

Things to do in Bergen for CommOCEAN 2026

Some things to do while in Bergen:

- [Visiting Mount Fløyen](#). The funicular running from the city centre to Fløyen mountain, providing a nice forest and lake landscape for walking, weather permitting. If hungry, you could do worse than visiting [Brasserie](#) at Fløyrestauranten, which serves local fare (at a price). Of course, you can also walk up and/or down for your wellness – and the views!
- [Mount Ulriken](#) is the highest of the seven mountains surrounding Bergen. Here you need to do a short bus ride to where the cable car starts, but absolutely worth it. There is also a nice restaurant called [Skyskraperen](#) on the mountain top. Also great for a hike.
- Of the fjord cruises the most popular one is the one going to Mostraumen, taking you through some of the narrow fjords north of Bergen. There are several. [This one via Rødne](#) costs NOK 890 but look out for discounted tickets from NOK 739 pp. Duration 3-4 hours.
- And of course, how could we not recommend the [University Museum of Bergen](#).
- Then of course there are the obvious touristy places like the UNESCO World Heritage site [Bryggen](#), the old Hanseatic buildings in the harbour of Bergen.

Restaurants to consider, mainly in the city centre. Note that the websites are a mix of Norwegian and English. It's advisable to book a table in advance, although you may be lucky with a walk-in:

- [Enhjørningen](#) (The Unicorn) is a classic fish restaurant at Bryggen with views of the harbour.
- Serving up local dishes is [Bien Litteraturhuset](#), located close to the Fish Market. The local traditional cod dish [Persetorsk](#) (link in Norwegian) is recommended! The prices are good by Norwegian standards.
- Note that Bien has several restaurants that are differently themed. Their Italian restaurant [Bien Centro](#) has great (but not cheap) pizzas. A short bus or light rail ride outside the city centre is the original [Bien](#) at Danmarks plass (Denmark's Square). A refurbished pharmacy which is worth a visit also for the interior.
- If you want to try something local but not necessarily food from the ocean (although they do that too), you could try another classic spot: [Bryggestuen/Bryggeloftet](#), just next to Bryggen. More pricey and touristy than the places mentioned above.
- If you fancy Persian, we strongly recommend the cosy small restaurant [Shiraz](#) in Nygårdsgaten 60 (close to the conference venue).
- We recommend the bar at Hotell Børs called [Frescohallen](#). Amazingly restored artwork on the walls and a great place to have a G&T (or anything else you may fancy).
- In the same area and close to the Fish Market you find [Pergola](#), which is an excellent wine bar where they also serve classic Italian pizza and snacks.
- The soup kitchen [The Daily Pot](#) in Vaskerelven has warming soups and salad bowls. Great spot for vegetarians and vegans!
- Opposite from The Daily Pot you find another Bergen institution, [Pingvinen](#) (The Penguin), serving up classic food to be washed down with a nice selection of local brews.
- If beer and music are your passions, a visit at the iconic [Apollon](#) record store is a must!
- The BRGN concept store at the central railway station offers a curious mix of raincoats and other weather-resilient clothing with coffee, wine and food. [Book your table!](#)
- As already mentioned, the restaurant on top of Mount Ulriken, Skyskraperen, is a good choice – and with a stunning view of Bergen and the surrounding fjords!

As for places to grab coffee, there are quite a few quality coffee shops in Bergen, of which we recommend these (no links, but they're all centrally located):

- Det Lille Kaffekompaniet (also excellent cinnamon buns and cakes)
- Marken Kaffe
- Bergen Kaffebrenneri (BKB)