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Ports & Excursions

Alesund, Norway

The island of Giske is the reputed birthplace of the great Viking Rollo, who laid siege to Paris and founded the Duchy of Normandy. William the Conqueror was his grandson.

In 1904, a massive fire destroyed 800 buildings in this fishing port. Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II responded with immediate aid, and Ålesund was reborn. Not surprisingly, the town was rebuilt in the then-popular Art Nouveau style known as Jugendstil. The result is one of the prettiest ports in Norway. Buildings with elegant turrets and spires can be seen lining the streets of the city center. Today, the city is one of Norway's most important fishing harbors and the world's largest supplier of stockfish (Klippfisk) - dried cod. Alesund's major attractions are the surrounding fjords and the stunning Sunnmøre Alps.

Points of Interest

1 Mt Aksla

Climb the 418 steps or drive to the perfect viewpoint within this city mountain for some of the most spectacular vistas of the archipelago, the beautiful town center, and the amazing Sunnmøre Alps.

2 Valldal

Nestled among the alpine mountains and steep, green hills, this lush valley is famous for its natural wonders and fertile ground perfect for growing cherries, apples, raspberries, and strawberries.

3 Sunnmøre Museum

Step back in time at this unique open-air museum made up of 55 old and distinct houses. Enjoy fascinating exhibits that show you the life of the people who have settled here for centuries.

4 Atlantic Ocean Marine Park

Experience the largest saltwater aquarium in Scandinavia. There are touch pools and activity pools, as well as huge aquariums featuring sea life from the Norwegian coast and northern Atlantic Ocean.

5 Trollveggen

The "Troll Wall" has long been a prestigious goal for climbers and BASE jumpers alike. It's the highest vertical mountain wall in Europe, rising 3,600 feet from the valley to the top of the wall.

6 Giske Island

This island has been inhabited since the Bronze Age and was the birthplace of the Viking Rollo, who founded the Duchy of Normandy in France. Tour the island and visit its 12th-century marble church.

7 Godøy Island

Most of the island's residents live on the southern coast, but the island's northern coast boasts a lovely lighthouse. Climb the 88 steps to the top for stunning views of the sea, fjords and Ålesund.

8 Jugendstil Museum

Discover the fascinating and exciting history of Art Nouveau. This museum takes you through a "time machine" and multi-media show, as you see the history of Ålesund after the great fire of 1904.

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Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular

Trollstigen & Valldal
AES-105 | Alesund, Norway | Group Size: 45

You will visit: 2 | You will see: 5 | E | 8 hours | from **$199.95**

Explore Norway's Western Fjords on a scenic drive offering some truly spectacular views. You'll see the dramatic cliffs of the Trollveggen rising 3,600 feet into the clouds. You'll visit fertile Valldal, noted for its strawberry production and annual Strawberry Festival. Then enjoy a traditional country lunch at a local restaurant.

City Drive, Sunnmøre Museum & Atlantic Park
AES-210 | Alesund, Norway | Group Size: 45

You will visit: 3 4 | M | 3 hours | from **$109.95**

Destroyed by fire in 1904, Ålesund was rebuilt in the German Art Nouveau style known as Jugendstil. View its elegant buildings before touring Sunnmøre Open Air Museum with it collection of historic buildings and ships. Visit Atlantic Ocean Park, an aquarium with massive, seascape style tanks set in the coastline.

Off the Beaten Path

Giske & Godøy Islands
AES-220 | Alesund, Norway | Group Size: 45

You will visit: 6 7 | You will see: 1 | M | 4 hours | from **$99.95**

Discover the islands of Giske and Godøy, loaded with charm and history. You'll tour Giske, the "Saga Island," known to be inhabited since the Bronze Age, stopping for a photo at the 12th-century white marble church. You'll also see Godøy, with its lighthouse that offers spectacular views of the fjords.

City Drive
AES-290 | Alesund, Norway | Group Size: 45

You will see: 1 | E | 2 hours | from **$59.95**

This tour is designed for passengers who prefer to see some sights from the motorcoach with little or no walking involved. Enjoy a two-hour introduction to this unique city that offers a glimpse of ancient and modern history. This narrative drive takes you past some of the very impressive Art Nouveau buildings from the turn of the century, as well as some of its more picturesque vistas.

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City Walk & Jugendstil
AES-380 | Alesund, Norway | Group Size: 22

You will visit:

2.5 hours from **$39.95**

After the fire of 1904, Ålesund was rebuilt with Kaiser Whilhelm's aid in the style of Germany's Art Nouveau. Explore the city on a walking tour that visits the Norwegian Art Nouveau Center. View the town's buildings with their stone towers before strolling to the foot of Mt. Aksla.