

# R Ø V Æ R

Experience a living and hospitable island community on car-free Røvær, only minutes by ferry from Haugesund. The island, which is part of Haugesund Commune, has 100 inhabitants, a school, kindergarten, shop, hotel, and summer-open café. The ferry has 6 -7 daily departures to and from Haugesund. Røvær has traditionally earned its living from farming, seafaring and fishing. Trading, aquaculture and transport have also been important sources of employment. In recent years, increased tourism has provided the basis for new investment and other activities.

## The Røvær Accident

On Friday, October 13, 1899, a tragic accident occurred for which Røvær became renowned throughout Norway. A funeral party of 30 – mostly adult men - was returning from the mainland when their boat capsized. 12 widows and 36 fatherless children were bereaved. It is said that every house on the island lost at least one family member. But Røvær rose up from this tragedy helped by a social bond created between the inhabitants, a bond that is still strong today.



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### The quay

The ferry, MS Røværjord, sails to and from Haugesund from here. Røvær General Store and Røvær Seahouse are also located here. Contact the tourist information in Haugesund for the ferry schedule.



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### Røvær Seahouse

The red-painted seahouse is an activity centre and camp-school base. In addition to accommodation and a summer-open café, services are provided for boat tourists. 3 taxi-wheelbarrows are parked by the recycling station beside Røvær Seahouse. These wheelbarrows can be used freely to transport baggage and other items. The only stipulation relating to use is that they are returned to their location as soon as possible.



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### The Bridge

This bridge was erected in 1955 and connects Røvær to the island Urd. The bridge was financed by money earned from herring fishing.

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### The School

Combined primary and secondary school, built in 1972. The ball bin adjacent to the school can be used by everyone



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### The Prayer House

Erected in 1892 and financed by earnings derived from herring fishing, the building was used as accommodation for all fishermen stationed here. The building was consecrated as a chapel in 1915, and is used today for church activities, meetings, celebrations and bazaars. The building has been a religious and social meeting place for more than 200 years. The church bell was inaugurated in 1990. A kindergarten is run in the cellar, and a medical surgery is held one day per month.



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### Røvær Accident Memorial

Erected in memory of the 30 people who perished in the tragic Røvær Accident in 1899.

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### Bråvarden Viewpoint

Standing 43 metres above sea level, this is the highest point on Røvær. The view takes in: Utsira, Urter, Stord, Bokn, Folgefonna, Feøy, Karmøy, Sletta, the North Sea and Haugesund. Marked track to the summit. See map for details.



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### Hiltahuset Museum

Hiltahuset is Røvær's oldest house and also serves as the island's museum. The house was renovated as a collective project and the old inventory and other objects have been restored to their original places. For those who are interested in old houses, Hiltahuset House is well worth a visit. Open Thursdays and Sundays from 14.00 to 16.00



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### Røvær Cultural Hotel

Running cultural arrangements throughout the year. The homemade cuisine is created from local ingredients. In addition to being a hotel, arrangements such as functions, weddings, wellbeing weekends, and Christmas parties are undertaken. Service amenities and guest pier provided for boat tourists.

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### Grønnavika Beach

A marked track leads to this idyllic bathing area.



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### Prehistoric Fishing Settlement Ruins

The ruins of at least 14 small houses have been found at Grønnavikjo. The ruins are the remains of a prehistoric fishing settlement, which during certain periods of the year were used by farmers from the inner fjords. Most of the ruins at Grønnavikjo are located together in a sheltered inlet close to good fishing grounds. There are indications that the fishing settlement was in use in the early Iron Age, between 600 and 1050 AD.



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### Røværholmen Lighthouse

The lighthouse at Røværholmen was erected in 1892. The red painted tower measures 15,5 meters and is made of cast iron. Inside, the tower consists of 6 small rooms while the living room and kitchen is located in the stone building attached to the tower. You can visit the lighthouse if you have a boat and the weather



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### Lotastranda Beach

Beach located at the north end of Suggevägen. A beautiful area for swimming, sunbathing, picnicking, grilling, playing sand-volleyball etc. Small-boat pier and adjacent toilet. 15-minute walk from the quay.

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### Skjoldbladua Handcraft

This is the local sales outlet for a wide variety of homemade souvenirs and handwork products. Items on sale include: woodwork, handcrafted products, dolls clothing, stone and shell decorations, gelatine candles, and tea-candle holders. Open Thursdays and Sundays from 14.00 to 16.00.

### Diverse Amenities

#### Boat Hire

The MS Sjøfart can be hired for trips, fishing expeditions and guided tours. The Sjøfart can accommodate 48 passengers. Bookings: Tel.: +47 945 75 668

Røvær seahouse rents out rowing boats, canoes, and motorboats. Booking: Tel.: +47 52 71 80 35 / +47 41 76 73 43

#### Guided Tours

Røvær Cultural Hotel provides guided tours of the island. Booking: +47 52 71 58 00

#### Dining

Summer-open café in Røvær Seahouse from 27.06 to 08.08. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 12.00 to 16.00. Thursday and Sunday 12.00 to 18.00. Røvær Cultural Hotel offers an à la carte menu everyday during the summer season from 12.00.

**12** Scenic Roundtrips



**Suggestions for 3 scenic roundtrips on the island of Røvær:**

**Green Roundtrip:** Walk to Grønnavikjo where you can view the ruins of houses used by fishermen during the early Iron Age. The landscape is hilly with varied vegetation.

**Red Roundtrip:** Walk along Kråkevågen and continue further out to Sloggene, which is the name given to the stony west side of Røvær. There are many excellent fishing locations along this route. When you are halfway through the trip, you come to a farmyard from where the main path leads back to Røvær Quay.

**Blue Roundtrip:** This trip commences at "Garden". From here you can follow signs that lead to Bråvarden, which is the highest point on the island. From here, there is a fantastic view that spans from Espevær in the north to Utsira in the south. The path runs down from Bråvarden to Lotestranda from where the main path leads back to Røvær Quay.

