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1. Geographical location

Bergen is a city situated in Hordaland towards the west coast of Norway. It sits over a 20 meters elevation above sea level and occupies most of the peninsula of Bergenshalvøyen in mid-western Hordaland. It is located in the district of Midthordland. The city covers an area of about 465 square kilometers. Most of its urban areas are either located on or close to a bay or fjord. There are a total number of seven mountains located within the areas that are urban.



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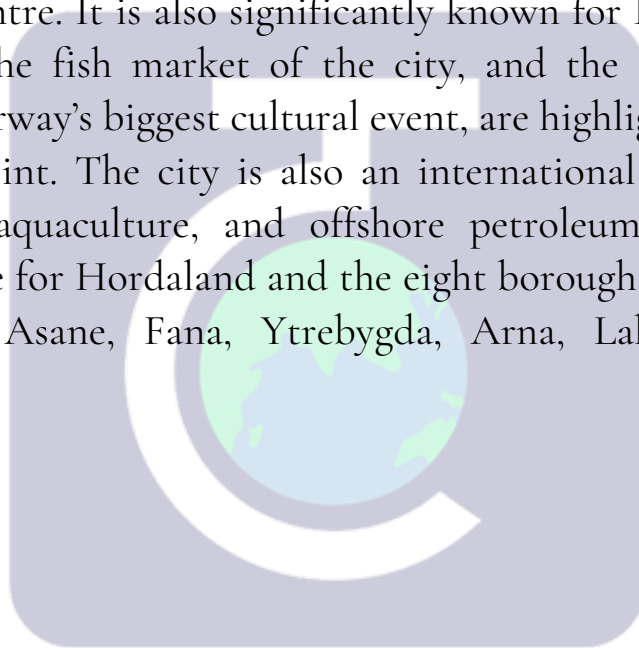
2. Neighbouring cities/countries

From The North, The City Is Sheltered By Meland (41.7 Km), Osteroy (52.9 Km), And Lindas (55 Km). From The South, OS (32 Km) And Austevoll (57.8 Km), Borders The City. Samnanger (49 Km) And Vaksdal (47.7 Km) Are On Its East, And Askoy (26 Km), Sund, And Fjell (20 Km), Are To Its West. Oslo, Which Is The National's Capital, Is 303 Km Away From Bergen. The Neighboring Countries Are Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Russia, United Kingdom, Iceland, Farce Islands, And Greenland. Gothenburg, Sweden Comes Around 472 Km Away From The City. Aarhus And Arhus, Cities From Denmark Falls About 540 Km From The City. From 600 Km To 700 Km, There Is Copenhagen, Malmo, Edinburgh, And Stockholm.



3. Significance

It is the second largest city in Norway. And although it is large on a Norwegian scale, it is known for its small town atmosphere and charm. The city has roots of the Viking Age and beyond. It was one of the main offices of the Hanseatic League, and so for several centuries it was the centre of trade between the rest of the Europe and Norway. The city is very popular for the seven mountains that surround the city centre. It is also significantly known for Bryggen, which is the Hanseatic Wharf. The fish market of the city, and the Bergen International Festival, which is Norway's biggest cultural event, are highlights of this city on an international viewpoint. The city is also an international centre for shipping, subsea technology, aquaculture, and offshore petroleum industry. It is the administrative centre for Hordaland and the eight boroughs of which it consists, namely Bergenhus, Asane, Fana, Ytrebygda, Arna, Laksevag, Arstad, and Fyllingsdalen.

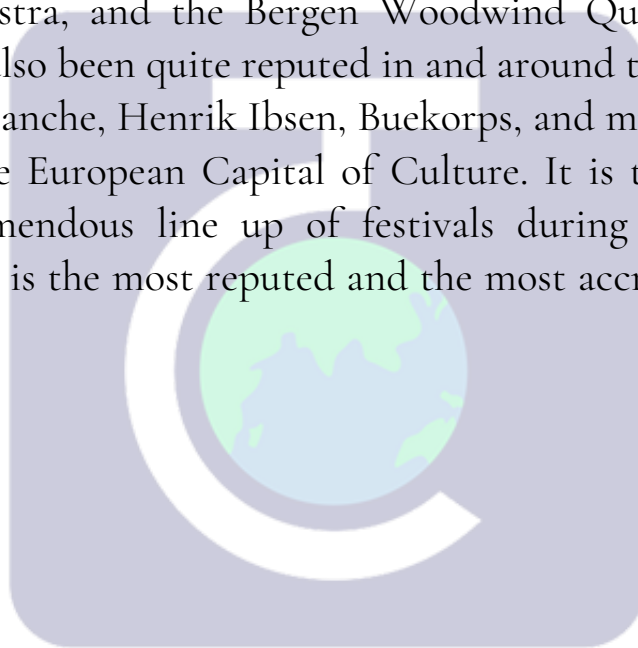


4. History

Bergen was founded by Olav Kyrre, who was the king of Norway, in the year 1070 AD. He built a wooden church, and eventually a church with a bigger stone and named both of them as the western Norway's bishopric. Three new churches were built by Oystein, who was the next king, and eventually moved the capital and the kingship to Bergen. The reason behind this was the flourishing foreign trade. After a certain time, this trade took over by Oslo, in 1299. This resulted in the weakening of the city's prosperity. Around the 1500s the city reincarnated and the trade from abroad came back to life. Immigration mostly from Europe became a resultant of the new developments, and the city flourished once again. With the coming of the industrial revolution, Bergen with its new steam ships took lead in sea trade. Wood and fish became the biggest export in the trade. During the World War I and World War II, the city suffered a lot, as much as that Bergen endured the most damages in all of Norway. Eventually it strived its way through the massacre, and became a fast growing modern city, which has Europe's largest harbors.

5. Cultural identity

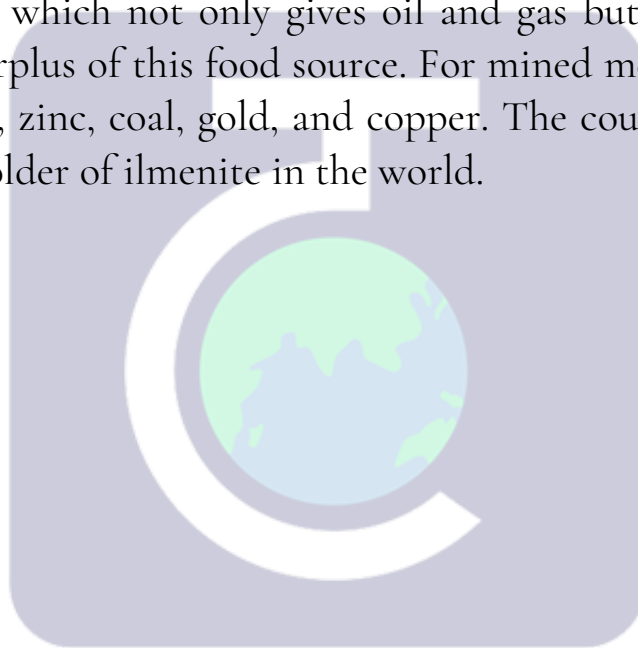
The city is known as Norway's street art capital. In 2000, Banksy, the famous artist, visited the city and motivated many to begin with street art. A little later, Norway saw its biggest street artist who goes by the name of Dolk. Today the city council has decided to preserve Dolk's work of spray with protective glass. The city has an enriched background of orchestra, and is home to the famous Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Bergen Woodwind Quintet. Contemporary dance and arts have also been quite reputed in and around the city with the city's features like Carte Blanche, Henrik Ibsen, Buekorps, and much more. In the year 2000, Bergen was the European Capital of Culture. It is the music hub of the country with a tremendous line up of festivals during a year. The Bergen International festival is the most reputed and the most accredited cultural event of Norway.



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6. Natural resources

It has only about 4 per cent of land that is arable, but there are other valuable natural resources of the city. It has large reserves of gas and oil, which contributes towards the fact that it is a rich city. The source of this resource comes from under the North Sea, and the other seabed areas. For wood-based resource, the city's forests are thriving in supply of timber. One of the most valuable resources of the city is its sea, which not only gives oil and gas but is a rich ground for fishing, creating a surplus of this food source. For mined metallic minerals it has iron ore, nickel, lead, zinc, coal, gold, and copper. The country is in parlance as the largest deposit holder of ilmenite in the world.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Fløibanen

Connecting the city center with the mountain of Fløyen, the Fløibanen (funicular) takes the train from the Floibanen station to the top of the Mount Floyen. There are two cars carrying 100 passengers, weighing about 19 tons when fully loaded. Offering extraordinary views of the city from the top as well as during the ride, this is the city's most spectacular attraction.

Address : 21, Vetrilidsallmenningen, Bergen, 5014, Norway

Zipcode : 5014

Location : 60.39641979999999, 5.328564499999997

Contact : +47 55 33 68 00

Website : <http://floibanen.no/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bergen Busstasjon (Not recommended)

Entry Fee : 90 NOK

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday 07:30hrs–23:00hrs Saturday and Sunday 08:00hrs–23:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Ulriken

The highest peak among the 7 mountains which surround the city of Bergen, Ulriken has an aerial tramway, with its peak at an altitude of 643 meters above sea level. A TV tower along with a restaurant and free telescopes is available at the top of the mountain. Come and experience the unique view from the mountaintop and while savouring your meal at a restaurant.

Address : Ulriken, Bergen, 5014, Norway

Zipcode : 5014

Location : 60.3774863, 5.386952100000003

Nearest Public Transport : Bergen Busstasjon (Not recommended)

Entry Fee : 90 NOK

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs–21:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Det Hanseatiske Museum og Schøtstuene

Built in 1704 in a house made of wood, it depicts the then lives of the German Hanseatic merchants. Being the only one to have kept its original interiors, this used to be one of the biggest buildings of the German offices. The museum has 2 trading houses out of which one faces the sea and the other one in the back of the tenement, 3 assembly rooms, and a kitchen.

Address : 1A, Finnegarden, Bergen 5003, Norway

Zipcode : 5003

Location : 60.39594750000001, 5.325913399999999

Contact : +47 55 54 56 90

Website : <http://museumvest.no/>

Nearest Public Transport : Skyss: Vestre Strømkaien

Entry Fee : 150 NOK

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs–17:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Bergen Kunstmuseum

Designed by the architects Arthur DarreKaarbo and Fredrik Arnesen, this structure was completed in the year 1938 and became an administration building for Bergen Lysverker. Built with the purpose of gathering collections related to culture and history, it eventually became the place for all academic activities in the city. The museum is divided into two parts, the Natural History Collections, and Cultural History Collections.

Address : 9, Rasmus Meyers Alle, Bergen, 5015, Norway

Zipcode : 5015

Location : 60.3892539, 5.329045100000003

Contact : +47 53 00 97 04

Website : <http://kodebergen.no/>

Nearest Public Transport : Skyss: Vestre Strømkaien

Entry Fee : 100 NOK

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday 10:00hrs–17:00hrs Monday Closed

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. VilVite - Bergen Vitensenter

Situated in a converted workshop hall, this science center holds interactive exhibitions. This architecturally modern and glass fronted building is a great place to delve into the nuances of science. It has about 75 different types of experiments and instalments and various activities that combine learning along with fun.

Address : 51, Thormohlens Gate, Bergen 5006, Norway

Zipcode : 5006

Location : 60.3812811, 5.3291538999999375

Contact : +47 55 59 45 00

Website : <http://vilvite.no/>

Nearest Public Transport : Skyss: Vestre Strømkaien

Entry Fee : 175 NOK

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Friday 09:00hrs–15:00hrs Saturday and Sunday 10:00hrs–17:00hrs Monday Closed

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No



7.1.6. Troidhaugen

Troidhaugen is the former house of the famous Norwegian composer, Edvard Grieg, which has now been transformed into a museum dedicated to him. In the villa's living room, Grieg's own Steinway grand piano is placed which is now used for private concerts and special occasions. The museum contains his personal effects and concert spaces and also houses an exhibition center along with a café to serve tourists.

Address : 65, Troidhaugvegen, Paradis, 5232, Norway

Zipcode : 5232

Location : 60.31962499999999, 5.329446999999959

Contact : +47 55 92 29 92

Website : <http://griegmuseum.no/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bergen Busstasjon (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : 100 NOK

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs–18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Akvariet i Bergen

Housing more than 60 tanks of fish, marine invertebrates and 3 ponds with penguins, seals and cyprinids, Akvariet i Bergen is a famous aquarium as well as a major tourist attraction in the city. Working since the 1960s, it hosts sea lion and seal shows, tropical fishes, crocodiles and penguin-feeding.

Address : 4, Nordnesbakken, Bergen, 5005, Norway

Zipcode : 5005

Location : 60.3996913, 5.303370999999997

Contact : +47 55 55 71 71

Website : <http://www.akvariet.no/>

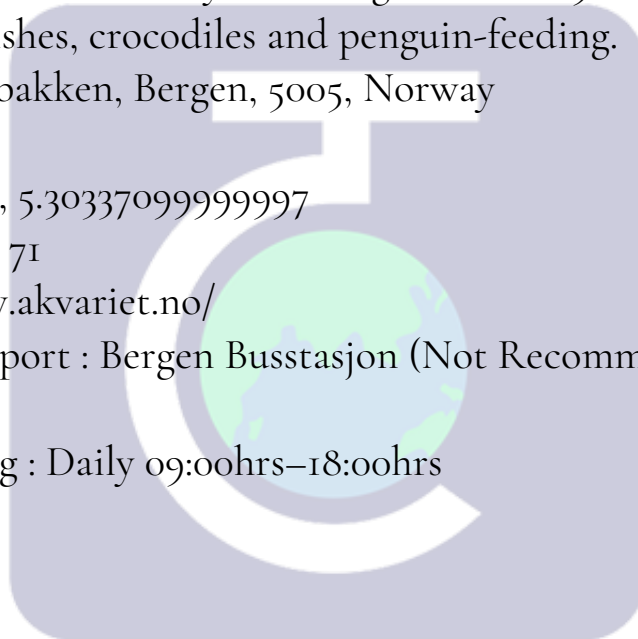
Nearest Public Transport : Bergen Busstasjon (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : 600 NOK

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs–18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No



7.1.8. Bryggens Museum

Built on the site of raging fire by Øivind Maurseth, Bryggens museum displays archaeological findings from the excavations of the city from the year 1955. The array contains the foundations of the old buildings in the city. Many remains have been uncovered by archaeological excavations on the site out of which many form the basis of the museum and permanent exhibitions. This museum has been a part of Bergen City Museum since 2005.

Address : 3, Dreggsallmenningen, Bergen, 5835, Norway

Zipcode : 5835

Location : 60.3983383, 5.3227418999999983

Contact : +47 55 30 80 30

Website : <http://www.bymuseet.no/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bergen Busstasjon

Entry Fee : 80 NOK

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday 11:00hrs–15:00hrs Saturday 12:00hrs–15:00hrs Sunday 12:00hrs–16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.9. Lepramuseet|St Jørgens Hospital

Founded in the 15th century, Lepramuseet was called St. George's Hospital until the mid-20th century. It used to be the largest medical facility for leprosy in all of Europe during those times and has now been converted into a working museum, which gives an insight of how medical treatments were done back in the day.

Address : Gate 59, Kong Oscars, Bergen, 5017, Norway

Zipcode : 5017

Location : 60.39161530000001, 5.332888400000002

Contact : +47 55 30 80 30

Website : <http://www.bymuseet.no/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bergen Busstasjon

Entry Fee : 80 NOK

Open & Close Timing : Daily 11:00hrs–15:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. Gamle Bergen Museum - Bymuseet i Bergen

The Gamle Bergen Museum is an open-air museum that has been restructured as a small town consisting of about 50 wooden houses from 18th to the 20th centuries. It represents Norwegian architecture from those times and takes you back to that era as you live the Old Norwegian culture and lifestyle.

Address : 4, Nyhavnsveien, Bergen, 5042, Norway

Zipcode : 5042

Location : 60.4181621, 5.30931390000000065

Contact : +47 55 39 43 00

Website : <http://www.bymuseet.no/>

Nearest Public Transport : Handelshøyskolen Bus station

Entry Fee : 100 NOK

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs–16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.11. Damsgaard Manor

Famous for its distinctive rococo mannerism, Damsgaard Manor is an estate and a landmark manor in Bergen. It is also one of the best-preserved wooden buildings from the late 18th century. The facade of the main building overstate the aspects of the house and the interiors have been restored to the early 18th-century plan. According to historic evidence, the area used to be lightly populated during the Viking era but some evidence points towards it being a church property.

Address : 29, Alleen, Laksevag, 5160, Norway

Zipcode : 5160

Location : 60.38334500000001, 5.302050199999994

Contact : +47 55 94 08 70

Website : <http://bymuseet.no/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bus: Radisson Blu Hotel Norge

Entry Fee : 80 NOK

Open & Close Timing : Daily 12:00hrs–16:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.12. Rødne Fjord Cruise

Wish to experience trip across the vast fjord in cruises? Then head to Bergen, where this service is provided all year round, with the most famous trip being the amazing fjord cruises to Lysefjord. Groove to good music and enjoy delicious food, while absorbing the stupefying landscapes that come your way.

Address : 2, Torget, Bergen, 5014, Norway

Zipcode : 5014

Location : 60.39511619999999, 5.325043199999982

Contact : +47 51 89 52 70

Website : <http://rodne.no/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bergen Busstasjon

Entry Fee : 550NOK for adults; 350NOK for children from 4-15 Free for below 4;

A Family ticket for 2 adults and upto 4 children 1500NOK

Open & Close Timing : Monday–Friday 08:00hrs–15:30hrs

Time Required : 5

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Bryggen

A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979, Bryggen is a sequence of colorful wooden-clad boat houses along the eastern side of the Vågen harbor. For close to 1,000 years, this has been a hub for trading and about 300 years back an office was established by the Hanseatic League. At present, it is a famous tourist spot covering museums, shops, restaurants and pubs.

Address : Bryggen, Bergen, 5003, Norway

Zipcode : 5003

Location : 60.3975672, 5.3245494000000235

Contact : +47 55 55 20 80

Website : <http://stiftelsenbryggen.no/>

Nearest Public Transport : Torget/Lidohjornet Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday 09:00hrs–16:00hrs Sunday Closed

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Hardanger Fjordeventyr - Utne/Lofthus/Kinsarvik

Located at the county region of Hardanger, in Hordaland, this is the fourth longest fjord on the planet and second largest in the country, it is considered as the most beautiful area of Norway with two national parks, national tourist routes, fjords, glaciers, and waterfalls. It is only accessible through Bergen and has been an important tourist destination in Europe since the 19th century.

Address : 1, Vagsallmenningen, Turistinformasjonen, Bergen 5014, Norway

Zipcode : 5014

Location : 60.39779850000001, 5.3218405000000075

Contact : +47 55 55 20 00

Nearest Public Transport : Bergen Busstasjon (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Bergenhus Fortress

Constructed in the 13th century, Bergenhus Fortress is a stone-built waterfront structure situated at the entrance of Bergen harbor. Tagged as one of the best-preserved castles of Norway, this fortress is used as a museum dedicated to World War II. Two prominent buildings that stand inside the fortress are the Haakon's Hall, which is a medieval stone hall used for concerts and the other building is Rosenkrantz Tower, formerly used as a magazine for gunpowder and now a famous tourist attraction.

Address : Vagen, Bergen, 5003, Norway

Zipcode : 5003

Location : 60.4000024, 5.3185406999999971

Contact : +47 55 54 63 87

Website : <http://www.forsvarsbygg.no/>

Nearest Public Transport : Radisson Blu Royal Hotel Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:30hrs–23:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Bergen Domkirke

A part of the Bergen municipality, Bergen Domkirke is the seat of the parish and Diocese of Bjørgvin's Bergen arch-deanery having a long history that originates from the Franciscan friars. The cathedral has a total capacity to seat around 1,000 people. The first historical reference of this church dates back to 1181, whereas the first organ was installed in 1549 and at present is used for musical concerts.

Address : 1, Domkirkeplassen, Bergen, 5003, Norway

Zipcode : 5003

Location : 60.3939159, 5.3305144999999936

Contact : +47 55 59 32 70

Website : <http://bergen.kirken.no/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bergen Busstasjon

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs–14:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Lille Lungegårdsvannet

Also known as Smålungeren, Lille Lungegårdsvannet is a small lake situated in a park right in the city center spreading across a total area of 5 acres. A huge ornamental fountain in the middle of the lake adds to its beauty and also has multiple jets as well as dancing lights that attract a large number of tourists. The park lake is surrounded with spacious seating places and is ideal for a peaceful evening with friends and family.

Address : Lille Lungegårdsvannet, Bergen, 5016, Norway

Zipcode : 5016

Location : 60.3907125, 5.328717200000028

Nearest Public Transport : Radisson Blu Hotel Norge Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Lyse Abbey

A famous spot among the tourists, Lyse Abbey is the leftover ruins of Cistercian monastery situated in the Os municipality of the Hordaland region. Before this monastery was set up, there used to be another one by the name of Fountain Abbey. Also known as Saint Mary's Abbey, it was founded in 1146 by Sigurd, as the first Cistercian monastery in Norway.

Address : Lysekloster, 5215, Norway

Zipcode : 5215

Location : 60.2275709, 5.405402200000026

Nearest Public Transport : Tøsdalskiftet, HalhjemFergekai (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Kjøttbasaren Shopping Center

Formerly built in 1874 to serve as a marketplace for meat, it has now turned into a famous shopping mall frequented by tourists as well as locals. Located in the heart of the city, this mall has many shopping and entertainment options to keep the visitors interested.

Address : 5014 Bergen, Norway

Zipcode : 5014

Location : 60.3957972, 5.3262041000000041

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Rubens Skattkammer AS

Zipcode : 0

Location : 60.39579699999999, 5.3273570000000006

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Galleriet Shopping Centre

One of the spectacular shopping arcades in Bergen, Galleriet Shopping Centre houses more than 70 stores catering to all shopping needs. Centrally located, it is easily accessible and you will find everything from clothes and books to a pharmacy, an art gallery and eateries.

Address : Torgallmenningen 8, 5014 Bergen, Norway

Zipcode : 5014

Location : 60.3930055, 5.3251216999999954

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Kløverhuset Kjøpesenter

Covering some major brands like Claire, Deguy, Kouture, Woman's Secret and Bertoni, Kløverhuset Kjøpesenter is a famous shopping mall in Bergen. You will also find wellness studios and specialty shops here. There are also few food counters to satiate your appetite.

Address : Strandgaten 13-15, 5013 Bergen, Norway

Zipcode : 5013

Location : 60.39441679999999, 5.322753599999942

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Stoltzekleiven

This trail consists of steep paved stairs with approximately 700 steps up to Sandviksfjellet, which offers hypnotic views of the city. The first part of the initial climbing is steeper than the latter, and the view gets better with each upward step.

Address : Stoltzekleiven, 5014 Bergen, Norway

Zipcode : 5014

Location : 60.4112964, 5.3324407

Nearest Public Transport : Bergen Busstasjon (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Key sites sports & adventure

The city is known a lot for its adventure tours and activities. During March and April, a lot of people visit the place to get dug into kayaking, hiking, and so on. Surrounded by the seven mountains it is an ideal place for numerous outdoor activities.

- **Norway Active AS -**

Address : 1, Knosesmauet, Bergen, 5011, Norway

Location : 60.3944755,5.31651299999998

Contact No : +47 410 68 000

Website : <http://www.norwayactive.no/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bergen Busstasjon

Entry Fees : Basic Tour: 1699 per person Full Package: 2995 NOK per person

Open / Close Time : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 6

- **Canoeing -**

Address : 62, Sandviksveien, Bergen, 5035, Norway

Location : 60.4126747,5.322273799999994

Contact No : +47 90 22 70 50

Website : <http://www.god-tur.no/>

Nearest Public Transport : Handelshoyskolen (Not Recommended)

Entry Fees : Coasteering: 990 NOK Rentals: 350 NOK

Time Required : 2.5

9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Bergen is home to SK Brann football team. The team was founded in the year 1908, and then on they have played in the Norwegian Premier League. The city is also home to FK Fyllingsdalen, which plays at VardenAmfi in the Second Division. The two team which plays in the Women Premier League are also from the city, Sandviken and Arna-Bjornar. The city has only one stadium called the Brann Stadion. Bergen is also home to the premier ice hockey team Bergen IK, and the premier handball team Tertnes. The city has seen a number of dominating athletes from the city like TIF Viking, Norrona IL, FIK BFG Fana, IL Norna-Salhus, and IL Gular.

- **Brann Stadion:**

Address : 1, KniksensPlass, Bergen, 5063, Norway

Location : 60.3669423,5.3574701000000005

Contact No : +47 55 59 85 00

Website : <http://www.brann.no/>

10. Spas and relaxation

Bergen houses some pretty luxurious spas and is guaranteed to give you a mesmerizing experience. The environment the spa is located in is also beautiful and gives you a perfect ambience to relax in.

- **Bergen Hammam:**

Address : 1E, Nikolaikirkeallmenningen, Bergen, 5003, Norway

Location : 60.39739299999999,5.325734000000011

Contact No : +47 96 50 00 41

Website : <http://www.hammam.no/>

- **Nordnes Sjøbad:**

Address : 30, Nordnesparken, Bergen, 5005, Norway

Location : 60.3990057,5.30257610000001

Contact No : +47 53 03 91 90

Website : <http://www.bergen.kommune.no/>

- **Amber SPA:**

Address : 5, Tverrgaten, Bergen, 5017, Norway

Location : 60.39198089999999,5.331335099999933

Contact No : +47 45 46 35 62

Website : <http://www.amberspa.no/>

- **Solstrand Hotel & Bad:**

Address : 200, Solstrandvegen, Os, 5200, Norway

Location : 60.18893919999999,5.487402800000041

Contact No : +47 56 57 11 00

Website : <http://www.solstrand.com/>



11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Bergenfest

It is the music festival which holds number of concerts of about all the genres all over the town.

Constitution Day

It is the day when the town's parade takes place and all the people of the city gather totally dressed up for the event. Bergen International Festival – The most renowned event in all of Norway, which takes place for two whole weeks. Although the main focus of the festival is music but other cultural arts are involved as well. Natt Jazz

It is also a celebration of jazz as a festival, which goes on for two-weeks long.

Bergen Reggae Festival

It is an annual event of the city that is organized by the reggae collective Cushion. It is a music festival with concerts of famous artists.

Bergen International Film Festival

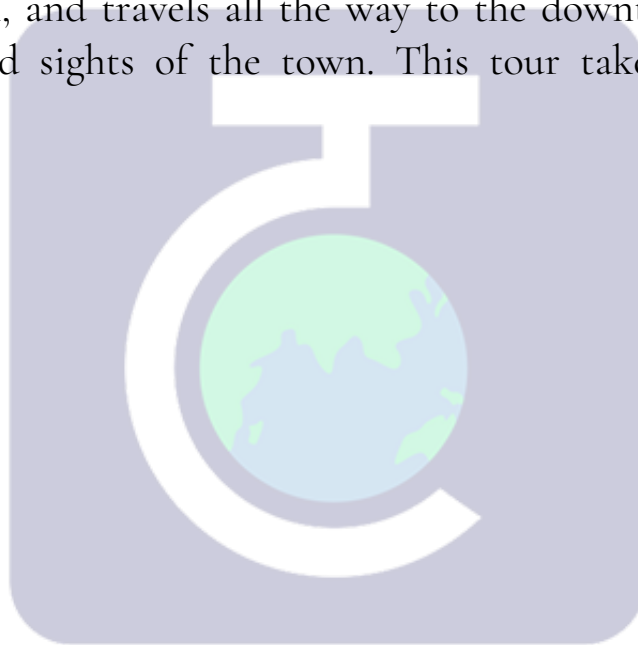
It is a week-long event which is held at the Bergen Kino, also called Magnus Barfoot Cinema Centre, which is owned by Bergen Cinema. The festival is held since the year 2000. Various films from various genres are released and showcased.



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12. Key local guides and tours

The Bergen Guided Tour happens daily from the month of May to September, at 11:00 hours. It is a tour of 3 hours to the most crucial sights of the city, which includes the Fantoft stave church and the Trolldhaugen. Another similar tour is offered at the same time but is only one and a half hour long known as Bergen Highlights. The Bergen Express is a tour by a diesel-powered imitation train that starts at the Bryggen, and travels all the way to the downtown, viewing all the important places and sights of the town. This tour takes about an hour to complete.



13. Transportation hubs

The main airport of the city is called Bergen Airport Flesland [60.291832, 5.222016], and it is about 17 kilometers from the centre of the city. The airport is facilitated with bus service, which departs from the airport and goes all the way to the city centre. To cover the total distance it takes about 30 to 40 minutes. Bergen Train Station [60.390461, 5.332921] is the main train station on the Bergen line. It is located at the city centre, and the bus that leaves from the airport arrives just next to this station. The Coastal Express terminal [60.392296, 5.312081] is approximately a 15 minute walk from here. The city also has a light rail station called Bybanen. The hub of the city, which handles all types of cargo as well as cruise ships, is called the Port of Bergen [60.392070, 5.311950]. It is renowned to for facilitating about 330 cruise ships. The service and facilities at the port for both commercial and personal use are famously reputed. The central bus station of Bergen is called Bergen Busstasjon [60.388100, 5.334028]. It is also commonly known as Bystasjonen or Busstasjonen. The bus route network is well developed in this city, and so it's very suitable to use. The bus service for the airport, mentioned earlier, although is different and it does not ply from this station.

14. Transportation cost

Bus tickets can be bought from the ticket machines at the major stoppages, or from the driver. For adults, a trip within the Bergen municipality would cost 31 NOK. For senior citizens it is 15 NOK. The children and disabled personnel are entitled to certain discounts. The special card offered by Skyss costs about a minimum of 200 NOK, and which implies a subscription up to that particular amount is spent. The Skyss provides bus and light rail services and has limited stops in the city. The light rail of the city operates from 06:00 hours to 01:00 hours, every day of the week. It generally facilitates a 10-minute frequency between two trains. The ticket is available only from the ticket machine located at the station. The price of one ticket is 60 NOK. Taxi is generally expensive for transportation in the city. Apart from taxi services of various hotels, there are taxi-stations scattered around the cities, such as the railway station, bus station, airport, Torggaten, etc. For free traveling through shuttle buses and light rails, and also to avail discounts on entry fee of few attractions, you can buy the Bergen Card which is available online. It is also available at few tourist information centers. The price for the card is: Prices for Adult/Child (3-15 years old): 24 hours: NOK 240/90 48 hours: NOK 310/120 72 hours: NOK 380/150 Prices for Student and Senior: 24 hours: NOK 192 48 hours: NOK 248 72 hours: NOK 304

Index**15. Baggage allowance**

Wheelchairs, bikes, and prams are allowed free of cost, provided there is room. 50 per cent of a single ticket for an ordinary adult must to be bought in case there is no room.



Index**16. Must try food and local savouries**

Typically a Norwegian dish is overwhelmed with fresh local ingredients from the country. The basic two pillars of any traditional Norwegian dish are the array of plants and fish these green mountains and a sea has to offer. The city is scattered with restaurants that serve authentic traditional Norwegian delicacies and delightful alternatives to Scandinavian food as well.



17. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Hanne på Høyden:**

Address : Gate 18, Fosswinckels, Bergen, 5007 Norway

Location : 60.3880362,5.32577190000006

Contact No : +47 55 32 34 32

Website : <http://www.merg-bein.no/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday–Thursday 17:00hrs–23:30hrs,
Friday–Saturday 17:00hrs–00:00hrs, Sunday 17:00hrs–23:00hrs

- **Enhjørningen Fiskerestaurant:**

Address : 29, Enhjørningsgarden, Bergen, 5003, Norway

Location : 60.397215,5.32340840000006

Contact No : +47 55 30 69 50

Website : <http://www.enhjoeringen.no/>

Open / Close Time : Monday–Saturday 16:00hrs–23:00hrs

- **To Kokker:**

Address : 29, Enhjørningsgarden, Bergen, 5003, Norway

Location : 60.3972631,5.32365179999999

Contact No : +47 55 30 69 55

Website : <http://www.tokokker.no/>

Open / Close Time : Monday–Saturday 17:00hrs–23:00hrs

- **Krok og Krinkel Bokcafe:**

Address : 14, Lille Ovregaten, Bergen, 5018, Norway

Location : 60.3956003,5.32950210000001

Contact No : +47 45 83 63 32

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/krokogkrinkel/>

Open / Close Time : Monday–Friday 08:00hrs–19:00hrs, Saturday 11:00hrs–17:00hrs, Sunday 12:00hrs–17:00hrs

- **Henrik øl og vinstove:**

Address : 10, Engen, Bergen, 5011, Norway

Location : 60.3917606999999,5.32071010000004

Contact No : +47 55 90 03 84

Website : <http://www.ve.no/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 16:00hrs–00:30hrs

- **Restaurant 1877:**

Address : 2, Vetrilidsallmenningen, Bergen 5014, Norway

Location : 60.3958943,5.32672679999996

Contact No : +47 92 87 18 77

Website : <http://www.restaurant1877.no/>

Open / Close Time : Monday–Friday 18:00hrs–21:00hrs, Saturday 12:00hrs–21:00hrs

- **Bare Vestland:**

Address : Fresco Hall, 1, Vagsallmenningen, Bergen, 5014, Norway

Location : 60.3940096999999,5.32590149999998

Contact No : +47 40 00 24 55

Website : <http://barevestland.no/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Thursday 12:00hrs–22:00hrs, Friday 12:00hrs–23:00hrs, Saturday 00:00hrs–23:00hrs, Sunday 15:00hrs–21:00hrs

- **Spisekroken:**

Address : 8, Klostergaten, Bergen, 5005, Norway

Location : 60.3942199,5.31746709999993

Contact No : +47 55 23 01 15

Website : <http://www.spisekorten.no/>

Open / Close Time : Monday–Saturday 16:00hrs–23:00hrs, Sunday 01:00hrs–22:00hrs

- **Bryggeloftet & Stuene Restaurant:**

Address : 11 Bruggen, Bergen, 5003, Norway

Location : 60.3964639999999,5.32474700000000

Contact No : +47 55 30 20 70

Website : <http://www.bruggeloftet.no/>

Open / Close Time : Monday–Thursday 11:00hrs–23:30hrs
Friday–Saturday 11:00hrs–00:00hrs Sunday 01:00hrs–23:30hrs

- **Da Stefano Restaurant:**

Address : 96, Strandgaten, Bergen, 5004, Norway

Location : 60.3959136000000,5.31649229999993

Contact No : +47 55 24 24 44

Website : <http://www.dastefano.no/>

Open / Close Time : Monday–Saturday 10:00hrs–00:00hrs Sunday
12:00hrs–21:00hrs

- **BarBarista:**

Address : 12, Ovregaten, Bergen, 5003, Norway

Location : 60.3973643999999,5.32611610000003

Contact No : +47 469 40 734

Website :

http://www.facebook.com/BarBarista.no/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Open / Close Time : Sunday–Thursday 12:00hrs–00:00hrs
Friday–Saturday 12:00hrs–01:30hrs

- **No Stress:**

Address : 11, Hollendergaten, Bergen, 5017, Norway

Location : 60.3948863,5.32655330000000

Website : <http://www.nostressbar.no/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday–Thursday 17:00hrs–02:00hrs
Friday–Saturday 17:00hrs–03:00hrs

- **Det Lille Kaffekompaniet:**

Address : 2, NedreFjellsmauet, Bergen, 5018, Norway

Location : 60.3964189999999,5.32907399999999

Contact No : +47 55 31 67 20

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/Det-lille-Kaffekompaniet-323191094121/>

Open / Close Time : Monday–Friday 10:00hrs–20:00hrs
Saturday–Sunday 10:00hrs–18:00hrs

- **Magic Ice:**

Address : Norvege, Gate 50, C. Sundts, Bergen, 5004, Norway

Location : 60.3974578,5.31265710000002

Contact No : +47 93 00 80 23

Website : <http://www.magicice.no/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Thursday 11:00hrs–23:00hrs Friday-
Saturday 11:00hrs–23:59hrs Sunday 11:00hrs–23:00hrs



Index**18. Average meal cost**

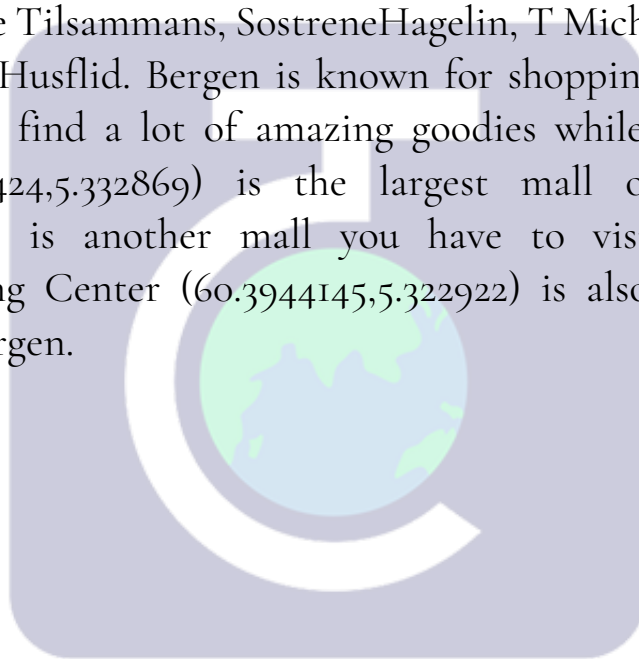
The budget breakfast in the city of Bergen can cost about 33 to 57 NOK. A budget lunch may cost about 49 to 82 NOK, while a budget dinner can begin from 106 NOK and be adjusted within 197 NOK. A pint of beer costs about 17 to 33 NOK in the city, while a bottle of wine can cost about 57 to 197 NOK.



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19. Shopping

Known as the best music store in town, Apollon [60.389656, 5.323066] offers all kinds of music related products and merchandise. The Kjottbasaren [60.395798, 5.326202] houses the finest gourmet food store of Bergen. For expensive yet cool clothing, men and women both should go to Pepper. For toys, one may visit Ruben's skattkammer [60.395798, 5.327355]. Some of the other shops that may be good for shopping are Tilsammans, SostreneHagelin, T Michael, Twisted, ZUMM Design, and BryggenHusflid. Bergen is known for shopping in the west side of Norway hence you'll find a lot of amazing goodies while you're here. Bergen Storsenter (60.3895424,5.332869) is the largest mall of Bergen. Galleriet (60.3930055,5.3251217) is another mall you have to visit when in Bergen. Kløverhuset Shopping Center (60.3944145,5.322922) is also one of the famous shopping malls in Bergen.



20. Tourist benefits

The value added tax in Norway, and thus Bergen, is 25 per cent, for most of the items. It is always included within the retail price. As the city is not a part of the European Union, every foreign citizen is eligible for a VAT refund. The prerequisite for the refunds are that at least 315 NOK worth of goods were purchased, and that the goods must not have been consumed or used within Norway. A total of 19 per cent can be gained back as a return on VAT.



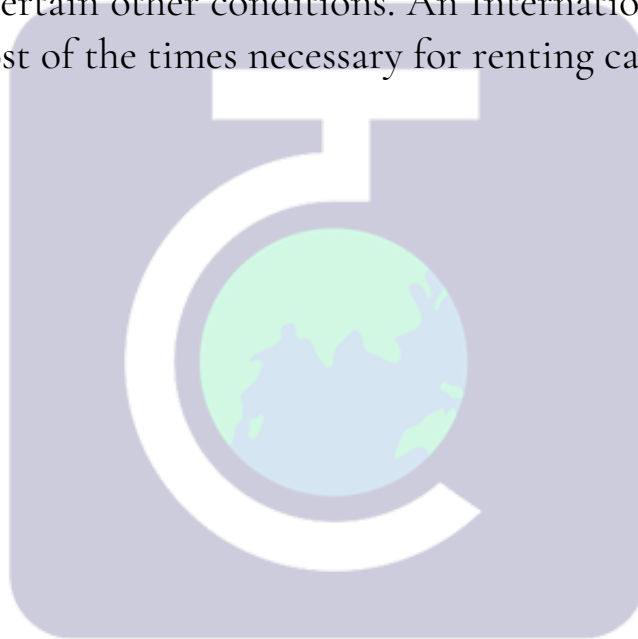
Index**21. Essential local apps**

Visitnorway is an official app that provides very comprehensive information on travel related services and products anywhere in Norway. Mycall is another app which helps the person to see the telephone directory of the city, which enables the viewer to get the contact information of any local place.



22. Driving

The city of Bergen adopts the legislation of the European Union, and so the driving license regulation is through the EEA agreement. So, if the driver's license is issued in EEA/EU, then is it valid anywhere in Norway. The licenses which are issued outside of the EEA/EU, they are only valid in the country for a period of 3 months since the time the personnel has entered Norway. For heavy vehicle categories there are certain other conditions. An International Driver's Permit is also accepted and most of the times necessary for renting cars in Bergen.



23. Travel essentials

The standard voltage in the city is 230 V. Type F power sockets are used mostly, which works with plug E and C. A power converter is required if the standard voltage of your home country is in between the range of 100 V to 127 V. If the frequency differs from 50 Hz, then using the appliance is not advised. As Bergen is quite rainy all year around, it is advisable to carry bag covers. Although the city is a very safe place, safety wallets may be carried for precaution, as necessary things can be kept with ease and accessed whenever needed.



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25. Local currency

The local currency of Norway, and thus the city of Bergen, is Norwegian Krone. 1 US Dollar [USD] = 8.22 Norwegian Krone [NOK]



26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

It is best to enquire in the respective home banks of any incurring ATM withdrawal fees from Bergen, Norway. It is generally termed as the foreign currency transaction fees, and is usually between 1 to 3 percent of the amount transacted, but can be higher as well.



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27. Staying connected

The telecom operators in the city are Telenor, Tele2, and Netcom. As per coverage is concerned Telenor is the most reputed one. Prepaid sim cards are a bit higher in price than subscription here. The card is always free here, but a minimum recharge plan needs to be taken and paid for. This may cost anywhere around 60 to 90 NOK. And then buy top-ups whenever necessary. Wi-Fi is commonly found almost everywhere, and is totally free.



28. Time Zone

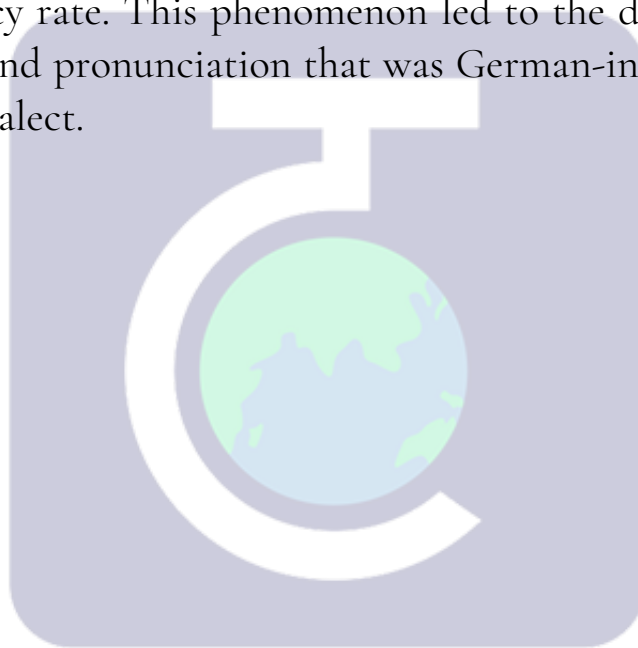
The Central European time zone of the city of Bergen in Norway is UTC +01:00 / GMT +2.



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29. Languages

The native dialect of the city is Bergensk, and it also has a variation called Vestnorsk. The language was highly influenced by merchants who spoke low-German, from the 14th to 18th centuries. Danish could also be felt as a bigger influencer in Bergen than in any other areas of the country. During the 19th and the 20th centuries, Bergensk was influenced by bokmal and riksmal, because of the improving literacy rate. This phenomenon led to the disappearance of large parts of vocabulary and pronunciation that was German-inspired, and incoming of East Norwegian dialect.



30. Political Scenario

As Bergen is an atomic unit of the local government in Norway, it is responsible for primary education, senior citizen services, outpatient health, economic development, social services and unemployment, zoning, and municipal roads. It undergoes continuous consolidation. The effort of consolidation is a bit complicated by quite a number of factors. The national government makes block grants to the municipalities based on its assessed needs.



31. Economic Scenario

The capital reign of Bergen is acknowledged within the maritime businesses, and activities such as marine research and aquaculture. Its airport is the main heliport for the North Sea oil and gas industry. LagunenStorsenter, which is the largest shopping mall of Norway, has a turnover of 2.5 billion NOK, and 5.2 million visitors each year. Tourism is a crucial income source of the city. Due to its significance in the world market it is known as unofficial capital of Western Norway.



Index**32. Religious belief**

With 76.1% of the entire population, Evangelical Lutheran is the most popular religion in the city. Islam is almost about 2.4% making it the largest non-Christian religion in the city. A total of 13.0% of the entire population is unofficially unaffiliated. While this is the scenario now, in the earlier times Norse paganism, and the Sami were the major religions like the rest of Scandinavia.



33. Visa requirements

In general, EEA and EU citizens don't require any visa to enter Norway. If they stay for more than three months, then they have to do the registrations as soon as possible. For people who are not from an EEA/EU country, they need to apply for a residence permit from their home country. The Schengen Visa for non EEA/EU citizen costs about 60 Euros. On this link you can check the requirements for your country. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application. <http://www.projectvisa.com/visainformation/Norway>



Index**34. Essential vaccination**

The city requires no particular vaccination for the entry of tourists. Although it is not a must, some routine shots could be taken for vaccination such as diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, DPT, mumps, rubella, measles, MMR, and poliovirus. For some travellers, even vaccinations for Rabies, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis A, may be recommended.



Index**35. Theft and Safety**

The city has a very low crime rate and the visitors must not be concerned regarding being victims of any sort of violence. Pickpockets like everywhere are present here as well, and so the tourists need to a bit careful and cautious. If driving, do not leave valuable things alone in the car. Avoid walking in isolated and dark areas to avoid mugging, although it is very rare.



Index**36. Embassy/Consulate**

Many embassies are situated in this city. Follow this link for any embassy related queries:<http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/norway>



37. Accessibility

Bergen is quite accessible along the seafront. There is also something called as the HOHO bus which facilitates wheelchairs particularly. Buses and trains all facilitate wheelchairs. All the streets may be uneven, but still they are quite accessible.



38. Emergencies

The SOS numbers of this city are 133 for any Medical Emergencies, 110 for Fires and Major Accidents and 112 for Police and Rescue. All the hospitals in Norway are public so they are run by Regional Health Authorities, and according to them overseas insurance policies will be accepted as long as the company is recognized under their list of accepted companies. Bergen Regional Medical Center (40.956291, -74.062245) is a well known hospital in Bergen.



Index**39. Do's and Don'ts**

Dos: • Learn basic Norwegian phrases • Always carry some cash with you • Pay attention to your belongings Don'ts: • Be rude to the service providers • Enter a taxi without a meter • Loiter in dark alleys at night



Index**40.Tipping basics**

The service charge is included in the bills at the bars or restaurants. However, if anyone is happy with service, they can leave a tip of about 10 to 100 NOK. Usually, a 10 to 15 per cent tip is considered to be a generous tip everywhere in the city.



Index**41.Pet info**

The veterinary regulations for live animals are administered by the Norwegian Food Safety Authority. No VAT or customs duty is levied on pets if the owner has lived in the foreign land for more than a year. There is a mandated treatment required for echinococcosis in the case of dogs. Other requirements include a pet passport, valid rabies vaccination certificate, and a microchip.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Bergen is a very beguiling city with the seven hills and fjords surrounding it. The local food and coffee serves the best attraction for foodies around the globe, and the fascinating array of art collections and excellent venues of music pulls in people from different regions of arts to this land. The cultural life of the city is very dynamic, making an intriguing community to live in. A lot of historical elements curtailed in the city from the days of yore, makes this city an interest spot for history, and architecture, as well. The city has an array of outdoor activities, especially adventure activities, for which it attracts a lot of people, especially with its scenic beauty alongside.



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