SUGGESTIONS:

1: FJORD CRUISE OR OVERLAND TOUR WITH VISIT TO TODALEN

Arrival by cruise ship (northbound from Ålesund/Molde/Kristiansund or southbound from Trondheim/Smøla). About 2.5 hrs sailing time (38 nm) from Grip pilot station. Docking or tendering in nearby Surnadal, transfer by bus to Todalen (25 min.) for various activities. Also doable as overland tour from/to Kristiansund (including local ferries).

No additional port fees will be required, if combined with a call to Kristiansund. ISPS security fees will apply.

2: FJORD CRUISE ONLY

Enjoy a scenic sailing on the fjord. For cruise ships calling Kristiansund or Smøla island.

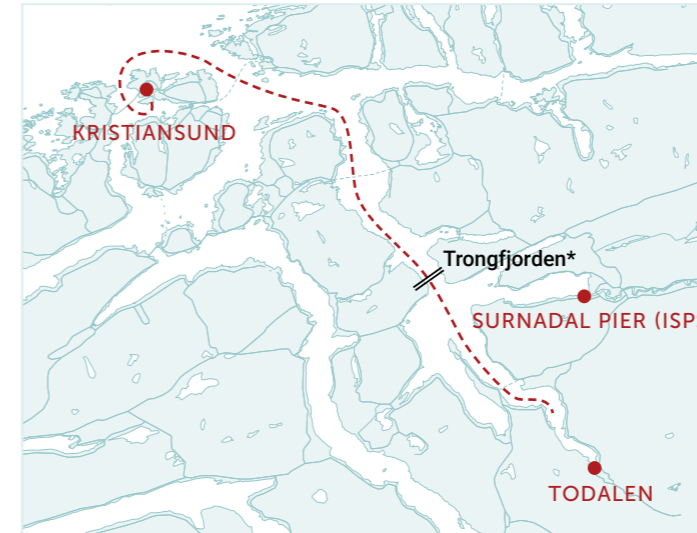
3: BUS EXCURSION TO TODALEN FROM KRISTIANSUND

Cruise ship docking in Kristiansund. Full day excursion by bus to Todalen (including local ferries) for various excursions locally.

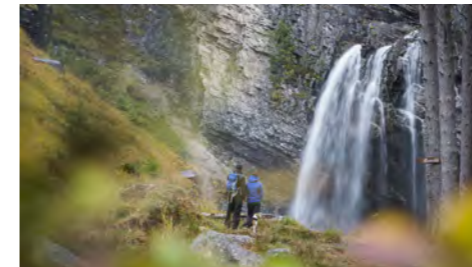
Note:

*There are not yet ISPS approved tender facilities in Todalen. The plans for this might be materialized, if there is enough interest from the cruise lines. In the meantime, we can offer a small ISPS approved quay in nearby Surnadal for docking during the stay, or to pick up passengers after an overland tour (max. ship size 130 m, max. draft 6 m). Tender operation is also possible in Surnadal, but today's facilities are not ideal for this. Please contact us if you want to discuss today's or future possibilities for visiting Todalen.*

Contact Port of Kristiansund (+47) 992 99 120 | havnevakt@knhavn.no | www.knhavn.no/cruise



\*Due to an overhead cable located at Trongfjorden, max. air draft is set to 35 m. This height is at its lowest point. Ships can be guided by the pilot to pass closer to the shore, where the height is 70 m. Please don't hesitate to contact us for further details.



Local attractions and activities:

Kårvatn with Nauståfossen waterfall

Kårvatn mountain farm is beautifully located at the top of Todalen valley. From here you can follow a hiking trail to the mighty Nauståfossen waterfall (about 1km/20 min. each way) with its two drops of 110 m.

Svinvik Arboretum – botanical garden

A unique botanical garden with 350 different types of rhododendron and 250 types of conifers planted on the mountain slopes down to the fjord. There are also many unusual and beautiful deciduous trees, shrubs and flower beds. Café with homemade specialties of own produce.

**TIP!** Best time to experience the beautiful flowering is usually in May/June, but this depends on the spring temperatures.

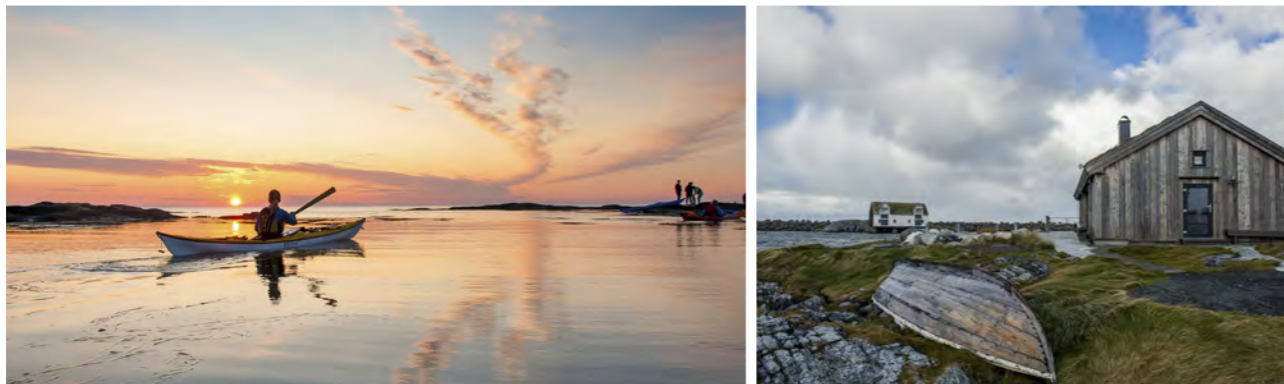
Todalshytta mountain lodge

A culture-historical treasure in beautiful surroundings, built by the English businessman Ethelbert Lort Phillips in 1901, used as a location for salmon fishing by Englishmen. Possibilities for coffee/snack/lunch.

Svinvik hiking trail

This popular and easy round trip goes along the old main roads into Todalen and offers stunning views. The trip starts close to Svinvik's arboretum. The first part is uphill, then flat and downhill. The roundtrip is about 4.5 km/1 hour (not wheelchair accessible).

TECHNICAL INFO:	Docking in Surnadal	Anchoring in Surnadal	Anchoring in Todalen (upcoming)	Fjord cruise only
Max. ship length	130 m	No limit	250 m	300 m
Max. ship draft	6 m	No limit	No limit	No limit
Max. air draft	35/70 m*	35/70 m*	35/70 m*	35/70 m*



# CONTACT INFORMATION

## PORT AUTHORITY

### Port of Kristiansund & Nordmøre IMC

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