













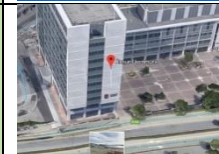


Ålesund Highlights

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Nr	Information about this number on your map		
1	<p>Welcome to this local excursion operated by LocalTrips AS. It starts from lane 8 at the terminal.</p> <p>Norwegian law requires you to use seatbelts throughout the tour and you could be liable to a fine of NOK 1500 (USD 189 – GBP 140 – Euro 162) if caught without using them.</p> <p>The tour includes stops at internationally well-known locations. Some have toilet facilities.</p>		
44		<p>Travelling through a three tunnel sub-sea system – indicated by the red color on the map, we will take you on a visit to some of our surrounding beautiful islands – Ellingsøy, Valderøy, Giske and Godøy. The tunnel system was officially opened by King Olav in 1986 as a toll-road, the toll charges ended in 2008. Giske is historically significant for being the birthplace of Rollon, a famous Viking, to become the first Duke of Normandie, the northern part of France.</p>	
50	<p>Exiting the tunnels after the island visit, we continue to the next stop on Mount Aksla at the viewpoint of Fjellstua, the mountain restaurant, with a 280° view of Aalesund and the surrounding areas, including the Sunnmøre Alps.</p>		
80	<p>We are approaching Giske church, made from marble, but all walls are covered with plaster to protect the marble from salt. Dating back to approximately 1170, it seats up to 125 people and is still an active church with services every second Sunday. In the days when Norway was a catholic country, the church was declared a pilgrim church by the Pope and by kissing the crosses inscribed on the eastern wall, one could be absolved from all sins from the previous 100 days.</p>		
82		<p>The breathtaking view from the viewpoint at Mount Aksla should be captured by your camera. The height is 180 meters above sea-level, and you can also access the viewpoint by climbing the 436 steps from the town park.</p>	
84	<p>The district regional museum, Sunnmøre Museum, reflects the life and the living of the people along the fjords and the coastline. Located only a few minutes by car from the town center, its 50 acres open air facility includes over 55 original but well-preserved houses typical for the district. The museum also reflects the life of the fishermen, by showcasing typical fishingboats from the 1700 until the 1900.</p>		

86		<p>Ålesund church was officially opened in 1909, replacing the church that was destroyed by the citywide fire in 1904. It seats up to 800 guests.</p> <p>www.kirken-aalesund.no/aalesund</p>
88	<p>Sightseeing in the town center:</p> <p>The population in Ålesund is approximately 46.000 and if we include the immediate surrounding area, we estimate it to be around 65.000. Its history goes back some 8.000 years in time, but, significantly, what shaped the present Ålesund is the fire that broke out on January 23rd, 1904. Being a town of some 12.000 people, over 10.000 of them lost everything and over 850 houses were totally destroyed by the fire, partly due to a hurricane force storm from southwest.</p> <p>The rebuilding started almost immediately, lasting for 3-4 years. The dominant architecture in Europe at that time was Art Nouveau, an architecture that was adopted to be used here. Around 52 architects and hundreds and hundreds of construction workers helped build the new town with every skill and profession available.</p> <p>www.aalesund.kommune.no</p>	
90	<p>The Molja lighthouse was built in 1858 and fully automated in 1977. Besides being a lighthouse to lead the way into the inner harbor, it also doubles as a hotel room, being served by one of the downtown hotels.</p> <p>www.brosundet.no</p> <p>www.fyr.no</p>	
92		<p>Atlantehavsparken – the Atlantic Sea Park – is one of the biggest aquariums in Northern Europe. It features indoor tanks as well as outdoor areas for penguins, otters and seals. Built in 1998 they have activities like the daily fish feeding show by divers in the biggest indoor tank as well as feeding of the outdoor animals.</p> <p>www.atlantehavsparken.no/en</p>
94	<p>The Walde house. One of the very few houses to survive the 1904 fire. Believed to be an act of an angel, the owner was warned of the fire and that his house was selected to remain without damage. Houses attached to it were all destroyed. Today the house is being used as a coffeeshop as well as a historic reminder of what took place.</p>	
96		<p>Ålesund Museum. The museum is open daily and is easily accessible from the downtown area.</p> <p>www.sunnmore.museum.no/musea/aalesunds-museum</p>
97	<p>The National Art Nouveau center – Jugendstilsenteret – to care for the architecture as well as the Art Nouveau design, is hosted in Ålesund. One of the features is a time travel machine that will take you back to the night of the fire, presented in a multimedia presentation with pictures, voices and sound to recapture the devastating night.</p> <p>www.jugendstilsenteret.no</p>	
98		<p>Ålesund town hall is the high rise building close to the Cruise terminal. The building is on a site famous for its former bird cliff where seagulls in the thousands nested. A local attraction was the possibility of being “bombed” from above by bird waste when walking by the cliff.</p>

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