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SMØLA

ISLAND GEM OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

2026-2027



# 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?**



## DYRNESVÅGEN HARBOUR

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

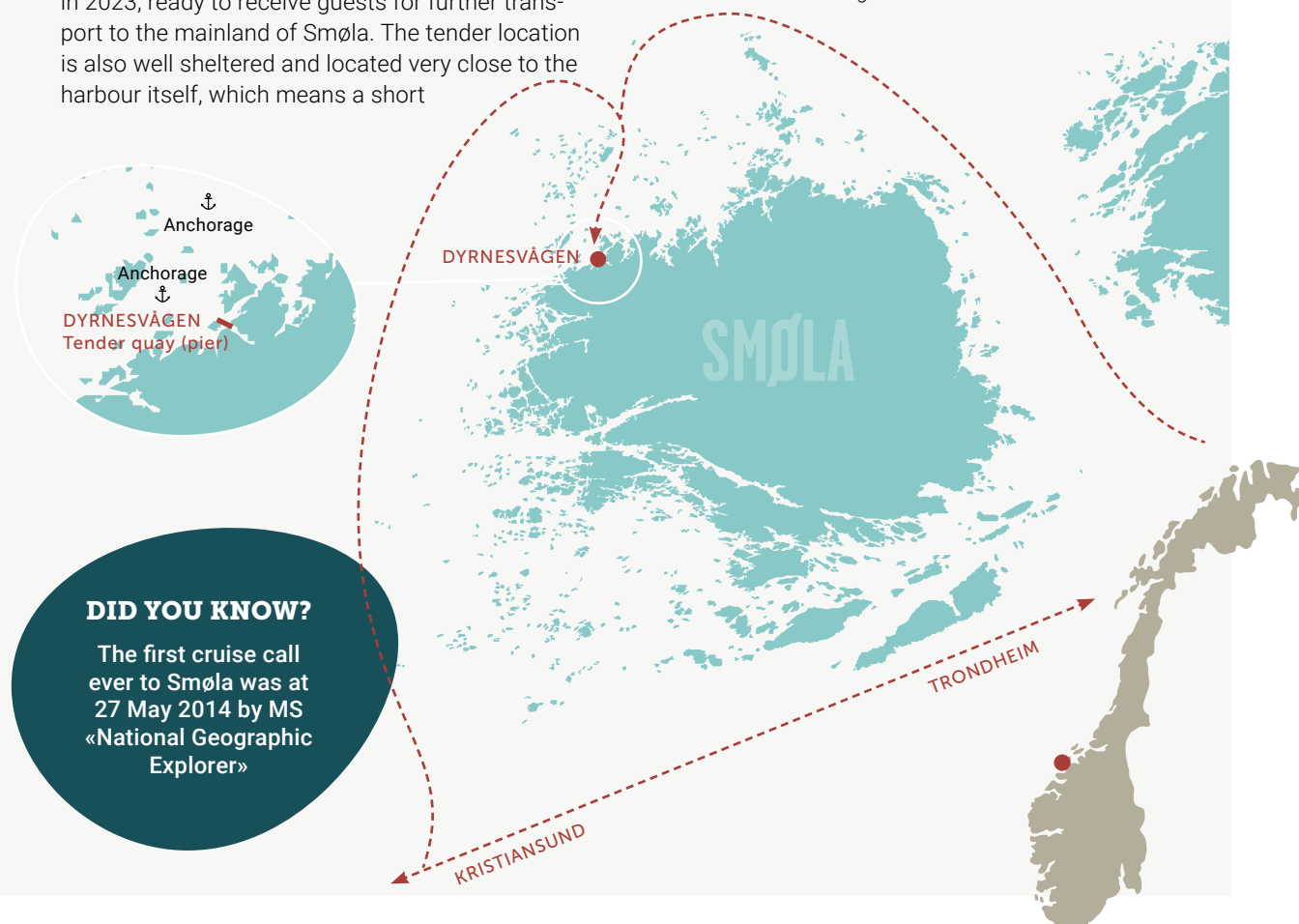
It is a small harbour, but in the old days Dyrnesvågen was one of Smøla's largest fishery ports. A breakwater was built to make the port more sheltered, but it also made the port entrance somewhat narrower. Operating with a depth of 5 metres, the available width for entrance to the inner port is approximately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

A new, ISPS-approved floating berth was mounted in 2023, ready 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](https://knhavn.no/cruise/cruise-calls)  
Itinerary planner for most Norwegian cruise ports:  
[planner.cruise-norway.no](https://planner.cruise-norway.no)

Information updated August 2025.  
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 AND WHERE TO EXPLORE?

GROUP EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES



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.

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.

**Duration** 3 hrs  
**Season** All year  
**Capacity** On request  
**Note** Not wheelchair accessible  
**Contact** Holberg Shipping AS | (+47) 450 01 450 / 482 38 830 | sindre@holbergshipping.no | www.holbergshipping.no



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**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Veiholmen is the largest fishing community south of the Lofoten Islands

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TOUR DE VEIHMEN

Visit the still active and vibrant fishing village of Veiholmen. Small and charming!

Veiholmen with around 300 inhabitants is located at the northernmost tip of Smøla. Veiholmen 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  
**Note** Mainly wheelchair accessible  
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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  
**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!

Highly recommended for photographers!



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.

**Duration** 3 hrs  
**Season** All year  
**Capacity** Max. 11 per 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  
**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  
**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  
**Note** Not wheelchair accessible  
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# NORWEGIAN SALMON ADVENTURE



## Discover the fascinating story of Norwegian salmon – from cutting-edge technology to the open sea.

Begin your adventure with a visit to the brand-new aquaculture visitor centre at Hopen, just a 15-minute drive from the tender pier. The centre's interactive exhibition offers an in-depth look at Norway's modern and sustainable aquaculture industry. Learn how advanced technology makes it possible to feed salmon remotely and how selective breeding ensures healthy, high-quality fish. A salmon snack or light lunch is included.

The experience continues as you board a high-speed RIB for an exciting ride to an active salmon farm. Out on the water, you'll see the cages up

close and gain a unique insight into how the fish are cared for.

Knowledgeable guides will accompany you throughout, answering questions and sharing fascinating facts about this key Norwegian export.

**Duration** 2,5–3 hrs

**Season** April–October

**Capacity** 12 passengers per boat

**Note** Guiding in English. RIB tour is not wheelchair accessible, but the Salmon Centre is. RIB suits, goggles, and life jackets are provided. Wear sturdy waterproof shoes, weather-appropriate clothing, hat/headband, and warm gloves. Not suitable for people with back problems or pregnancy in case of rough sea.

**Contact** Salmon Centre Smøla | (+47) 979 78 892  
marit.myrvoll@salmar.no | www.salmarcenter.no

# 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.



## SLOW CRUISING COMBINATIONS



# SLOW CRUISING – MORE TIME, LESS IMPACT



The concept of slow cruising is gaining momentum. By lowering sailing speed and choosing ports that are close together, cruise lines can significantly reduce emissions while giving guests more time ashore. It's a win-win approach: more sustainable for the environment – and more rewarding for the guests.

### Combine Smøla island and Kristiansund

Smøla island is just a short sail from our main cruise port Kristiansund. These two destinations can easily be included in the same itinerary – either split across the northbound and southbound legs, or on consecutive days.

The short sailing distance allows for reduced speed and longer port stays, enhancing the guest experience, cutting emissions, and increasing the positive impact on local communities.

This combination is possible for small ships and expedition cruises only.

### Explore more of Møre and Romsdal

Want to take the concept of slow cruising one step further? Møre og Romsdal county, including cruise destinations Smøla island, Kristiansund, Molde, Åndalsnes, Eresfjord, Ålesund, Geirangerfjord (Geiranger/Hellesylt/Stranda), and Hareid, is an ideal region for exploring this trend!

With short distances between ports and great variety in shore experiences, the region enables low-impact, high-quality cruising with extended time ashore and a reduced carbon footprint.

Top attractions within the county include highlights such as

- the Atlantic Ocean Road
- the Grip island
- the vacated fishing village Brattvær by Smøla
- the Geirangerfjord
- the Mount Dalsnibba and the Eagle Bend
- the Trollstigen road
- the Raumabanen railway
- the Romsdalen gondola
- the Art Nouveau architecture in Ålesund
- the Aksla viewpoint
- the Polar Museum in Hareid
- the the Hjør-Hjørungavåg Viking Settlement

Each port has its own character and locally rooted products, offering travellers an exciting, varied, and authentic journey – aligned with the values of modern, responsible cruising.







# CONTACT INFORMATION

## PORT AUTHORITY

**Port of Kristiansund & Nordmøre IMC**  
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