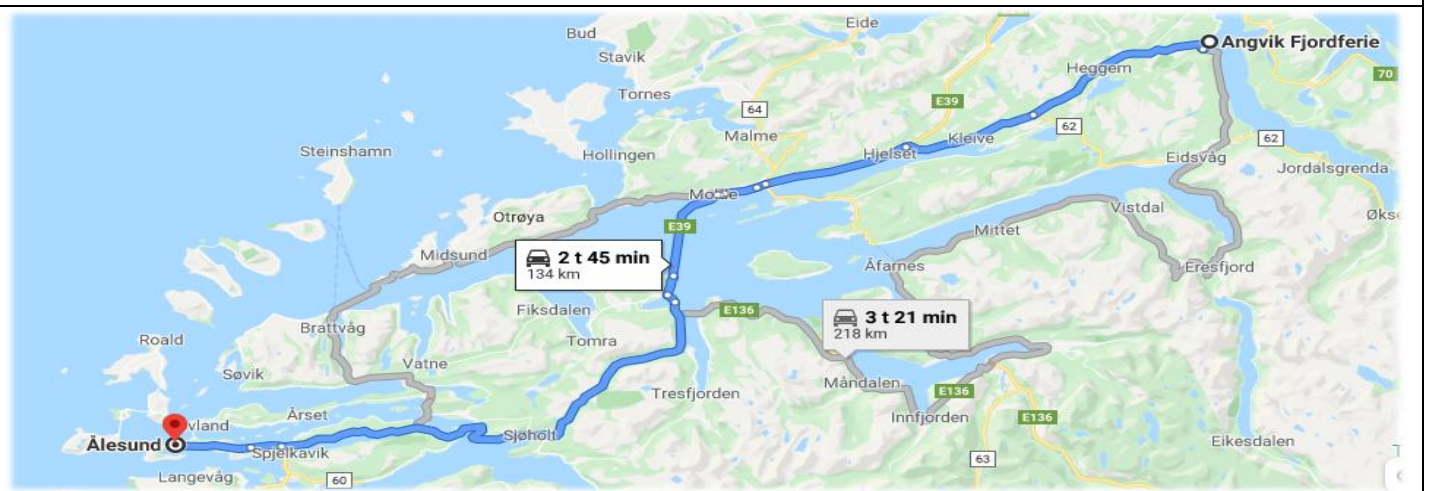


ÅLESUND (CITY)



Driving: 2 Std (135 km), + Ferry from Molde. (45 min)

The city of Ålesund is built on 3 islands, which are connected by bridges, and got its current shape after the devastating city fire in 1904.

Ålesund today has one of the largest fishing ports in Norway with an extensive fleet of fishing boats. The city has numerous companies for the further processing of the raw fish. Otherwise there are furniture factories, clothing and plastic industries. In addition, Ålesund is the region's educationalo with Colleges and University.

In 1986 the city was connected to the mainland by submarine tunnel. The tunnels lead to Ellingsøy (3500m) and further to Valderøy (4200m). The bridge to Giske, 550 m long and the tunnel to Godøy, 3900 m long, connect the entire region of Ålesund with the mainland.





SUNNMØRE MUSEUM

The open-air museum is located at the Borgund church and comprises 40 old houses and departments for fishing, archeology, handicrafts and cultural history. The museum also houses reconstructions of the Kvalsund ship and the Fjortoft boat.



JUGENDKVARTALENE

Residential district built in Art Nouveau style. Ålesund is one of the few Norwegian cities that have retained their architectural identity. In 1904, Ålesund was partially destroyed in a major fire. 700-800 houses burned down and up to 10,000 people became homeless. In the course of 3 years the city was rebuilt in the then contemporary art nouveau style with national and international style elements. Today one tries to preserve this architecture and a walk through the Art Nouveau quarters is a feast for the eyes.



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Viewpoint, reachable via 418 steps that lead from the park up to the mountain or by car from Borgundveien. Follow the sign "Fjellstua". View of the sea and the fjords.



BORGUND CHURCH

The church is 4 km from Ålesund. It is built of stones and the oldest part dates from before 1250. The newer inventory with its rich wood carvings is shaped in the old style.



RUNDE – the only bird rock in southern Norway.

The tourist office arranges day trips from Ålesund in summer



ÅLESUND MUSEUM

It is located at Rasmus Rønnebergstrasse 16 and has departments for city history, old tower, art, fishing and old boats.



ÅLESUND KIRKE

Wall and stained glass by Enevold Tomt. Outside the church is covered with natural stones from Nordmøre.



ATLANTERHAVSPARKEN – Aquarium

<http://atlanterhavsparken.no/>

Norway is a nation of seafood, Ålesund is the capital of fishing and here is The Norwegian Aquarium. Excellent sea conditions along the coast give a colorful and exciting selection of fish and fauna.

