



Bergen Tourist Guide

The four “Must See and Do’s” when visiting Bergen

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Population
244 620

Area
465 km²

Regional Center
Bergen

County
Hordaland

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Internet
www.bergen.kommune.no
www.visitbergen.com

Newspapers
Bergens Tidene
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Bergensavisen
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Emergency	
Fire Service	110
Police	112
Ambulance	113
Police	02800
Country Code	+47
Area Code	55



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Gateway To The Fjords in Norway

Welcome to Bergen, the old city with a young outlook. A city with its feet in the sea, its head in the skies and its heart in the right place - full of infectious enthusiasm, and happy to share it with visitors.

Bergen - a city of endless possibilities. Bergen may not be a particularly large city by European standards, but it nevertheless has plenty to offer those who want to experience

something new. The city is bursting with vitality, and has much to offer! The seven big mountains and the fjords make Bergen a unique city that gives a lasting impression on all those who come here.

Year after year, visitors from all over the world have just one complaint when they are leaving: that their stay was too short.



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See and Do

City

Bergen likes visitors, and Bergen is worth a visit. Fjord-Norway's capital always has something to offer, regardless of the season. Bergen is an international city full of history and tradition, a great city with small town charm and atmosphere. Fjord Norway and Bergen offers you the perfect combination of nature, culture and interesting experiences. The people of Bergen are proud of the cities shipping, trade and cultural traditions.

Tradition, initiative and drive has made Bergen to one of Norway's most powerful cultural cities. So, it is not just a coincidence that Norway's largest cultural event, Bergen International Festival, is held here every year, or that the city was chosen to be one of the European Culture Cities in 2000. The old parts of the city is living history, the museum's and galleries keep both art and ancient heritage alive. Bryggen (the old wharf), the fish market, the composer Edvard Grieg's home in Troidhaugen, Rasmus Meyer's art collection, the aquarium and Old Bergen are just a few of the many attractions that are well worth a visit.

History

Bergens History

Bergen was founded in 1070 by King Olav Kyrre who reigned from (1066-93). The city was favorably located in relation to the ship and was long the country's main business, shipping and industrial city. In addition, Bergen became a commercial and shipping town of importance for Europe. A brief period during the Middle Ages, Bergen was also the largest in the Nordic region. Bergen is the only city in the entire Nordic region, which has followed the classical European pattern of development.

During the 1200s, there was an economic breakthrough in Lübeck. The city was the first in the Baltic Sea region to become a center for international trade. Lübeck also affected the situation in Bergen, which became the natural geographical and economic center for the Norwegian shipping empire. Trade with the north, importing grain and exporting fish, experienced growth during the first



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centuries. From the fourteenth century and for several centuries, the Hanseatic merchants dominated trade. The Hanseatic merchants established one of their four most important trading stations in Bergen, the "German Office" on the Wharf.

From the last half of the nineteenth century until the First World War, there was strong growth in trade and industry resulting in an increase in population, from 17,000 inhabitants in 1855 to 103,500 inhabitants in 1920. It was not until the beginning of the 1830s that the population of Oslo exceeded that of Bergen.

The city has fallen victim to fire throughout its history. Churches and government

buildings were mostly built in stone and could be repaired after the fire. Usual homes on the other hand, were mostly built of wood and had to be rebuilt again from scratch. The Hanseatic merchants were those most observant of tradition in relation to architecture. When the Wharf was rebuilt after the great fire of 1702 for example, only a few small changes were made.

It's harbor front, Bryggen, was a scene of thriving activity for "the Hansas" up to the 18th century. Bergen's commerce still thrives, though nowadays much of it's economic life is centered on the North Sea Oil Industry. We are a university city and have a major business and commerce college, as well as many other colleges for further education.

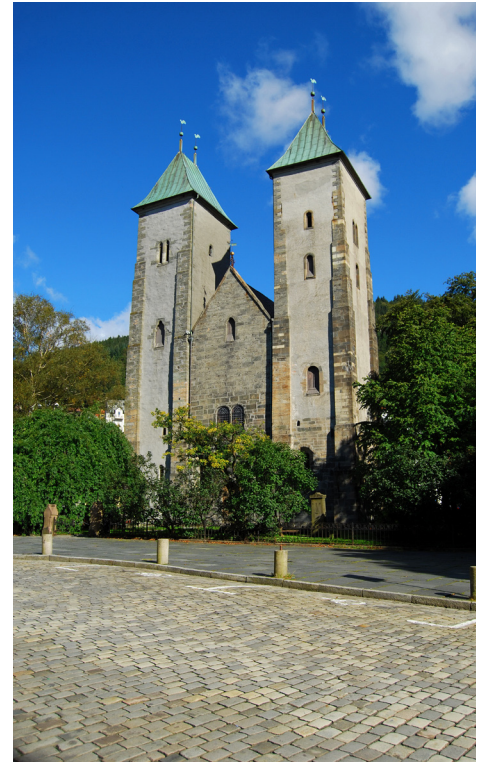


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St. Mary's Church. Photo: Shutterstock

Special

The Bergen Card

Experience the culture city of Bergen in a practical and inexpensive way. With your Bergen Card, you can enjoy free bus travel within the city limits, free admittance to most museums and attractions and discounts on a variety of cultural and sightseeing attractions and parking. For further details, please ask for the Bergen Card Handbook.

Swimming

Vannkanten Water World

Here the whole family can enjoy the inside as well as the outside pools. There are plenty of adventurous experiences; either you choose one of our 8 pools, Water Slides, Jacuzzis, or take pleasure in the good food and drinks while relaxing at the "beach-area"

In the area there is also bowling, Spa & Health Center, training hall and restaurants.

Just a stone's throw away, is Vestkanten Shopping Center with 80 stores.

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Family Activities

Bergen Aquarium

At the Bergen Aquarium you will meet famous local personalities like Snorre, Vitus and Amalie. You can also experience the great atmosphere created by the young and old citizens of Bergen who keep coming back to say hello to the animals - and to meet each other. Since 1960, the aquarium has formed a vibrant part of our local identity.

In more than 60 large and small aquariums you can watch in fascination all the weird and wonderful things that go on beneath the surface up close. In addition to getting to know the cod, and all the other creatures that live along the Norwegian coast, you can meet animals like crocodiles, snakes,

turtles and silk monkeys in our new tropical section.

In the cinema you can watch the spectacular 3D film and the classic Ivo Caprino film about the Bergen Aquarium, Bergen and the Norwegian coast. In summer, you can also see funny and musical performances. If you get hungry, or just need a short rest, you can visit the café or the restaurant.

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Fløibanen Funicular Railway

Take the funicular railway to Mount Fløyen and see all of Bergen in just 8 minutes. The funicular railway is one of Norway's most famous attractions and the only one of its kind in Scandinavia. The trip starts from the city center, just 150 meters from the Fish Market and Bryggen. The exiting trip up to the mountain is a magnificent experience in itself.

From Mount Fløyen, approx. 320 meters above sea level, you can enjoy the beautiful view, study the cityscape in detail and the seaward approaches and fjords surrounding Bergen. At the top, there is a fantastic area of beautiful natural surroundings with innumerable opportunities for walking and hiking. At Fløyen there is also a restaurant, cafeteria, souvenir shop and play area. The Fløibanen funicular runs daily from early morning until late evening. The funicular has easy access for strollers and wheelchairs. Free admission with The Bergen Card. *Vetridsalmønning 21, Bergen*

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Museum

Bergen Museum - The Natural History

The Natural History Collections include botanical, geological and zoological exhibitions. Most of the zoological exhibits are old and well preserved and give visitors a feeling of being transported back in time to the beginning of the last century.

The evolution of man provides a fascinating glimpse of the life of our ancestors. The geological exhibitions present the main aspects of geology. The mineral collection featuring fine specimens from all over the world as well as local ones, is particularly attractive. Important aspects of Norway's dynamic oil industry are portrayed in a special section of the collections.

The Green Evolution - is one of several botanical exhibitions in the museum. The Museum's Botanical Garden is particularly beautiful during spring and summer time, while in the greenhouse you can enjoy tropical plants all year round. *Muséplass 3, Bergen*

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Bergen's Maritime Museum

Bergen's Maritime Museum is beautifully situated on Nygårdshøyden and presents the history of shipping, its development and importance to Bergen and Norway in the past and today. The exhibitions offer a vast collection of ship models - such as Viking ships, full rigged ship, rowboats and supertankers - paintings, marine archeological findings and various items related to seamanship and life on board. The museum also has a wonderful film archives where films shown on request, a library, photographic and ship register. Activities for children are available.

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Bryggens Museum

A cultural and historical museum based on findings made during the archaeological excavations at Bryggen between 1955 and 1972, showing the foundations of the city's oldest buildings from the 12th century on their original site. You can also see European ceramics, rune inscriptions and temporary exhibitions.

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Old Bergen Museum

An open-air museum with more than 40 distinctive wooden houses located along the squares, streets and alleys as they were placed on our ancestors' time. The interior displays homes, shops and various crafts from 1700 - 1900's.

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The Western Norway Emigration Center

The Western Norway Emigration Center includes the emigrant church, Brampton Lutheran Church, brought over from North Dakota in the USA and an emigration archive for Hordaland and Sogn og Fjordane. A schoolhouse, pioneer's house, town hall, prison, doctor's surgery and schoolteacher's house from pioneer times have also been brought home and rebuilt.

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Worth Seeing

Bryggen in Bergen - Meeting Point Bryggen

Bryggen in Bergen, was built up after a

large fire in 1702 and rebuilt in Hanseatic style which was commonly used between the years 1350 to 1764. Bryggen consists of a maze of wooden buildings whose architectural style is unique and is therefore included on the UNESCO's world heritage list (history and culture).

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Fresco Hall - Tourist Information

The old Bergen Exchange, containing the Fresco Hall, was built in 1862 and extended in 1893. The murals on the walls in the Fresco Hall were painted by Axel Revold (1887-1962) and have long been recognized as a national treasure. They were painted during the years of 1921-23 and are divided into three themes:

The North Country Wall - with three panels representing fishing near Lofoten in North-Norway, how the fish is prepared and dried on the frames and the southward trip to Bergen where the finished products were to be sold.

The Bergen Wall - includes four panels showing the heavily loaded vessels arriving at the Bergen harbor, how the fish was shipped by larger vessels to the world

market, trade with cereals from foreign ports, and shipyards constructing large modern ships.

The World Wall - with three panels showing man's importance in the engine room on a boat, the cultivation and processing of the products of nature, and nature's abundance.

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The Rosenkrantz Tower

The Rosenkrantz Tower was built in the 1560's by the governor of Bergenhus Castle, Erik Rosenkrantz, and served as a combined residence and fortified tower for Bergen. Two structures have been built into the tower, one by Jørgen Hanssøn (1520) and one by King Magnus the Lawmender (1270).

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Troldhaugen - Edward Grieg's Home

Troldhaugen was built in 1885 and is beautifully situated at Nordåsvannet. Here lived composer Edvard Grieg (1843-1907) for 22 years. The house is now a museum and the interior is Griegs' from 1907. The cottage, where he composed, still stands as he left it in the garden and a rock by the sea is both Edvard and Nina Griegs gravestone.

Troldsalen, is a music hall which seats 200 people. It was inaugurated in 1985 and then in 1995, the new Edvard Grieg Museum opened with exhibitions, multimedia room, cafeteria and more.

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