

14th MEETING of the IHO Crowdsourced Bathymetry WORKING GROUP (CSBWG9) MEETING

Stavanger, Norway, 16 to 18 August 2023

LOGISTICS INFORMATION

Venue

The meetings of the IHO CSBWG9 will take place at the Norwegian Mapping Authority (Kartverket) Hydrographic Service, Professor Olav Hanssens vei 10, Stavanger, Norway from 16 to 18 August. (See map further down)

Accommodation

Participants are expected to make their own reservation directly to the hotel of choice.

NHS is 6 km from Stavanger centre. There is a good bus service between NHS and Stavanger centre, and you can choose to stay

- Next door to NHS, with a nice recreational area nearby, but limited options for dinner without going to town
- In Stavanger centre close to the restaurants, bars, shopping etc, traveling to NHS each morning
- Somewhere between NHS and Stavanger centre, preferable along one of the bus routes.

Ydalir Hotel, Telegrafdirektør Heftyes vei 99, next door to Kartverket:

Thon Hotel Maritim (down town, close to buss stop)

Radisson Blue Atlantic (down town, very close to buss stop)

Clarion Collection Hotel Skagen Brygge (down town, overlooking the harbour, less than 10 min walk to buss stop)

Clarion Hotel Energy (halfway our office and down town Stavanger)

Comfort Hotel Stavanger, Klubbgata 3, in city centre is reasonably priced but there are many other hotels.

Please note that there are limited options for dinner close to Kartverket. Ydalir hotel has a bar, but no dinner service (though they allow people to get/bring take away and eat in the common area/bar).

Transportation

Stavanger has an international airport with several direct flights to Europe. With 4-5 flights a day, transfers via Amsterdam (KLM), Copenhagen (SAS) or Frankfurt (Lufthansa) are popular, in addition to transfer via Oslo. List of all direct flights available here: <https://avinor.no/en/airport/stavanger-airport/>

To and From Stavanger Airport

<https://avinor.no/en/airport/stavanger-airport/to-and-from-the-airport/bus-and-taxi/bus>

Bus: There is a bus service ("flybussen") from Stavanger Airport to Stavanger city center (25-30 minutes). The bus leaves every 15 minutes with two alternating routes, both ending up in the city center:

If you are going to Kartverket or Ydalir Hotel, choose the route via "SUS and UIS" (the hospital and the university), to "Prof. Olav Hanssens vei" (less than 15 minutes, 3 minutes walk to NHS).

(It is possible to get to the city center or to Kartverket/Ydalir by the regular bus service as well. This takes considerably longer and involves changing routes, but the regular fees (see below) applies)

Taxi: Taxis are available at the airport. Typical fares at day time are 500 NOK to Stavanger city center and 400 NOK to Kartverket/Ydalir.

Bus between NHS and Stavanger city center

The bus stop closest to Kartverket is called "UiS ved Kjell Arholms hus". From the City Center take bus X60 from Stavanger platform 18, or bus 6 or 7 from platform 19. (Note that in the evenings and weekends bus 7 does not pass by NHS, but will stop at "UiS ved Kjell Arholms hus" where the airport bus stops)

The best way to buy tickets is to download the app for your smart phone and pay by credit card. See more information and other options here: <https://www.kolumbus.no/en/travel/apps/ticket-app-kolumbus-billett/>

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Ticket valid for 7 days: 300 NOK. (Also valid on the trains and express ferries in the area)

<https://www.kolumbus.no/en/tickets/-prices-and-products/7-day-ticket/>

One-way tickets are currently 42 NOK, and 24 hours cost from 85 NOK.

Weather

In August, it is summer in Stavanger, Norwegian summer, and the average temperature is about 18°C during the day. That being said. it can be anything from 9°C and rain, to warm summer with 20-28°C. Stavanger has a maritime climate and is geographically located at 59 degrees Northern latitude. You must be prepared for wind and rain, but hopefully the weather will be nice. You can check the weather forecast at

<https://www.yr.no/en/forecast/daily-table/1-15183/Norway/Rogaland/Stavanger/Stavanger>

Official Language

The official language is Norwegian. Most Norwegians understand and speak English. At the airport bus information is normally given in English as well. Everyone working in hotels, bars and restaurants speaks English, and most places will have menus in English.

Tourist Information

The first traces of settlement in the Stavanger region come from the days when the ice retreated after the last ice age c. 10,000 years ago. A number of historians have argued convincingly that North-Jæren (Stavanger area) was an economic and military centre as far back as the 9th and 10th centuries with the consolidation of the nation by Harald Fair Hair at the Battle of Hafrsfjord around 872.

Stavanger grew into a center of church administration and an important south-west coast market town around 1100–1300. Today, Stavanger is the fourth city, the third metropolitan area of Norway and the oil and gas / energy capital of Scandinavia.

In the city centre of Stavanger, you find museums reflecting both the modern Stavanger at the Norwegian Petroleum Museum and its history at the Norwegian Canning Museum, the Archaeological Museum and the Maritime Museum. A walk through Old Stavanger which is Europe's best preserved wooden house settlement with more than 170 white wooden houses, is recommended. An iconic street is "the street of colours", Øvre Holmegate, with cafes and bars. Walking in and around the city, make sure to look around for some of the street art that pops up every year.

Just outside of Stavanger centre you can explore scenic landmarks such as Sola beach (close to the airport) and Hafrsfjord with the monument Swords in Rock (2.5 km from Kartverket). If you stay for longer, you may enjoy a cruise at the Lysefjord or climb the famous cliff Preikestolen (The Pulpit Rock). Please note that the weather conditions in the mountains can change quickly. You should bring suitable clothes and shoes if you plan to go hiking.

Please contact us if you have questions. For more information see also:

<https://www.visitnorway.com/places-to-go/fjord-norway/the-stavanger-region/>

Travel Documents & Visa

You can check the required travel documents by country here:

<https://www.udi.no/en/want-to-apply/visit-and-holiday/>

Electrical Power

The Norwegian standard is 220 volts. We use the continental European standard socket.



Currency

The currency in Norway is Norwegian kroner (NOK). The Norwegian Krone has lost quite a bit of its value against Euro and Dollar, therefore Norway is relatively less expensive than it used to be.

Norwegians use debit or credit cards for almost all transactions, and use less and less cash. Cash machines ("minibank") are still found everywhere. Visa and Mastercards are accepted almost everywhere. Some grocery shops or supermarkets do not accept foreign credit cards, but will take debit cards.

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