



Torghatten. Photo: Ronny Lien

# BRØNNØYSUND

## In the centre of Norway, among thousands of islands

Brønnøysund welcomes you to embark on an exploration of fascinating coastal history as well as a tour in a unique and ancient geological landscape. The area has 10,045 islands and more than 10,000 years of history to share. The mythical Torghatten Mountain, with the hole straight through it, is our most wellknown landmark among many in the region. The Vega Archipelago World Heritage Site gives an insight into the hard, but interesting life of the Islanders throughout centuries. Brønnøysund bridge gives a beautiful panoramic view and there are easy hiking routes within walking distance from the town centre.

### ATTRACTIONS/EXCURSIONS

#### Mythic Mountain Torghatten

Duration: Approx. 3 hours.  
Torghatten is one of Norway's most iconic tourist attractions, known for its spectacular hole through the mountain. People feel small as they wander through the cathedral like hole, with a length of 160 m, height of 35 m and width of 15-20 m. The mountain, like many along the Helgeland Coast, is the subject of myths and legends and it is a place which visitors simply must visit when they come to Brønnøysund. The bus tour starts with sightseeing through the town, before crossing the Brønnøysund Bridge and continuing to the foot of Torghatten. We follow a natural path up the mountain, and after around 30 minutes we reach the entrance. From here, we can enjoy the fantastic view and walk through the hole itself before following the same path down again. Good shoes are recommended! Easy to medium hike in nature.

**Velfjord Open Air Museum and Nøstvik Church**  
Duration: Approx. 4,5 hours  
Velfjord Open Air Museum has an idyllic location in

Velfjord, a fjord with seven distinct arms. The museum comprises a large collection of buildings and artifacts from the 16th and 17th centuries, presented to illustrate the daily life during this period with a full range of tools for a variety of crafts. Velfjord Museum also features an exhibition of Saami articles of everyday use. Nøstvik Church is a log-built cruciform church dating from 1674. It is one of the oldest wooden churches in northern Norway and features some historical content, including an altarpiece and church bell gifted to the church in 1758. Easy walks.

#### Nevernes Havn

Duration: Approx. 4 hours.  
Nevernes Havn, with an idyllic location overlooking the Velfjorden, is a centre for coastal heritage at Southern Helgeland. Through extensive exhibitions with artifacts dating from the 18th century to the present, Nevernes tells the story of the people of Helgeland, during times of peace and war. Nevernes was once a commonly used harbour for local fishermen, and at Brygga local fishing boats, nets and other artifacts are exhibited. Brattås House is a farm house from 1850 with inventory, metal and wooden

tools. There is also an exhibition of carpentry and shoe making, along with a blacksmith's cabin. In the main house you will find a permanent exhibition of naturalistic paintings by local artist Even Ulving. The art gallery features changing summer exhibitions by different artists, occasionally modern art. Nevernes Gaard features an exceptional collection of war memorabilia from World War II, with displays of Norwegian and European uniforms, personal effects, equipment and small firearms. Easy walk.

#### EXPLORE Visten National Park Velfjord and the Tetting waterfall

Duration: from 3 hours when starting in Velfjord, 5 hours when starting in Brønnøysund  
Max 15 persons per guide  
A rare nature experience awaits you! The goal of the hike is the amazing "Tettingfossen" which lies at the edge of the National Park boundary. The 75 m high waterfall slopes down a steep edge, making it an amazing view. The area around the waterfall consists exclusively of limestone, and the water drops from the waterfall provide rich conditions for everything that grows. This hike is heavy and for about 1,5 hours



Unesco Island Vega. Photo: Rita Johansen

we follow an old forest road. Elg are often seen in this area, as well as many forest birds. On rare occasions you might get a glimpse of a bear, or a wolf or one of the lynx that live in this area. Distance is 1,8 km one way and 197 m above sea level. Medium to hard hike in nature.

#### UNESCO Island Vega

Duration: Approx. 4 hours.  
The Vega archipelago was inscribed on UNESCO's list of world heritage sites in 2004. The Vega islands gained their world heritage status mainly due to the unique interaction between the eider ducks and generations of fisher/farmer islanders. A trip to the Vega archipelago offers an exciting insight into the traditions of egg and down collection. The E-House, a museum and documentation centre focused on eider ducks, display the tradition of keeping eider ducks as domestic animals. At the World heritage exhibition (new centre opens 2019), you may will an insight into Vega's world heritage traditions and the way of life on Vega today. You can also experience the landscape of Holandsosen nature reserve, known for its calcareous bedrock, wetlands and rich birdlife. A botanic hike to Guristraumen to



Norwegian Aquaculture Centre. Photo: Torhild Haugen

observe different orchids and other plants thriving on the shoreline can also be arranged. Easy walk.

#### Norwegian Aquaculture Centre

Duration: 2,5 - 3,5 hours. Capacity: 25-90.  
The sea and fishing traditions have for thousands of years, been the primary source of food for the people on the coast of Norway. The Norwegian Aquaculture Centre invites you to get an insight into modern aquaculture and fish farming, which is the second largest export product from Norway. In the beautiful surroundings along the Toftsundet strait, you visit a real fish farm and get a close up understanding the salmon fish farming process. At the end of the tour you are of course welcome to taste the end product. The centre also has an indoor exhibition that consists of aquariums, a section which highlights the history of the Norwegian fish farming industry, as well as the local history. The centre has a small shop and a café. Easy walk.

#### Hildur's Herb Garden

Duration: Approx. 2,5 hours. Capacity: 25-50.  
Hildur's Herb garden you will get a sincere and warm welcome from the excellent hosts and experience a tasteful lunch in their private home.



Hildurs Herb Garden. Photo: Olav T. Søla

You are invited to the Sagastua lounge where you can enjoy a meal flavoured by the herbs from the garden and seasonal ingredients, usually produced in the local region. In the old living room, with antique furniture and artifacts, you will get a glimpse of the farm's old history, as you enjoy your coffee and cake. The herb garden, with approx. 200 plants, roses and perennials, is a picturesque sight offering peace of mind. The small farm shop stocks local products including herbs, tea and spices, which are produced on the farm. Easy walk

#### RIB/ZODIAC In the Islands of the North

Duration: 1,5 hours  
The fast going boat takes you out and close to some of the thousands of islands along the Helgeland coast. Narrow straits, white beaches and small houses characterize this archipelago. We go ashore on one of these deserted islands, close to the open sea to the west. Because of all the migratory birds, the islands are very fertile and gives the islands an exciting flora. You will get to know more about the landscape, the geology and the life of the people that have lived out here for thousands of years.

**PORT OF BRØNNØYSUND**  
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**Distance from pilot station**  
South: Grinna, 4 hours  
North: Åsværet, 4 hours  
**Pilot channel** 12

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**Distance from port** 2 km

**GENERAL INFORMATION**  
**Guide Service** 3 main languages or at request  
**Turnaround facilities** No  
**Terminal/Restrooms in pier area** No  
**Shuttle bus** Yes, to be ordered at the tourist office

**Parking place for buses** Yes  
**Public transportation** No  
**Shopping** Yes, 2 km  
**Currency exchange** No  
**Internet access in pier area** Yes  
**Distance to airport** Brønnøysund Airport 3 km  
**Distance to city centre** From Northern Port 2 km, Central port 50 m  
**Distance nearest hospital** Brønnøysund Medical Centre, phone +47 75 01 24 00, 3 km

**PORT SERVICE/FACILITIES & INFORMATION**  
**Bunkers delivery /method** By truck  
**LNG** No  
**Supplies** Available  
**Waste** Yes  
**Grey water** Yes, on request  
**Tugboats** Yes, on request  
**Anchorage** Yes, on request  
**Ship tender facilities** On request  
**Tidal movement** 2,5 m  
**Gangway available (8 /10 /12 meters)** No  
**Seawalk** No  
**ISPS approved** Yes  
**Restrictions in harbour** None  
**Maximum ship length** 300 m  
**Maximum ship draft** Northern Port 25 m, Central port 6.2 m

**Maximum beam** None  
**Maximum air draft** Northern Port none, Central port: 35m  
**Bollard strength** (certification) 100  
**Crew facilities** No

**ANCHORAGE/TENDER**  
**Ship tenders allowed** On request



**Quay**  
Central port  
Northern port

Length	Draft	Airdraft	Beam	Height
200 m	6.2 m	30 m	-	-
100 m	25 m	-	-	-

