

## KRISTIANSAND, NORWAY

The fifth-largest and southernmost city in Norway, known for its charmingly quirky old town and urban beach. Founded in 1641 on the shore of the Skagerrak Sea.

### KEY INFO

**Currency:** Krone (1 USD = 10.6 NOK)      **Languages:** Norwegian, Sami  
**Population:** 116,000 (5.46 million Norway)      **Drive on the:** Right  
**Emergency #:** 112 (police), 113 (med), 110 (fire)      **Pharmacy:** Boots Apotek, Tollbodgata 6, 4611 Kristiansand 🌐  
**Drinking water:** Tap water is drinkable      **Protection:** SPF 30+  
**Time Zone:** GMT+2      **Wi-Fi:** Terminal, Cafes & Shopping Centres  
**ID Requirements:** Photo ID/Passport (non-EU)      **Post Office:** Østre Strandgate 67, 4608 Kristiansand 🌐

### PORT LOCATION

Ships dock at the Kristiansand Cruise Terminal, which is 1km/0.6mile from the city centre (15-min walk)

**Getting Around:** The easiest way to enjoy Kristiansand is on foot. There is a bus system that links you with major attractions outside of the city centre. A local bus station is nearby the port and a ticket can be purchased in the cruise terminal, on the AKT Billett-app ([Apple](#) | [Android](#)) or on the bus 🇳🇴 🇸🇪

🗺️ [Click here](#) for a map of Kristiansand, with a suggested walking route in red

**Taxis:** Taxis are available at the port (though are expensive)

**Tourist Bus:** There is a [Hop-On Hop-Off Sightseeing Bus](#) (8-stops, starts at cruise port | \$45 USD)

**Tourist Information:** In Terminal ([click here for a pdf map and tourist brochure of Kristiansand](#))

**Port Facilities:** Tourist Information, Toilets, Shops, Taxis, Public Bus, WiFi

**Port Address:** Kristiansand Cruise Terminal, 4610 Kristiansand, Norway 🌐

### KRISTIANSAND HIGHLIGHTS - SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR FROM CRUISE PORT

**Fiskebrygga Fish Market:** Lively and fun fish market set in the quay just outside of the cruise port area. See fishing boats and enjoy fresh seafood in waterfront restaurants.

24 hours | Free | 600m from port (8-min walk) | 🌐 | 🗺️

**Kristiansand Cathedral:** The largest church in the city, and the longest in the whole country at 70m (230ft) long. Opened in 1885, this Gothic Revival cathedral is part of the Church of Norway. Organ recitals on cruise ship days. 10a-5p (Mon-Fri) | Free | 1.3km from port (20-min walk) | 🌐 | 🗺️

**Posebyn Old Town:** In the eastern part of the city is Kristiansand's old town, with charming white wooden houses and quirky shops. After a fire ravaged Kristiansand in 1892, just this area survived.

24 hours | Free | 1.8km from port (25-min walk) | 🌐

**Christiansholm Fortress:** A military fortress built in 1672, with picnic tables and great views over the water. 24 hours | Free | 1.6km from port (21-min walk) | 🌐

**Bystranda City Beach:** A popular urban beach, which feels more like being in southern parts of Europe... but the water's certainly not warm. 24 hours | Free | 1.7km from port (23-min walk) | 🌐

For more: [www.visitnorway.com](http://www.visitnorway.com) , [www.cruise-norway.no](http://www.cruise-norway.no) , [en.visitorlandet.com/destinations/kristiansand/](http://en.visitorlandet.com/destinations/kristiansand/)

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## REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

**Kristiansand Kanonmuseum:** Built as a fortress by the Germans in WWII, this museum has a large collection of canons, including the second-largest land canon in the world.

11a-3p (Mon-Fri), 11a-6p (Sat, Sun) | €10.40 | 10.2km from port (17-min drive) |  | 

**Kristiansand Zoo & Amusement Park:** Norway's largest zoo and amusement park, Dyrepark is a huge entertainment area comprising of different parks, a zoo, theme parks and a water park.

10a-4p (Mon-Fri), 10a-5p (Sat, Sun) | €25 | 13.6km from port (16-min drive) |  | 

## SOMETHING TO EAT OR DRINK

**Seafood:** Given its close proximity to the sea, Kristiansand is known for its fresh seafood, such as **Sursild** (pickled herring). At **Fiskebrygga**, you can enjoy fresh shrimp and mussels straight off the boat.

**Fårikål:** Considered by many to be Norway's national dish, this is a hearty stew made with lamb and cabbage.

**Lefse:** A potato flatbread, often served with fish, meat and cheese.

**Brunost:** Also known as 'brown cheese', this delicious caramel cheese is made with whey from the making of white cheese, mixed with fresh milk or cream. A delicious sweet cheese typical of the region.

## LOCAL SOUVENIRS

**Reindeer Pelts:** A big part of Norwegian culture and tradition, and an excellent way to stay warm in the winter. They're such good insulation that locals will use them to sit outside in the snow.

**Cheese Slicer:** If you're taking home some brown cheese, make sure to get a cheese slicer to carve it from the block as the locals do.

**Hiking Gear:** Norwegians live for the outside and their hiking gear is top quality and well-priced.

**Tine:** A traditional box, typically used to store cheese. Early examples date back to the 1800s.

## LOCAL LINGO

<b>Hello</b>	Hallo	<b>Please</b>	Vær så snill
<b>Goodbye</b>	Ha det	<b>Thank you</b>	Takk skal du ha
<b>Toilet/Restroom</b>	Toalett	<b>Cruise Ship Port</b>	Cruiseskiphavn