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PORT EXPLORER & SHOPPING GUIDE

Molde

GENERAL INFORMATION Molde, is situated along one the most scenic and exciting stretches of coastline in Norway. From the Varden viewpoint on the mountain behind the town, the awe-inspiring panorama of the Romsdal Fjord and the 87 peaks of the Romsdal Mountain Range unfold around you. Sheltered from the Norwegian Sea, its mild climate, green vegetation and rose gardens earn it the title "Town of Roses."

With a population of 22,000, Molde is a busy industrial and trading center as well as the administrative center for the county of More og Romsdal. With its museums, galleries, theater, and internationally renowned jazz festival, it is also a cultural center.

Molde is also a great starting point for many excursions. It takes just one hour to reach the sea, or you can head inland to the valleys and mountains with their waterfalls and steep cliffs. Within a days journey of Molde, you can venture along Trollstigen (the trolls' Path), one of Europe's most fantastic zigzag roads. You can also view Trollveggen (the Trolls Wall), the highest sheer rock wall in Europe. With 11 giant hairpin turns, this road took 100 men 10 summers to build.

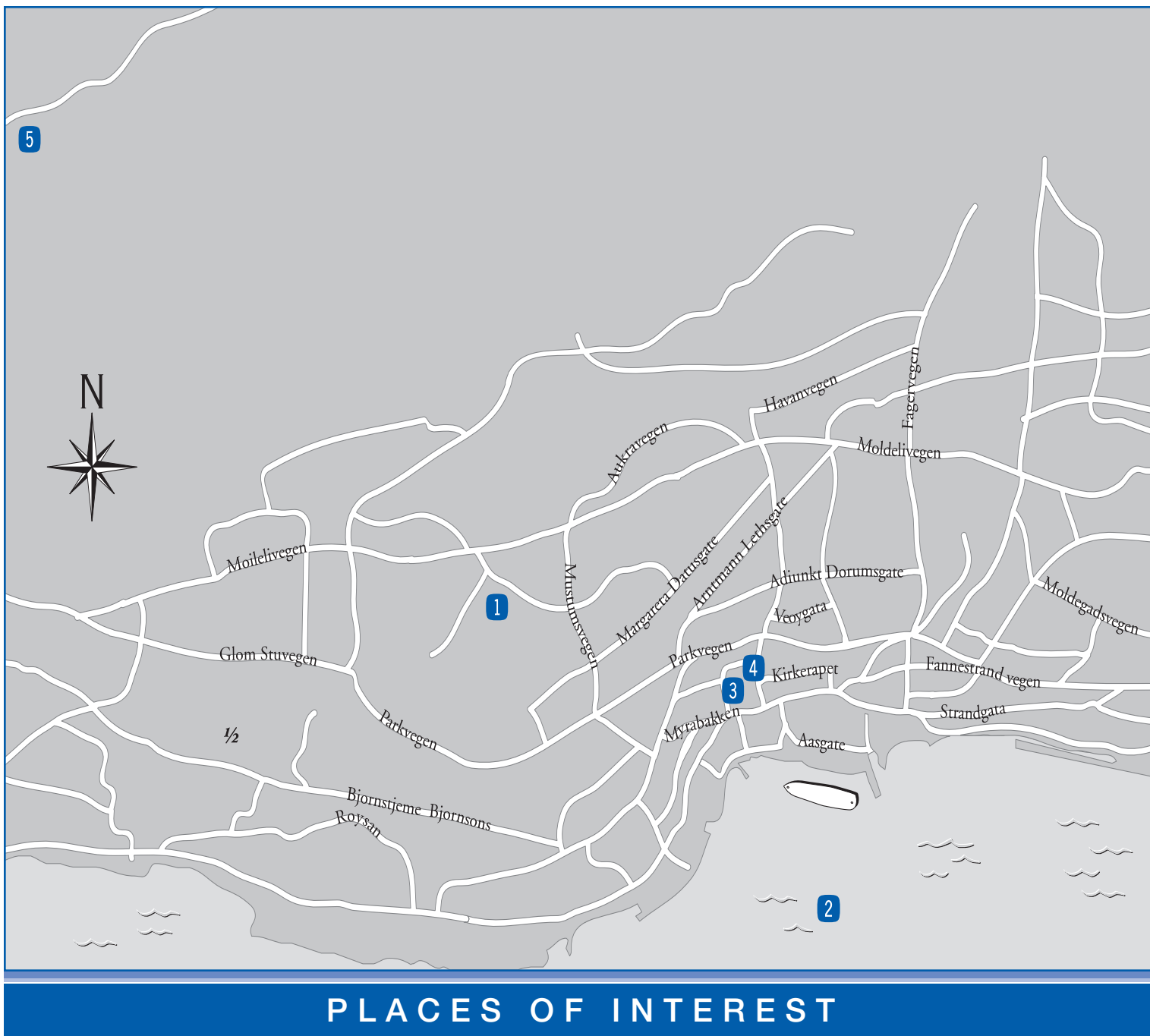
Places of Interest

- 1 Romsdal Museum is amongst Norway's largest regional museums. Founded in 1912, this open air museum traces the areas past from the 14th to 20th centuries. Here you will find over 40 timber houses furnished and equipped according to their respective ages as well as a large display of national costumes. There are occasional performances by the children's folkdance group. (Open 11:00 am – 3:00 pm daily, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm Sunday. Admission Charge.)
2 Fisheries Museum is a unique open air museum located on the island of Hjertoaya, 10 minutes from the center of Molde. A small fishing village with authentic buildings, boats and fishing equipment, the museum shows local coastal culture from 1850 onwards. Boats to the island run approximately every hour on the hour from Molde and every hour at 40 minutes past the hour from Hjertoaya. (Open hours from mid-June to mid-August are noon to 5:00 pm Admission Charge.)
3 Rose Garden, located on the roof of the Town Hall, contains approximately 1000 roses including the Molde Rose, specially created for the town.

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4 Molde Church, a modern white chalk structure built in 1957, the church is elaborately embellished with stain glass and frescoes.

5 Varden Viewpoint, 2 407 meters above the town, offers an unparalleled and magnificent view of the famous Molde-panorama. To the west is the majestic Atlantic Ocean, to the east is the beautiful Romsdal Fjord, and all around you are the 87 snow-covered peaks of the Romsdal Mountain Range. The viewpoint is a 15 minute ride by car, or a healthy one hour walk uphill from the center of Molde.

Beyond Molde

Alesund, Norway's largest fishing town, is also well known for its unique architecture. Devastated by fire in 1904, help and supplies came from all over Europe including Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany. Completed in 1907, Alesund is well preserved and retains much of the Art Nouveau style with towers, turrets and medieval-romantic frontages blended with a trace of Nordic mythology.

Kristiansund, situated right on the North Atlantic coast, is known as the Klippfisk town for its huge exportation of Norwegian dried cod. It is also the mid-Norway base for off-shore oil though there is little evidence of this industry. The city is actually made up of three islands

that encircle the harbor. Almost entirely rebuilt after devastating damage in WWII, this modern city still retains an old-world charm.

SHORE EXCURSIONS To make the most of your visit to Molde and its surrounding areas we suggest you take one of our organized Shore Excursions. For information concerning tour content and pricing consult your Shore Excursion Brochure or contact the Shore Excursion Desk.

LOCAL CUSTOMS Bargaining: There is little or no opportunity to bargain in Norway.

Tipping: Service charges are included in restaurant pricing. It is appropriate to tip 10% for good service. Taxi fares are usually rounded up to the nearest 5 or 10 NOK.

Local Cuisine: Like other Scandinavian countries, the “Koldtbord” (Cold Table) buffet style lunch is popular, emphasis being placed on fish dishes. *Bacalao*, a dish made from boneless klippfish, is a specialty of this region as well as *brennsnute*, a potato and meat stew. There are two varieties of wild berries that are native to Norway; lingonberries, similar to cranberries, and cloudberries, reminiscent of orange colored raspberries, they are a little crunchy and have a sharp taste. Waffles are popular throughout Norway, often served as a snack with coffee, and eaten with cream and a rich strawberry conserve.

Drink Specialties: Aquavit, a potato based liqueur is a common drink throughout Scandinavia and is usually served ice cold and drunk as a shot.

SHOPPING FACILITIES Shops are generally open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday and 9:00 am – 2:00 pm on Saturday. There may be a few souvenir stores open on Sunday, but in general most stores are closed. Roseby shopping mall, located approximately 2 miles from the town center is open weekdays from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

The main shopping area is located in the town center, a short distance from the pier. Storgata and Fossbrua Romsdalgt are two of the most popular shopping precincts.

Items of interest include traditional knitted sweaters of nordic design, good quality silverware, pewter and wood carvings. Trolls make for popular souvenirs, as do candles and the Norwegian invented Cheese Plane or slicer.

U.S. Dollars are not accepted in Norway. Most major stores accept credit cards.

Value Added Tax (VAT), is added to most purchases. Visitors who spend over a certain amount may be entitled to re-claim some or all of the tax paid. In Scandinavia many stores participate in “Tax Free Shopping”, ask for a “Tax Free” receipt. This is usually reimbursed before departing the country although Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.[®] cannot guarantee the cooperation of local authorities. Items must remain sealed or unused whilst in Norway, in order to qualify for a tax refund.

LOCAL CURRENCY The unit of currency in Norway is the Krone (NOK). There are 100 ore to the Krone. Krone bills are available in the following denominations; 50, 100, 200, 500, 1,000.

For the current ‘rate of exchange’ contact the ship’s Foreign Exchange Office or the ship’s Bank.

OFFICE/TELEPHONE FACILITIES The main post office is located at Torget 2, N-6400 Molde, approximately 500 yards from the pier. Open hours are from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Monday through Friday and 9:00 am – 1:00 pm on Saturday.

Telephone cards for international cards are available at the post office. There is a telecommunications center located on Gotfred Lies pl. 3, N-6400. Local coins (1, 5, or 10 NOK) are required to use public telephones. It is possible to dial-direct for international calls. ‘00’ is the number to dial for an international line. You can also get direct access via the following calling card numbers:

AT&T: 800-19-011 / MCI: 800-19-912 / SPRINT: 800-19-877

TOURIST INFORMATION The tourist information office is located at Radhuset., N-6400. Open 9:00 am – 6:00 pm Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday and Sunday.

TRANSPORTATION There will be a few taxis available at the port, otherwise they can be ordered. There is a bus service available. The station is located approximately 500 yards from the pier.

USEFUL WORDS

- Yes • Ja
- Good Day • God Dag
- Thank you • Tak
- No • Nei
- Good-bye • Ha Det
- You’re Welcome • Versegod