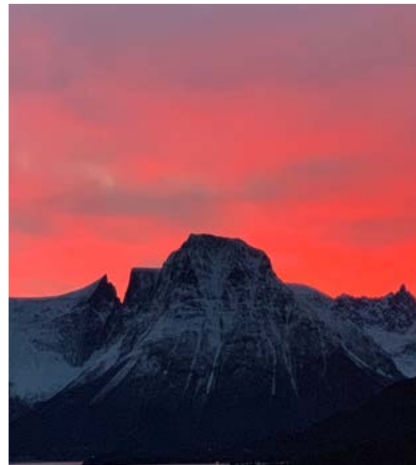
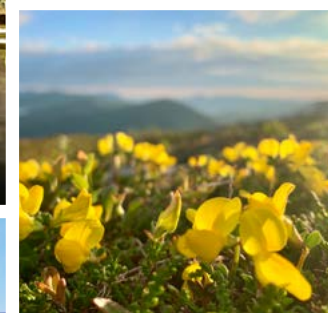


WELCOME TO HAREID Explorer's Port





Welcome to Hareid

Hareid is, compared to villages elsewhere in the region, a medium-sized municipality with slightly above 5000 inhabitants.

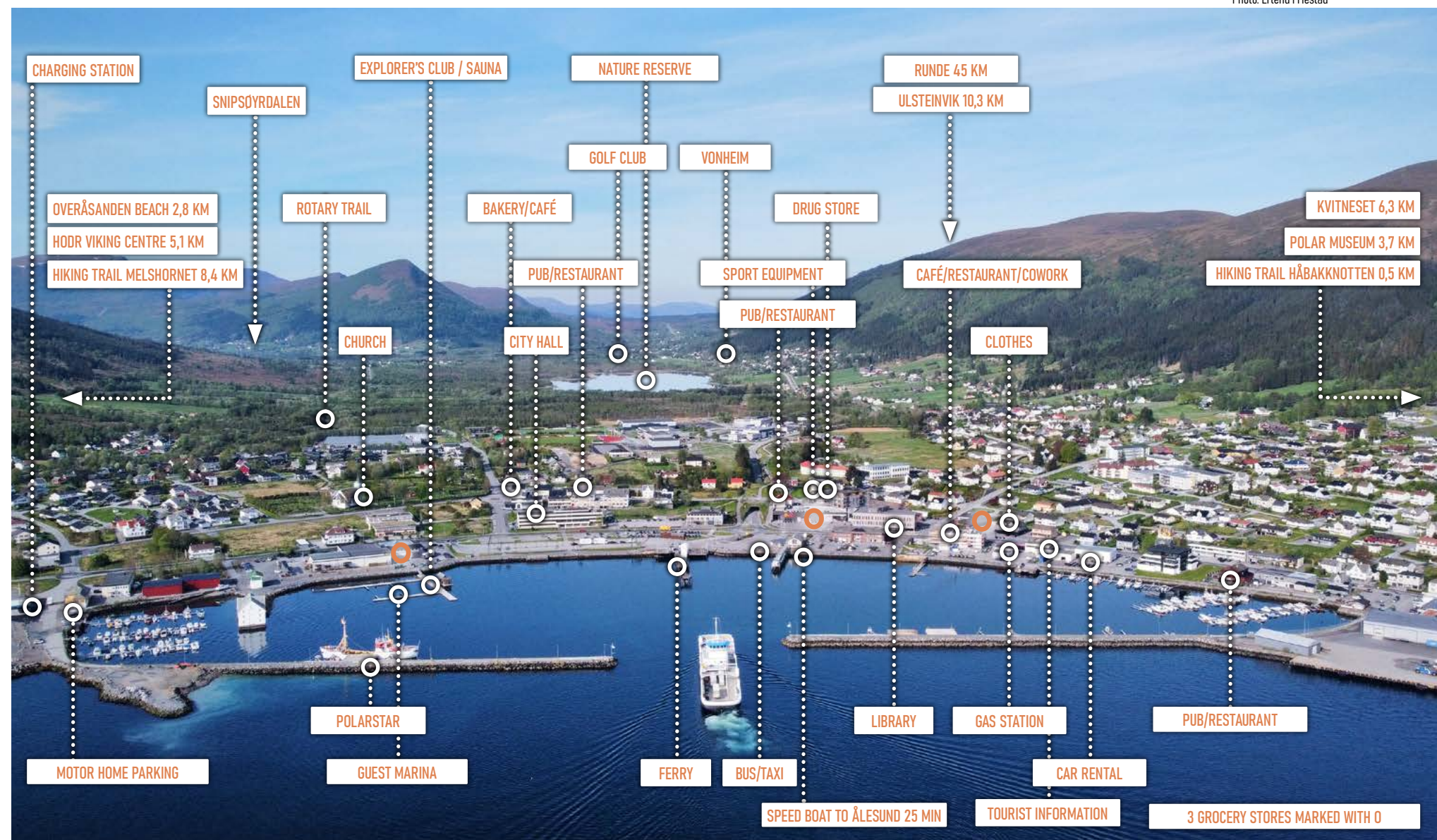
Hareids history is closely linked to pioneering activities, both locally and in the surrounding areas. There are strong references to the Viking age and sealing in the Arctic Ocean in more recent times. In fact, the town Ny-Ålesund on Svalbard was formerly called Brandal City, named after Brandal where most of the pioneers came from. The Norwegian polar explorer Roald Amundsen often contacted the experienced Arctic Sea sailors from Brandal before he set off on his many explorations. Therefore, it is with great pride that we welcome you to Hareid – Explorer's port.

In addition to museums that curate these stories, you will find most of what you would expect to find in a place like Hareid. All the city functions are concentrated downtown and you will find restaurants, bakery, grocery stores, a pharmacy and small stores for clothes, sports equipment and souvenirs. All easily accessible from the harbour. Hareid has a versatile business community that is closely linked to the maritime industry which is based on long traditions and experiences.

Hareid has a rich cultural life and is known as The choir-village. Maybe you will get to experience one of the many choirs during your stay? The village also has many voluntary organizations such as sports teams, brass bands, as well as an active church.

Many of the inhabitants of Hareid have chosen to live her because of the closeness to nature. The hiking trails to the mountains start a 15 minute walk from the harbour. You can rent kayaks or bicycles nearby. The local 9-hole golf course or the wonderful beach Overåsanden is just a few minutes by car/taxi from the town centre. If you prefer to relax, you can stay in pleasant surroundings and perhaps take a stroll along the harbour area. From here you can study the activities you may expect to find in a small, but lively village. Find a bench, relax and enjoy the view of the sea and the mountains.

Welcome!





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The Polar Museum



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The polar museum for arctic harvesting, "Ishavsmuseet Aarvak", tells an exciting story about the arctic ocean's true heroes, and how the industry has influenced the whole nation. The museum tells the story about the men who fought against the forces of nature and the homesickness, those who sailed out only 15 years old without a hint of fear in their soul, the skipper and trappers.

The museum is situated in the centre of Brandal in an old wharfside

shed formerly used for processing seal skins, 4 km from the city centre of Hareid. Brandal was a centre for sealing and expeditions to the arctic from the west coast of Norway. From the start in 1898, 57 small ships set sail from this small town. 41 were wrecked in the ice and in rough seas where the gods of weather in all their majesty can be merciless. The museum displays hundred years of history of sealing,



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expeditions in northeast Greenland during the winter, and mining operations in Ny-Ålesund, Spitsbergen, or Brandal City, as the place was first named. Exhibits cover 2500 m2 in addition to the arctic vessel, M/S Aarvak, constructed in 1912, brought to land in dry dock and built into the side of the museum. The museum also has a section for the explorer Ragnar Thorseth who was the first Norwegian standing at the North Pole, he also sailed around the world in the Viking ship "Saga Siglar".

The museum welcome groups from 10 to 110 persons for guided tours. Lunch and dinner can be served on request.

In Polar Museum you can find a wide selection of souvenirs to bring home as a memory of your stay in Hareid.

TRANSPORTATION: Five minutes from Hareid sentrum by bus/taxi.



Polarstar

The famous polar ship Polarstar (picture) was built in 1948 as sealer. This was Norway's first sealing vessel built in steel. It fought against rough seas and ice for over 50 years hunting seal, polar expeditions to Greenland and Spitsbergen, and was also a pioneer ship at the start of the Norwegian oil adventure in the 1960s. The last sealing trip was back in 2007. The ship has been saved from scrapping twice and got fully restored in 2017. Polarstar is protected by the Norwegian Directorate of Cultural Heritage. Polarstar can be booked, and is certified for 50 passengers on day trips and 24 on overnight trips.

Hindholmen

Hindholmen is the largest of the old fishing vessels that has been restored and taken care of. The ship was built in Norway in 1916 and has been remodelled several times. The current restauration is based on appearance and function from 1955. Hindholmen was taken out of fishery in 1979. Today the ship is operated by an association of skilled enthusiasts and is used mainly used for tourist purposes. The ship has a passenger certificate of 60 pax.

Photo: Larysa Parkhomenko



Hareid Sauna

Hareid Sauna is located at Hareid Marina, in the centre of Hareid.

Our floating sauna offers a unique Scandinavian experience: you can unwind in the warmth of the sauna while admiring stunning mountain views and take a refreshing dip in the fjord.

You can book a private or shared sauna on our website: **hareidhamn.no/sauna**

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Photos: Hødr Hjørungavåg Vikingsete



Viking Centre

According to historical sources, the battle of Hjørungavåg is a battle with equal parts historical and legendary background and is recognised as one of the great viking battles.

It allegedly took place in 986 and was a battle between the earls of Lade in Trøndelag, and a Danish invasion fleet sent by the Danish king, supported by the feared Jomsvikings.

Hodr Hjørungavåg Vikingsete conveys the history and culture through a Viking house built according

to old tradition. The centre is continuously expanding, and will also contain several buildings, boat houses and possibly even a Viking ship. Information boards with information about Viking culture, the Battle of Hjørungavåg and how this has shaped the country and people will be an important part of the park.

TRANSPORTATION: Five minutes from the centre with bus or taxi. A local quay for disembarking from smaller boats are under planning. Hareid port can provide transport by buss.



Photo: Cecilie Hatloy/Visitaalesund



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Photo: Hødr Viking park



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Photo: Larysa Parkhomenko



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Photo: Erlend Friestad



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Join the Explorer's Club

The Explorer's Club is an exclusive community for those seeking authentic experiences and a deeper connection to nature and history. To become a member, you must complete a series of unique challenges. Upon completing these challenges, you will be awarded a diploma and an exclusive club pin to mark your achievement.

1 Ishavsmuseet Aarvak

Discover the rich maritime history of the northern seas.

2 Hødr Viking Centre

Experience history and culture through a Viking house built according to old tradition

3 Hareid Sauna

Relax in a modern Nordic sauna with a stunning mountain view.

4 Swim in the Fjord

Take a refreshing dip in the cold, clear waters as a part of your journey.

Rotary-trail

Along Hareidselva you will find the Rotary trail, a good way to experience the surroundings of Hareid. The walk is approximately 5.5 km long and starts just a few minutes by foot from the city centre of Hareid. By the trail you will find a newly restored mill house, a dam for an old power plant and several fishing ground for salmon and trout.

The trail goes alongside Grimstadvatnet wildlife conservation area. Along the trail there are several places to sit down and enjoy nature, and you will also find a small activity park.

You can choose to walk or cycle, and there are several starting points along the trail.



Photos: Erlend Friestad



Photo: Vonheims venner

Vonheim

Vonheim is one of Hareid's most important cultural monuments. This building combines a hidden, unbelievable and fascinating family history, with numerous traces of many gifted artists. In many ways it also represents a true testimony of the values that were present in our community from the mid-1800s and onwards. One of the most valuable treasures in this house is perhaps the large book collection. It is huge, both in scope and in quality. The

book collection contains several of the most important works in the world literature, in addition to almost everything from the major Norwegian authorships, up till the 1970s. The most unique thing about Vonheim, is perhaps the tasty blend of music, visual arts and literature. A blend founded in deep historical traditions, not likely to be found anywhere else in our part of the country.



Photo: Even Sundgot

Kvitneset

Kvitneset is located at the northern tip of Hareidlandet. During the Second World War the Germans built a coastal fort here in 1941. Firing positions, command bunkers and a series of tunnels for storing ammunition were built by local workers. The fort also had a prison camp for up to 120 Russian prisoners of wars.

Today most of the positions are still visible. The fire control center/command bunker and the armor emplacement at the entrance is standing. Most of the tunnels are still intact, as are the tunnels in the rock where the Germans stored ammunition (picture).

But the history of Kvitneset is far older than WWII. You can also find three burial mounds from the Iron Age.

At Kvitneset you can experience history, fantastic nature, amazing sunsets, and the big waves from the open sea on stormy days.

TRANSPORT: Kvitneset is located about 6 kilometres from Hareid, towards Brandal. The last kilometer of the road is a picturesque gravel road not far from the shore line.



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Overåsanden

A short drive or bike ride (3 km) from the centre of Hareid is the most beautiful beach in the region, with chalky white sand and clear blue water. The mountains surrounding the beach makes a magical frame. If you do not wish to jump in the sea from the

bathing jetty or swim in the clear seawater, you can sunbathe, go for a walk, or study the beautiful monument in memory of the Viking battle that is claimed to have taken place in Hjørungavåg in 986. The beach is beautiful to visit in any kind of weather.

A hiker with a backpack is walking on a rocky trail, looking out over a vast landscape. In the foreground, the hiker is seen from the side, wearing a dark shirt and pants, with a backpack. The trail is rocky and covered with some green grass. In the background, there is a large body of water (a fjord) and a range of mountains with patches of snow. The sky is clear and blue.

Hiking

From the town centre you can easily get to several mountain tops.

Håbakknotten (267 masl) can be reached on foot directly from the harbour. The trip to Håbakknotten has a steep, but short climb. It is therefore equally suitable as a workout in the afternoon, or as a weekend trip with the little ones.

Along the way, you will find nice rest areas both on a large stone and on the ruins of an old barn. At the top you can enjoy a magnificent view of the fjords and the areas north and east of Hareid.

From Håbakknotten you can easily reach several other mountain peaks in the area, for example Holstadhornet (531 masl).

If you would like a longer hike, you can go to the beautiful mountain top, Melshornet (668 masl). The starting point is just a few minutes drive from the village centre. The reward at the top is a majestic view (picture) of the fjords and the Sunnmøre Alps, as well as the ocean in the west.

Hareid has a lot of other hiking possibilities, as the town is surrounded by beautiful nature, whether you want to enjoy the sea, the local Hareid river or the mountain tops.

Hareid Church

In the city centre of Hareid you will find a beautiful, wooden church from 1877. The style of the church is called «Neo-Gothic».

The earliest existing historical records of a church in Hareid date back to 1432, but it is established as a fact that a church has existed in this area even earlier. The first church in Hareid, a wooden stave church, was likely built in the 13th century.

The beautiful altarpiece from 1660 is the largest and oldest work of art. The church has also beautiful stained glass windows with biblical motifs.

In the churchyard you will find the priest-cottage, «Prestestova» (red building), which dates to before 1600. It is probably the oldest house in the municipality. Prestestova was built for the itinerant priests so that they had a place to stay when they came to hold their services at Hareid.

In the cemetery there are two memorial stones, one in memory of those who perished at sea in the period 1850-1945, and one in memory of those who did not return after WW2.

In the area surrounding the church, you will find several cultural heritage posters with historical information about the church and the churchyard.

A tour or even to attend a church service is a great experience.



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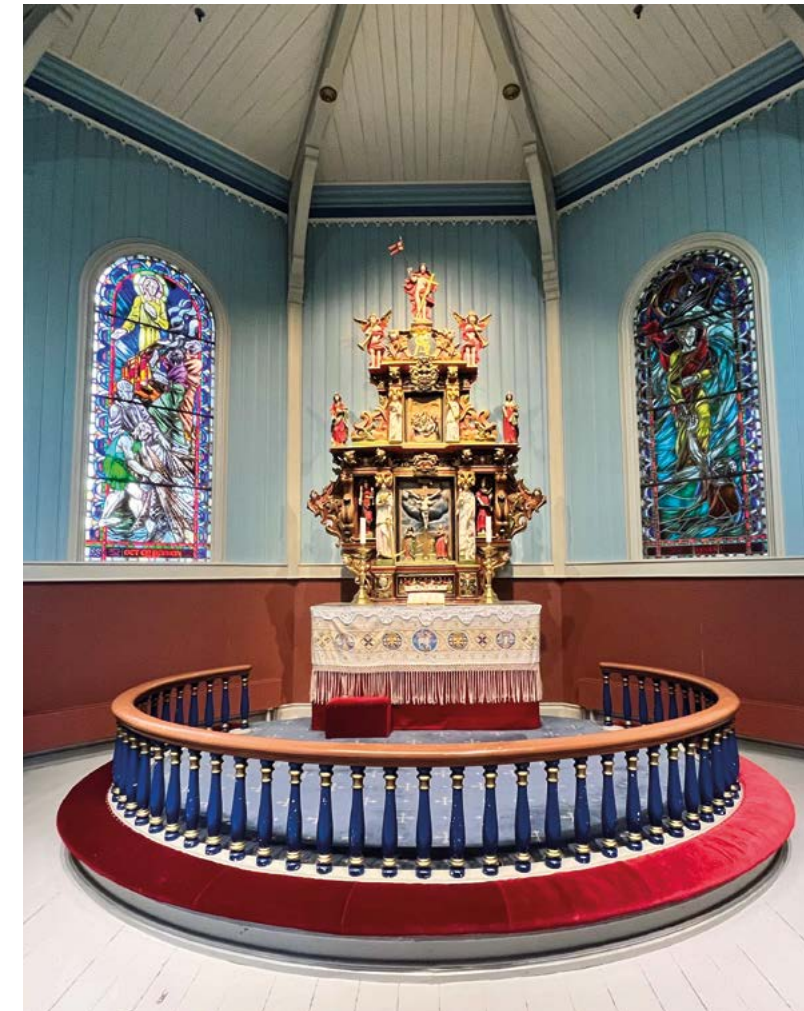
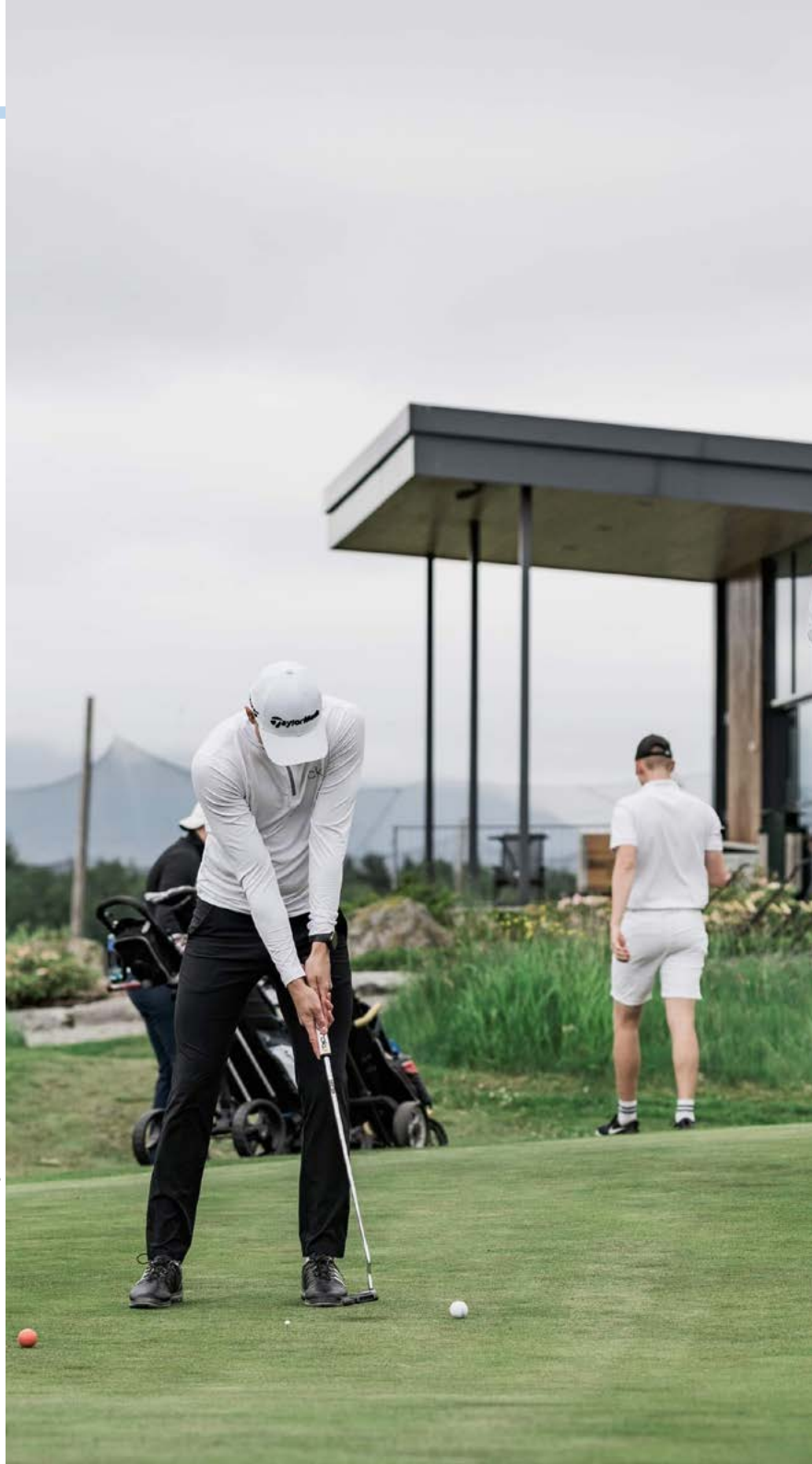


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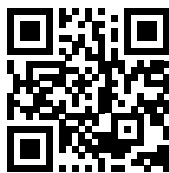
Golf Club

Sunnmøre Golfklubb has a beautiful 9-hole golf course, 18-hole footgolf course, pro-shop and good training facilities. All in nice surroundings with a beautiful view of the Sunnmøre Alps.

In the architect designed clubhouse from 2008 you will find a cafe and a conference room.

The golf course has 8 ponds in play, as well as several rivers and side water hazards, which help to increase the difficulty of the course.

The golf club is located at Hovden, about 10 minutes by bus from the harbour.



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Midsummer celebration at Holesanden

Snipsøyr dalen

Snipsøyrvatnet is a beautiful, big lake in Hareid. It is nice to take a bike ride around the lake to enjoy the beautiful nature in the valley of Snipsøyr dalen. The lake is also great for kayaking and swimming.

The beach of Holesanden is to be found in the southern end of the lake. The water is often warm in summer, nevertheless the beach is nice to use at all seasons. By the beach, there is a cabin owned by Hareid YMCA. Most Sundays in the summer season, the cabin offers a café where you can buy coffee and the most delicious homemade cakes, a light meal or maybe

just an ice cream.

Midsummer they arrange traditional Norwegian mid-summer with a bonfire by the lake and an open café.

A short distance away from Holesanden, you will find a river called Nesselva – another nice outdoor area for hiking, kayaking or swimming in Snipsøyrvatnet.



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Local Festivals

- 1** **Hoðr Hjørungavåg Vikingsete** 29th May-1st Jun 2025
Grand Opening
 A vibrant Viking festival. Visiting Vikings will host a market, offer delicious food, and organize various activities.
- 2** **Mc-Treff/Olabilløp** May/Jun 2025
 Stalls in the street, a motorcycle gathering, an 'Olabil' (gravity racer) race for the children, bicycle exhibition and much more.
- 3** **Langerysta Sommarfestival** 4th-6th July 2025
 Outdoor festival with concerts, quizzes and activities for children.
- 4** **Seinsommarfest** 8th-10th Aug 2025
 Concerts, quizzes, kid's festival, outdoor stage and party tent.
- 5** **Hareidlandet Triatløn** 31th Aug 2025
 A family activity day with triathlon for both adults and children.
- 6** **Brandalsdagane** 6th-8th Sep 2025
 Festival celebrating arctic history and local community.
- 7** **Hareidsstemna** 11th-18th Oct 2025
 Week long, local cultural festival with concerts, exhibitions, literature, shows and much more.
- 8** **Førjulsfest** 28th-29th Nov 2025
 Christmas tree, Nativity play, Christmas market and local julenisse (Santa)

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Some Attractions Near By

1 Ålesund is at present time the second largest cruise destination in Norway and should hardly need any further introduction by us.

Hareid Port has, by stepping forward as a new cruise destination, opened an alternative gateway to Ålesund city and its attractions.

The catastrophic fire of 1904 left the town of Ålesund in ashes. The rebuilding created one of Europe's most characteristic architectural environments in the Art Nouveau style

2 Hjørundfjorden is a side arm of Storfjorden in the same way as Geirangerfjorden (Geiranger) is a side arm of the same fjord system.

Hjørundfjorden is 33 km long and has its own side arm, which leads to the small village of Øye. In this village you will find the beautiful Union Hotel Øye, a traditional Swiss style hotel, originally based on tourism and local mountaineering traditions. Today the hotel offers an excellent kitchen and comfortable accomodation, together with proud references to its past history and a vast amount of artifacts in every corner of the hotel. Hjørundfjorden with its side arm is entirely surrounded by alpine peaks up to 1500m, rising directly from the sea level. Geirangerfjorden may very well be the king of the norwegian Fjords. In that case Hjørundfjorden may surely be the queen. Lighter, but wilder, more complex and far more beautiful.

3 Runde is the southernmost of the large bird islands in Norway. With its 160 inhabitants (apart from the birds) the island is located only approx. 35 minutes with bus from Hareid. Runde has an exceptional variety of species – in fact all sea-bird species nesting in colonies are represented. Most numerous is probably the tourists great favourite, the puffin.

On this island you will also find Runde Miljøsent, which is an international environmental research center. It is also a convey center where amongst other things you get the opportunity to see parts of the treasure that was found on the seabed at Runde in 1972. The treasure was a part of the cargo of the dutch freighter «Akerendam» which shipwrecked on its maiden voyage in 1725.

4 Trandal is a tiny village in Hjørundfjorden (a side arm to Storfjorden) with only 17 residents.

The surroundings are breathtaking and the atmosphere is warm and welcoming. The only way to get to Trandal is by boat, unless you prefer to walk across the mountains. Which in fact surprisingly many seems to do.

Here you will find Christian gaard which offers small scale accomodation and also offers food and beverage for their guests. Christian Gaard also organizes concerts and festivals on a regulary basis, such as blues and country festivals.



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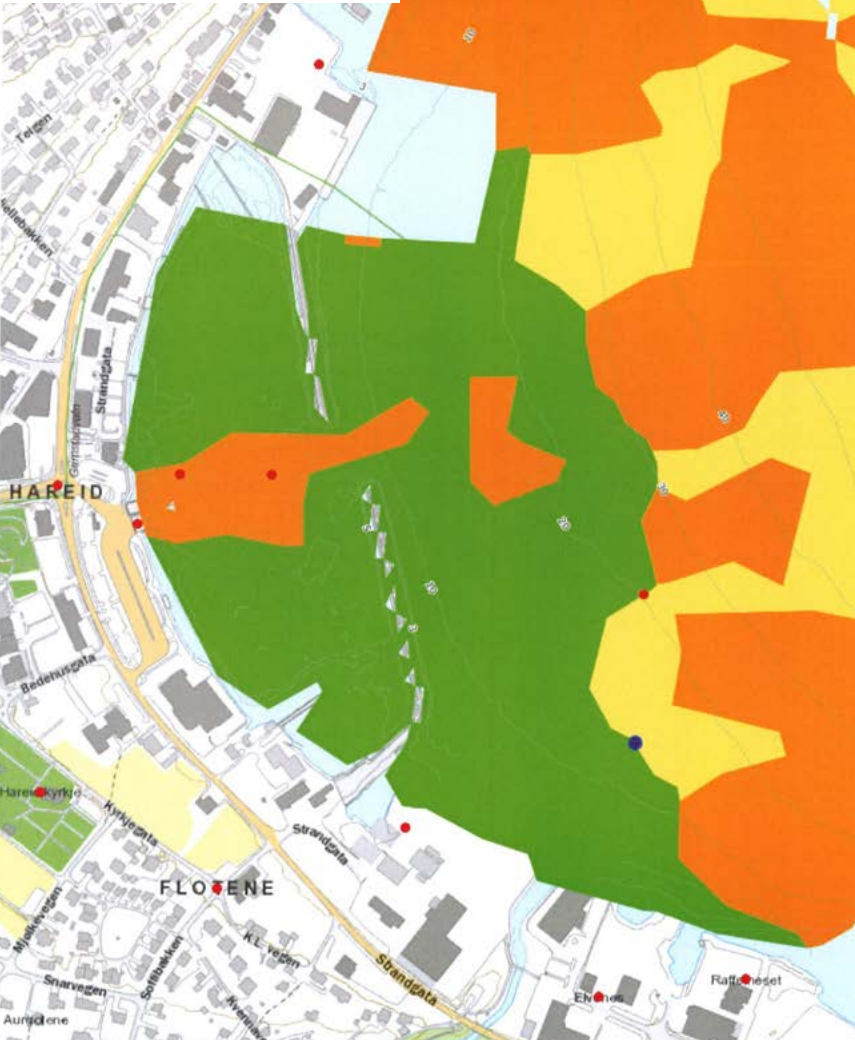
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Anchorage Hareid:

- Green = sludge
- Yellow = sand and gravel
- Orange = hard/rocky seabed



Hareid Port

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General port information

Hareid has two cruise piers, both with ISPS code.

Pier North:

Pier length:	120 m
Pier depth:	6-7 m
Fresh water:	Yes
Grey water:	No
Waste handling:	Yes
Bunkers:	Yes, by boat
Cold ironing:	No
Tugs:	Tugboats not mandatory

ISPS approved: Yes

Ulimatec Pier South

Pier Length:	220m
Pier depth:	10m
Fresh water:	Yes X 2. (One in each end of Quay)
Grey water:	Truck / Barge
Waste handling:	Yes
Bunkring:	Barge/ Boat /Truck
Tugs:	Tugboats not mandatory

ISPS approved: Yes

Anchorage & tendering information

Please refer to the map for:
Secure anchorage(s) position
Minimum depth of anchorage
Type of bottom
General slope of seabed
Wind current
Wind from SW

Distance: anchorage to tender pier less than 1000m dependant of actual anchorage position.

Tender

Floating dock	
Number of tender piers:	One off

Length:	40m
Minimum depth of water:	2,5m
Fendering:	Woodwork
Height above water:	0,4m (fixed staircase with railings available, heighth above water 0,8m)
Wheelchair accessible:	Yes

Cruise pier under planning:

Pier length:	250 – 300m
Pier depth:	10 – 20m (sloping seabed)
Fresh water:	Yes
Grey water:	Yes
Waste handling:	Yes
Bunkers:	Yes, by boat
Cold ironing:	Yes
Tugs:	Tugboats not mandatory
ISPS:	Yes (on/off)

Comments: This pier is planned, but at the time of writing still not projected. Pier

specifications are preliminary.

The plans include cruise terminal and crew room.

Miscellaneous

Private quays of various size and depths.
Car ferry and passenger boat terminals.

Local passenger terminal with toilets available on shore.



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Overåsanden beach, The Sunnmøre Alps in the back. Photo: Erlend Friestad
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