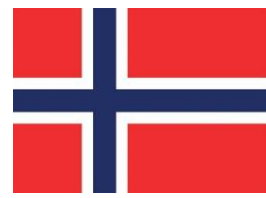


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PORT BASICS

Port History

Eidfjord is located in the end of the Eid Fjord, a branch of the magnificent Hardangerfjord. The history of Eidfjord starts when the Bishop of Stavanger had a small parish built in 1309. There is also evidence that the village was inhabited before this by early Vikings as there are burial mounds located just up the hill from the village on a small plateau. In 2005 the village opened the cruise port and has become a desired cruise port to visit due to its proximity to beautiful waterfalls and nature.

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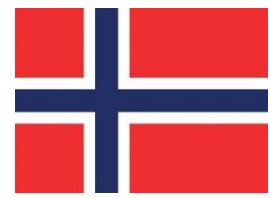
Website : <https://hardangerfjord.com/en/eidfjord>
Email : turistinfo@visiteidfjord.no
Phone : +47 53 673400
Timezone : GMT +1
Population : 900 ~ 950



Docking Information

Eidfjord is a very small sleepy little fjord town. Usually there is only the one ship in port, docked at the main cruise dock, but on rare occasions there may be another ship in which will have to tender its way into town. Tender boats are the lifeboats on your vessels which will be lowered and used to bring you ashore. From either option you will be located directly in the small town. The location is flat and easily accessible to everybody to walk/ stroll into town while taking in the views of the huge mountains around you. The ship its internet might be spotty due to these mountains, however all the small cafes in town will have perfectly working internet. Ships generally do not stay long in Eidfjord, hence it is very important to check the all aboard time at your vessel its gangway or one of the crew standing there. Additional note: If you are onboard a ship that has to tender into town, the tender ride duration depends on the anchor berth of the vessel. Usually the tender duration does not take more than 10 to 15 minutes, but it is advisable to double check with your onboard excursion staff as they would know best. Each vessel has its own tender procedures, usually tours tend to get priority, double check the tender procedures with the guest services.

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Taxi Information

As this is a very small town and easily walkable. There are limited to no taxis available in port.

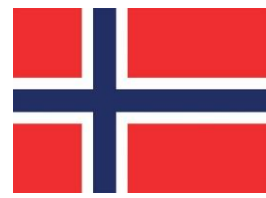
Hop On Hop Off

Same as with the taxi service, seeing it is such a small town, there is no Hop On Hop Off bus. There is however a small Trolltrain ride you could take if you are unable to walk around in town. The Trolltrain will take you on a guided 50 minute ride through town and shows you the main sites in town. Last known price for the ride was \$15 per person, please note this is from my personal knowledge of my last visit to the port in 2020. The website does not provide up to date fees and departure times.

<https://hardangerfjord.com/en/eidfjord/attractions/a-the-trolltrain-968303>



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THINGS TO SEE AND DO

City Walk

From your docking location, you can walk right off the ship and through the little terminal gate straight up to the Eidfjord guest house. Built in the 1896 by Lars Sæbø, it is open for visits and functions as a great close by place to get fast internet or enjoy a beverage or a meal without leaving the ship too far behind you. You can continue further into town, on a slow pace this should not take you more than 10 minutes.

In the center you will easily find the Old Church built in 1309, or you can visit one of the many little cafes and boutique shops in the center of the village. A short 20 minute walk from town center will bring you the Hæreid Viking graves.

From the town center you can also opt to cross the little bridge which brings you onto the walking paths across the water. You will quickly see that Eidfjord truly is a very peaceful little fjord village with stunning nature all around it. From this side of the bridge you will be able to get impressive pictures of your vessel, the mountains and the calm waters that surround it. All the noteworthy places to visit by foot will be marked with clear signs.

Vøringsfossen

pronounced as Voe-rings-fossen, is a beautiful waterfall. You can take a tour up to the viewing platform, or if you have enough time in port, hike up to the waterfalls.

Distance from Eidfjord	: 12.1 miles, or 19.5 kilometers
Travel time by bus	: approximately 30 minutes
Waterfall drop	: 600 feet, or 183 meters

Hiking options for Vøringsfossen

From Øvre Eidfjord the hike will be approximately 4 hours to complete. It would take you on a 5.78 mile or 9.3 kilometer hike. But there are other options if you are short on time in port, which usually is the case and hence below option is more advisable.

You can take the public bus, refer to your preferred route planner app, such as bus 991. This bus will bring you up to Fossatromma in 19 minutes times. From here you can start the hike. The hike, two way, will take you about 3 hours. This timing is not taking into account your time spent to view the waterfall.

<https://www.visitnorway.com/places-to-go/fjord-norway/the-hardangerfjord-region/listings-hardanger-fjord/hike-to-v%C3%B8ringsfossen-waterfall/7083/>

Note: It is always advisable to do this with a local guide.

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Hardangervidda Nature Centre

At the center you will learn more about Norway its nature, climate and environment. It has several exhibitions and takes your history from all the way back to 2.9 billion years ago to modern times.

Distance from Eidfjord	: 31 miles or 49.9 kilometers
Bus/ Car ride	: approximately 45 minutes
Entrance fee Adults	: 150 NOK
Entrance fee Children 3 -12	: 120 NOK
Website	: https://norsknaturcenter.no/en/

Eid fjord cruise

A short walk to the right from your docking location, and even closer if you are tending into Eidfjord, you will find a little marina. This is where a smaller vessel does an Eid fjord cruise. With this cruise you will be able to see parts of the Eid fjord your cruise ship can't get in to. This truly impressive fjord becomes even more impressive when you see it from the vantage point of a smaller vessel.

Tours

All of the above will be offered by your particular cruise ship in some sort of combination. Note: as this is a small port, the operators will have limited number of guides and busses available.

Fjord Tours

<https://www.fjordtours.com/places-to-visit-in-norway/eidfjord/>

Shore2shore (if you are traveling in a group)

<https://shore2shore-excursions.com/norway/tour/eidfjord-voringfossen-waterfall-and-hardangervidda-center-from-port-of-eidfjord/>

Norway Excursions (small group Private tour)

<https://www.norwayexcursions.com/en/tour/eidfjord-private-the-ultimate-sightseeing-tour/>

Prices will range vastly depending on which option you choose to do but will be between \$50 to \$160 per person.



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OFF THE BEATEN PATH & ACTIVE

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Fjord Kayaking & Fjord RIB Boat

A short walk to the right from your docking location, and even closer if you are tendering into Eidfjord, you will find a little marina. At this small marina you can rent kayaks or choose do a guided kayak or a RIB boat experience. By seeing the fjord in this way you can get as close as safely possible to waterfalls within the fjords and see the sheer size of the mountain walls all around you.

Tours

Organized ship tour.

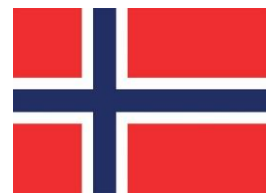
Fjord Tours

<https://www.fjordtours.com/places-to-visit-in-norway/eidfjord/>

Prices will range from \$70 to \$110



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Kjeåsen mountain farm

Perched high up in the mountain and is known as one of the most inaccessible farms of the world. The farm as built 400 years ago and requires a very steep and twisting mountain road and a rather dark tunnel to get to. At the farm you get a beautiful view over the fjord and meet the mountain animals. You can buy some local cheese and other delicacies or just walk through the farm and take in the views. The farm is free to visit.

<https://www.visitnorway.com/places-to-go/fjord-norway/the-hardangerfjord-region/listings-hardanger-fjord/kje%C3%A5sen-mountain-farm-in-eidfjord/7080/>

To get to the farm you can use a hiking trail that starts at the Sima powerplant, which is located 4.03 miles or 6.5 kilometer out of Eidfjord and requires a good fitness level. The hike will take approximately 3 to 4 hours round trip.

<https://www.visitnorway.com/places-to-go/fjord-norway/the-hardangerfjord-region/listings-hardanger-fjord/hike-to-kje%C3%A5sen-mountain-farm/193660/>

Alternatively you can hitchhike to the farm, Norway is a safe country and people are generally very friendly and there are no local busses that stop near the farm.

Your ship will without a doubt offer tours going to the farm, however with that said, in my experience the tour often gets cancelled due to lack of participation. Please keep this in mind and plan ahead of alternative ways to reach the farm if this is a must see item during your visit.



Måbødalen cultural museum

Even though this is called a museum, it really is more of an open-air museum idea with a hiking trail. Here you will see the old setting of Eidfjord and get the opportunity to walk or hike through the area. Seeing the old houses, stone fences, barns and a fire house.

<https://hardangerfjord.com/en/eidfjord/attractions/mabodalen-agricultural-countryside-museum-919753>

For the hiking option, please visit the below page.

<https://hardangerfjord.com/en/eidfjord/attractions/mabo-museum-maboberget-mabo-museum-972703#info>

You can use the local bus to get to the museum. Bus 991 takes your to the museum and takes approximately 20 minutes to get your there. Please refer to your preferred route planner for bus departure times.