Busses

There are 6 main bus lines – they all take you from one part of Bergen to another, and they all go through the city center on the way there. The remaining 40 or so routes act as “filling routes” – the main ones take you a way toward where you want to go, but if you want to go past the main districts, you will need to take one of the connecting local lines. The routes normally do not correspond, so if you need to take two or more buses and want to avoid long periods of waiting between your departures, you should take care to plan your journey in advance.

Most buses start their routes around 6 am, and go until an hour or two past midnight, with 10-15 minutes between each departure – but the further away from the city center you’re traveling, the more time there is between departures. They also start later and end sooner in the day.

Despite the usually frequent departures, traveling at rush times is going to be slow, especially if you’re going through one of the “bottlenecks” of Bergen, or through the city center. Rush times are between 6:30 and 8:30 in the morning, and 3 and 5 in the evening – anticipate 10-30 minutes additional travel time if you plan to take a bus in this time frame.

The buses in Bergen are owned by the company Skyss – they have a visitor’s center by the main bus station in Bergen, a website at <https://www.skyss.no>, the app Skyss Billett for purchasing tickets and the app Skyss Reise for planning your travels. You can also plan your journey from their website. All of Skyss’ buses run on either electricity or green fuels, so you can travel with a clear conscience!

Travel by Boat – “Hurtigbåten”

From Strandkaiterminalen in Bergen Center, you can take the “Hurtigbåt” – literally translated to Fast Boat, they travel at up to 40 kilometers an hour, and the seating is comfortable. You can take the Hurtigbåt to Kleppestø from Bergen Center. This boat is incredibly convenient – for one, there are no traffic jams when traveling by sea. The hurtigbåt also has a great capacity of passengers – up to 200 people can fit on one boat. Further, the crossing only takes 13 minutes. If you are traveling from Askøy, there are parking facilities right by the boat terminal. As any other traffic to the city center, it fills up during the rush hour. It has departures every half hour between 6 in the morning and 6:30 in the evening.

Like the Bybanen and the buses of Bergen, the hurtigbåt is run by the company Skyss – any ticket you buy can be used for any of these transports for as long as the ticket is valid.

Incredibly convenient late at night or when you need to transport something, the Taxis of Bergen are always at your disposal! There are three companies, and you can usually find at least one taxi in every District not too far from the City Center. However, by far the most reliable way of hailing one is calling the respective companies, or ordering a taxi through the companies’ apps.