



# Bryggens Museum

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## The museum

Bryggens Museum was built to house archaeological material from the Middle Ages found in Bergen and the central parts of West Norway. Pride of place has been given to the finds brought to light during the extensive Bryggen excavations of 1955–69, together with the finds from further archaeological investigations in Bergen since 1970. These investigations have contributed enormously to increasing our knowledge of various aspects of medieval life in Bergen.

The rich finds-material forms the core of the two permanent exhibitions in the museum's basement: «The Oldest Tenements – Building-remains from the Town's First Century», and «The Medieval Town of Bergen around 1300».

The museum was in fact built around the building-remains on display. These represent parts of the oldest settlement yet found in Bergen, and have been reconstructed in the exact positions they originally occupied, along the early medieval shoreline.

Through the museum's large rear-windows can be seen a number of other old buildings – St. Mary's Church, and the ruins of the smaller St. Lawrence's Church and St. Mary's Guild-Hall side-by-side in the foreground.

The cultural-historical exhibition, «The Medieval Town of Bergen around 1300», shows the town at the zenith of its importance in the Middle Ages.

At this time, Bergen was the largest town in the land, a cosmopolitan trading-centre with a large number of crafts and a rich cultural life. It was also the national capital and the ecclesiastical centre for most of West Norway.

The exhibition naturally concentrates on the fundamental aspects of urban life. From the merchant-man by the quay, the visitor is led through the main commercial area, on Bryggen to Øvrestrøket, the main market street of the town along which were also situated most of the craftsmen's workshops. From Øvrestrøket one can then wander out to Holmen, at the entrance to Vågen, where the political and ecclesiastical centres lay. During the course of this tour, information on most of the other important elements of contemporary town-life will also be presented.

On the ground floor and the first floor can be found exhibitions of temporary nature and varying subject matter.

The museum's souvenir department, in the museum's reception area, offers, amongst other things, copies of selected archaeological finds, both prehistoric and medieval, picture postcards, literature on Bryggen, etc.

The museum has a meeting room (26 seats), a classroom for visiting school-children, and an auditorium (176 seats).

There is also a cafeteria for visitors to the museum.

## Bryggens Museum

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### OPENINGS HOURS

Monday – Friday 11:00 – 15:00  
Saturday 12:00 – 15:00  
Sunday 12:00 – 16:00

### SUMMER SEASON

Every day 10:00 – 16:00

## Bryggen Guiding

Bryggen in Bergen has been a busy urban area since medieval times, and today the buildings are listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Bryggens Museum is the starting point of Bryggen Guiding, a historic walk through Bryggen's past – from Bryggens Museum to Schøstueene and further on among the old wooden buildings on Bryggen to The Hanseatic Museum.

1 June – 31 August

10 am (German)  
11 am (English)  
12 pm (English)  
1 pm (Norwegian)

