

5th MEETING of the IHO TIDES, WATER LEVEL AND CURRENTS WORKING GROUP (TWCWG5) MEETING

Stavanger, Norway, 26-29 May 2020

LOGISTICS INFORMATION

Venue

The meetings of the IHO TWCWG5 will take place at the Norwegian Hydrographic Service, Professor Olav Hanssens vei 10, Stavanger, Norway from 26 to 29 May 2020. (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.

Block reservation with fixed prices have been made at two hotels, Ydalir Hotel next door to NHS and Comfort Hotel Stavanger in the city centre. Here rooms and rates are guaranteed until 13 April, but you are free to find other options that might also be at lower cost.

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

- 1 290 NOK per night per person in a standard double room including breakfast.
- Direct booking before 13 April by e-mail to hello@ydalir.no referring to the booking code "IHO TWCWG5".

Please note that there are limited options for dinner close to NHS. 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).

Comfort Hotel Stavanger, Klubbgata 3, in city centre:

- 990 NOK per night in a single room (1070 NOK for a double room), including breakfast.
- Direct booking before 27 April by e-mail to Ida.B.Lid@choice.no referring to the booking code "IHO TWCWG5".

There are also some choices between NHS and the city centre, along the bus routes.

- St. Svithuns hotel (at the hospital) is said to offer good value for the money: Bus X60 takes you straight to NHS or to town (also bus 4). It is possible to walk to town (2.5 km) and to NHS (3.5 km).
- Several hotels close to Stavanger Forum are also midway between Stavanger and NHS, with bus 6 and 7 passing by.

Transportation

Stavanger has an international airport with several direct flights to Europe. With 4-5 flights a day, transfer via Amsterdam (KLM) or Copenhagen (SAS) 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). Tickets bought online cost less (136 NOK vs 160 NOK for one way). The bus leaves every 15 minutes with two alternating routes, both ending up in the city center: *If you are going to the NHS 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 NHS/Ydalir by the regular bus service as well. This takes considerable longer and involve changing routes, but the regular fees (see below) applies)

Taxi: Taxis are available at the airport. Typical fares at day time are 450 NOK to Stavanger city center and 350 NOK to NHS/Ydalir.

Bus between NHS and Stavanger city center

The bus stop closest to NHS is called "Oljedirektoratet". Take bus X60 from Stavanger platform 18, or bus 6 and 7 from platform 19. (Note that in the evenings and weekends bus 7 do not pass by NHS, but will stop at "Prof. Olav Hanssens vei" 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/>

Ticket valid for 7 days: 280 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 37 NOK, and 24 hours cost 90 NOK.

Weather

In the end of May it is late spring in Stavanger, and the average temperature is about 11°C. It can be anything from 5°C and rain, to early summer with 15-20°C. You must be prepared for wind and rain, but hopefully the weather will be nice. See the weather forecast at <http://www.yr.no/place/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 speak English, and most places will have menus in English.

Tourist Information

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. A walk through Old Stavanger which is Europe's best preserved wooden house settlement with more than 170 white wooden houses is recommended. An icon 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 NHS). 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).

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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Map

