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HAVØYSUND

The road out to Havøysund is fascinatingly varied and even though it is only a couple of hundred metres above sea level at the highest point, you get the feeling of driving above the tree line. Parts of the road traverse a barren rocky landscape with the Arctic Ocean on one side and rugged outcrops on the other. The landscape is stark and dramatic and there are few signs other than the road to show that anyone has ventured here before. But in the middle of this apparently barren land you can actually spot both sea eagles and reindeer.

The drive offers a varied and thrilling experience that is without comparison - with a picturesque, unique final stop. The little fishing village of Havøysund located at 71° north is literally the end of the road. The village suddenly pops up, taking you by surprise. Strange to think that there is a viable community situated at the spot where the northernmost point of the national tourist routes ends on the edge of the ocean. That is quite something.



TRAVEL INFORMATION National Tourist Route Havøysund runs from Kokelv to Havøysund, a total distance of 67 km (fv. 889).



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1 LILLEFJORD. Lillefjord rest area lies at the halfway point on the road leading to Havøysund at the inner reaches of a fjord. The bridge across the Fosseelva river that runs into the fjord has been designed with an integrated shelter, service facilities and benches. The footbridge marks the start of the path along the river and leads up to the "Love Bench" near the Lillefjord waterfall. Architect: Pushak arkitekter.

2 SNEFJORD. At the point where the river runs into the Snefjord lies a small rest area that offers good opportunities for salmon fishing and a grand vista of the open ocean. Three boxed-in benches have been placed here to provide shelter from winds from any direction. Architect: Pushak arkitekter.

3 SELVIKA BAY. At the inner end of Selvika bay lies the inviting sheltered and sandy Sandbukta beach.

The rest area resembles an intricate concrete sculpture, with a gangway curving down to the barbecue area on the beach. In this area there are also cultural heritage sites and remains of settlements from Neolithic times as well as from Sámi culture. Architect: Reiulf Ramstad Arkitekter.

4 HAVØYSUND. After passing through miles of unpopulated coastlines and fjords, Havøysund comes as something of a surprise. This vibrant community at the northern edge of Europe looks to the ocean for its livelihood. Encircled by tall peaks and islands, Havøysund can offer deep-sea fishing and close encounters with nature. From the Gavlen mountain plateau with its windmills, the view opens to the Barents Sea and the midnight sun. The Hurtigruten coastal steamer docks here for those who arrive by sea.

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