



Torghatten. Photo: Ronny Lien



UNESCO Island Vega. Photo: Rita Johansen



Norwegian Aquaculture Centre. Photo: Torhild Haugen



Hildurs Herb Garden. Photo: Olav T. Søla

#### UNESCO Island Vega

**Duration: Approx. 4-6 hours.**

The Vega archipelago was inscribed on UNESCO's list of world heritage sites in 2004. The Vega islands gained their world heritage status due to the unique interaction between the eider ducks and generations of fisher/farmer islanders. A trip to the Vega archipelago offers an exciting insight into the traditions of egg and down collection. The E-House, a museum and documentation centre focused on eider ducks, displays the tradition of keeping eider ducks as domestic animals. At the World heritage exhibition, you will get an insight into Vega's world heritage traditions and the way of life on Vega today. You can also experience the landscape of Holandsosen nature reserve, known for its calcareous bedrock, wetlands and rich birdlife. A botanic hike to Guristraumen to observe different orchids and other plants thriving on the shoreline can also be arranged. Easy walking.

#### RIB/ZODIAC In the Islands of the North

**Duration: 1.5 hours**

The speed boat takes you up and close to some of the thousands of islands along the Helgeland coast. Narrow straits, white beaches and small houses characterize this archipelago. We go ashore on one of these deserted islands, close to the open sea to the west. Owing to all the migratory birds, the islands are very fertile and have an exciting flora. You will get to know more about the landscape, the geology and the life of the people that have lived out here for thousands of years.

#### Hildur's Herb Garden

**Duration: Approx. 2.5-3 hours**

This tour combines a visit to the Hildurs Herb garden, known for the farm's old history, the herbs from the garden and seasonal ingredients. And a panorama bus ride of Brønnøysund town and its surroundings. Guests are welcomed onboard the bus at the pier by the guide that will follow the group the whole time. At the Herb-garden the guide joins you on the walk in the garden, but you are welcome to roam around on your own. You will be invited into the Summer Café for tea or coffee and the cake of the day.

# BRØNNØYSUND

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

Brønnøysund, the beautiful coastal town situated in the southern part of Helgeland. At the CenterPoint of Norway, and home of the iconic symbol Torghatten, the mountain with the hole through it, which is visited by more than 100,000 guest every year. The town is surrounded by islands and islets, has excellent restaurants, charming cafés, thriving coastal culture and an ancient geological landscape. It's a superb starting point for a variety of highlights, among these is Vega archipelago, a UNESCO World Heritage Area. From Brønnøysund, it is possible to visit the region's other municipalities; Bindal, Sømna, Vevelstad and Vega, which incredibly enough are all part of the Trollfjell UNESCO Global Geopark.

### ATTRACTIONS/EXCURSIONS

#### Mythic Mountain Torghatten Duration: Approx. 3 hours.

Torghatten is one of Norway's most iconic attractions, known for its spectacular hole through the mountain. People feel small as they wander through the cathedral like 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 myths and legends and it is a place which visitors simply must visit when they come to Brønnøysund. The bus tour starts with sightseeing through the town, crossing the Brønnøysund Bridge, and continuing to the foot of Torghatten. We follow the brand new sherpa staircase, 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. Or for a "round trip," walk down on the other side as the new stairs makes it easy to do so, continue a path back towards the bus. Good shoes are recommended. Easy to medium hike.

#### Velfjord Open Air Museum and Velfjord Church Duration Approx. 4.5 hours

Velfjord, a village with seven fjords, offers Velfjord Open Air Museum, in an idyllic location. The museum comprises a large collection of buildings and artifacts from the 16th and 17th centuries, presented to illustrate the daily life during this period with a full range of tools for a variety of crafts. Velfjord Museum also features an exhibition of Saami articles. Velfjord Church is a log-built cruciform church that will be 350 years old in 2024, making it the oldest wooden church in Northern Norway and features historical content, including an altarpiece and church bell gifted to the church in 1758. In this excursion we can also grant you a visit to an important marble quarry and local generational cabin. Easy walking.

#### A panorama bike ride - visit a local artist

The bike ride through Brønnøysund takes us to highlights such as the sign that marks the Centrepoint of Norway, the dry-fish quay for an historical insight and a private visit to the Brønnøy Church. We will bike south of the town centre and visit a local artist, Inger Hilde, at her farm turned into a workshop, called "Hildurlåven." This is an idyllic spot, quaint and inviting. The artist will personally present her work. Then there's time to explore the workshop and the beautiful outdoor area, with a great photo opportunity of Torghatten. After the tour, the guest will be left with an impression of knowing Brønnøysund, a sense of calmness and beautiful photos to show for it. Easy walking, easy-medium biking.

#### PORT OF BRØNNØYSUND

Position: North/East  
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 Distance from pilot station  
 South: Åsværet 60 nm  
 North: Grinna 56 nm  
 Pilot channel: Ch. 12  
 Port VHF channel Ch. 12  
 Barents Watch: [https://nais.kystverket.no/point/12.20746\\_65.46814](https://nais.kystverket.no/point/12.20746_65.46814)

#### TOURIST / DESTINATION INFORMATION

Website: [www.visithelgeland.com](http://www.visithelgeland.com)  
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 Location: Sømnaevei 92, 8900 Brønnøysund  
 Local Guide service: Yes  
 Which languages: NO / EN / DE / FR intermittently

#### PORT INFORMATION

Designated cruise quay: Gårdsøya/sentrumskai  
 ISPS: Yes  
 Maximum ship length: 250 m  
 Maximum ship draft: 25 m  
 Maximum beam: NO  
 Maximum air draft: Brønnøysund Bridge 38 m  
 Bollard strength (certification): 100  
 Tidal movement: 2,5 m

#### ANCHORAGE/ TENDER (YES OR NO)

Max size: Yes  
 Ship tenders allowed: Yes  
 Type of bottom: Sand  
 Depth: 50-100 m

#### PORT SERVICES

Gangway available: No  
 Tugboats: Yes, on order  
 Crew facilities:  
 Bunkers delivery: Yes, on order  
 LNG bunkering: Yes, on order  
 Waste handling: Yes, on order  
 Grey water: Yes, on order

#### SUSTAINABILITY

Shore Power: No  
 EPI: No  
 ESI: No  
 Max ship per day: 2  
 Max passenger per day: 8000  
 Restrictions in harbour: Air drones  
 Sustainable activities:

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Turnaround facilities: No  
 Terminal/Restrooms in pier area: No/No  
 Shuttle bus: Yes, from Gårdsøya to city centre  
 Parking place for buses: 10 parking places  
 Public transportation close by port: Yes  
 Distance from port to airport: 5 km, 2 km  
 Distance from port to city centre: 3 km, 0 km  
 Distance from port to nearest hospital: 5 km, 2 km



Quay	Water depth	Length	Height	Fenders	Shore Power	Grey Water	Max Ship size
Gårdsøya	25 m	100 m	3 m	Standard	No	Yes	300 m
Midthavna	6.2 m	200 m	2.8 m	Standard	No	Yes	200 m

