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NAME OF PORT:

LEIRVIK GJESTEHAVN

STORD KOMMUNE

Quay capacity: 190 m (three quays)

Anchoring depths: 3 – 9 m

Pilotage: Free

Stord is the only town in Sunnhordland and it is a centre for the entire region. Leirvik is a junction for communication within and out of Sunnhordland. In Stord, the distance to travel to new experiences in all of Sunnhordland is relatively short. Here you can go skiing in perpetual snow, swim in the sea, fish for trout in the rivers and for pollock in the sea, all in one day.

Sunnhordland Museum has a farm cluster situated a few minutes' walk up hill from the centre of Leirvik. You can experience both beautiful scenery and its exciting history. Stord Maritime Museum, situated on Leirvik harbour, highlights the industrial and maritime history of Sunnhordland over the last 100 years.

The Mining Museum is situated at Litlabø. Take a train ride around the mine area and see the historic exhibition in the old smithy, the environmental exhibition in the workers' dwelling and the old power station. Vikahaugen Sports Grounds is a multi-purpose sports facility which has a climbing wall and beach volleyball court. The beach volleyball court is open during the summer months and can be used free of charge.

NAME OF PORT:

ROSENDAL HAMN

KVINNHERAD KOMMUNE

Quay capacity: 280 m

Anchoring depths: 3 – 30 m

Pilotage: Free

Rosendal is a village in the municipality of Kvinnherad. It is situated on the Hardanger fjord next to Folgefonna National Park and has a beautiful coastline, stretching from dramatic scenery with waterfalls and steep mountains in the north to mild coastline and islands in the south.

The village along the fjord here has strong traditions of wooden boat building. Until the 1950s this was an important industry. Today you can visit the ship building museum Skaalurensamlinga in Rosendal and visit enthusiasts who restore the Ketch (Galeas) Gurine, just a short walk from Rosendal harbour.

11 miles north of Rosendal is Mauranger fjord. This is a typical narrow western fjord surrounded by high mountains. From here you can see a part of Folgefonna, Norway's third largest glacier. The very short distance from the coast into the narrow fjord makes it attractive for many sailors and other boaters who want to experience a typical western fjord without sailing too far.

The Rosendal Barony is a very special place, both as a museum and a cultural institution with its diverse cultural program every summer. The manor house was built in 1665 between fjords, glaciers, mountains and waterfalls. You can find more information on the activities available at www.baroniet.no. The Stone Park in Rosendal is a natural park where you can learn about its geological history. It is a unique landscape park a short walk from the quay. For more information, you can view www.steinparken.no.



NAME OF PORT:

STRUSSHAMN

ASKØY KOMMUNE

Quay capacity: 150m (two quays)

Anchoring depths: 5m

Pilotage: Free

Right outside Bergen you find the picturesque harbour Strusshamn. Once the biggest farm on Askøy, previously owned by the church, the king, and later by merchants from the hanseatic families Heiberg, Meyer, Gørbitz and Pütter. Strusshamn's harbour with its ideal location laid the foundations for the inn, church and municipal administration from 1837; and was in its time a quarantine harbour and the port where the ships waited for the right sailing conditions to and from Bergen.

Strusshamn today is popular among local boaters and long distance sailors. The old shoddy-factory is transformed into a cultural centre with local museums, café, art and music. In the port, the crews will be close together, and they will be able to give their own colour to the event. They offer possibilities for grill parties, football matches, gym at the nearby school, traditional small wooden rowing boats called Oselser, canoes, kayaking, swimming spots, trips to the lookout point, «small ships» regatta for the crews in «yngling», and an «open stage» that can be used for crew parties or small concerts.

NAME OF PORT:

SIREVÅG HAMN

HÅ KOMMUNE

Quay capacity: 320m

Anchoring depths: 4-9m

Pilotage: Free

Sirevåg is a village in Hå municipality, and the third biggest fishery harbour in Rogaland. The village is close to the fishery routes in the south of The North Sea and has short distances to the continent. The harbour has many fishing vessels delivering shrimps, mackerel and white fish. In Sirevåg there is both a fish harvesting and processing industry. Soused herring is a specialty in the Benelux countries, and Sirevåg-shrimps are well known in the region. The village is well placed in the Jæren area that is known for offering a wide range of local produce from shrimps, fish, meat and vegetables served in traditional and modern ways.

Every summer the idyllic harbour is a popular destination for sailors and boaters. Sirevåg has a very large mole/breakwater protecting its harbour (Europe's second largest humeral mole) which makes it a safe and good place to dock. It's closest neighbour to the north is Jærestrendene, with beautiful open-air beaches and wide horizons.

During World War II, the German occupiers built a fortress on the Vedafjellet, just south of Sirevåg, as part of "Festung Norwegen". Viewpoints and caves in the mountains are still intact and are visited by a large number of tourists each year.





NAME OF PORT:

**BEKKJARVIK
GJESTEHAVN**

AUSTEVOLL KOMMUNE

Quay capacity: 127 m

Anchoring depths: 4-9m

Pilotage: Free

Bekkjarvik has been an important centre for trade in Sunnhordland. Bekkjarvik gave good shelter for sailors and fishermen on their way in to Bergen. In the end of the 1600s, Bekkjarvik Gjestegiveri was built to house sea travellers, on orders from the Danish King Cristian Quart. Fisheries have continually been important in Bekkjarvik and at some point there was a barrel factory in the port. You can still see the old hangers for closing nets, and in the main building there is an exhibition showcasing the history and fisheries of Bekkjarvik. Today, fisheries are still a big part of Bekkjarvik; fishing vessels are often seen laying in the port.

In 2015 Bekkjarvik was awarded a prize for being the best port in Norway for boaters and distance sailors. Throughout the year there are exhibitions, concerts and other events in the port. There are good shopping opportunities and nice hikes close by. Bekkjarvik Gjestegiveri is today a popular hotel. The son of the owners, Ørjan Johanessen, won gold in the Bocuse d'Or competition in Lyon in 2015, and they therefore are well known for their tasty and beautiful dishes made from local produce.

NAME OF PORT:

ARENDAAL HAVN

ARENDAAL KOMMUNE

Quay capacity: City centre quays: 800 m

Anchoring depths: minimum depth 10 m

Pilotage: Free, but limited due to reduced capacity

Along the beautiful southern coast of Norway, you find the small town Arendal. Though there are only about 39 000 inhabitants in this municipality, you'll find we can offer a big city atmosphere during the summer months. Then, this town really comes to life with numerous activities from May through August. Every week can offer something special to our guests, such as the Boat Fair in May, Children's culture week in June or International Market and Canal Street - Arendal jazz and blues festival in July.

Arendal was one of Norway's largest and most important shipping towns in the 18th and 19th centuries, known as the Tall Ships Era. The wealth of the town is based on shipping industries, forestry and mining.

During the summer months, about 150 000 tourists travel to our little town. The southern coast bears connotation to sun, boat life and swimming, but there are many more activities available. Some are offered 12 months a year, some are seasonal. Activities range from diving, sightseeing, and fishing, to museums, art galleries and guided town tours. Science Center South is a fun and exciting place where you can play, learn and explore. The Tyholmen area in the town centre, known for its historic buildings, is well worth visiting.



NAME OF PORT:

DYPEDAL HAVN

HVALER KOMMUNE

Quay capacity: Less than 10 class B, C and D ships

Anchoring depths: 4 m

Pilotage: Not necessary

Smaller vessels (max draft 4 m) who wish to start early on day 1 of Cruise-in-Company are welcome to stay overnight at Dypedal in the Hvaler archipelago after the Parade of Sail. Hvaler is made up of 833 islands and skerries – there is pretty much a warm beach and a sheltered bay for every taste. Hvaler offers delights by land and by sea. The island paradise is perfect both for daytrips and long explorations. The Hvaler archipelago also houses Norway's first Marine National Park and because this region provides more sunshine than many other places in Norway, it is a perfect place for recreation in a peaceful environment.

On Hvaler you can fish, bathe, eat well, sail, sunbathe on polished granite rocks, paddle, explore Ytre Hvaler National Park and a maritime paradise with over 800 islands and skerries. Come to Hvaler by bike, boat, car or public transport. Most popular in summer, the island kingdom of Hvaler is also hauntingly beautiful in winter.

Hvaler is equally attractive by land as from the water. Visit the Medieval stone church at Kirkøy, Hvaler, which is one of Norway's oldest. Skjærhalden houses the National Park Centre, and has its own harbour beach, Kroksand. The coastal museum is located in Dypedal on Spjærøy, also the Brottet amphitheatre, built in an old granite quarry.



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