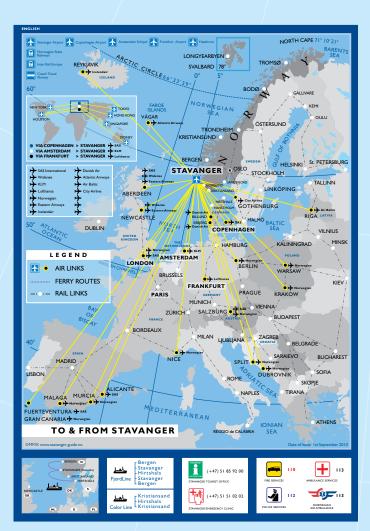
13th SNPWG meeting



Norwegian Mapping Authority – Hydrographic Service (NHS) 13th SNPWG meeting from 4 to 8 April 2011 Stavanger, Norway



The Norwegian Mapping Authority, Hydrographic Service (NHS) is pleased to welcome you to Stavanger for the 13th SNPWG meeting. NHS is also pleased to provide the following logistical information for the meeting. Should you require any additional information or assistance please contact NHS mail to: olav.haugen@statkart.no

Where is Stavanger?

Stavanger is located on the south-west coast of Norway. Today it's known to be the "oil capital" of Norway, where most of the oil companies have their offices.

Stavanger is the fourth largest city in Norway with about 120 000 inhabitants.

Since Stavanger is an international city a wide variety of restaurant can be found here.



How to get to Stavanger:

The airport (Stavanger Airport, Sola) is 14 km from the town centre. The airport express bus runs every 20 min or you can take a taxi. The bus stops at most of the major hotels.

Bus: 90 NOK (every 20 min), traveling time

(20-30 min).

Taxi: 300-400/400-600 NOK day/night,

traveling time (15 min).



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Accomodation:

I have made a block booking at Victoria Hotel http://www.victoria-hotel.no. Please refer to the NHS agreement when making reservation. The price is NOK 1390 per night for a standard room, breakfast and internet included (Sat to Sun NOK 850). The



price is higher than in most other countries, but it is standard price in Stavanger in the middle of a week. Cheaper hotels can be found outside town centre.

The block reservation is valid until the 26th of March, and the hotel prefers to get a list of the SNPWG participants. Please send an e-mail to olay.haugen@statkart.no with your conformation, including arrival and departure dates as soon as possible.

Meeting information

The meetings will be held at the Victoria Hotel on Mon-Tue and Thu-Fri. On Wednesday you are all invited to go on a sailing trip with M/S "Gann". The ship, a former Norwegian coast liner "Hurtigruten", is now a school training ship.

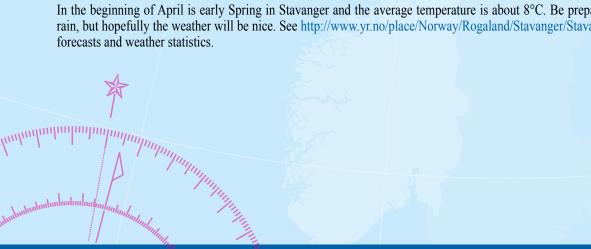
M/S "Gann" will leave from Stavanger at 9 o'clock, and will sail to Lysefjorden and around the islands near Stavanger. The trip on M/S "Gann" ends at the island Kvitsøy at 2:30. Lunch will be served onboard.

From the quay at Kvitsøy there will be a 10 minutes' walk to the Kvitsøy VTS for a guided tour. We will return to Stavanger on a local ferry at around 5:30.

Electricity

The electricity in Norway is 230 V, 50 Hz, using the Europlug (type C & F) which has two round prongs.

In the beginning of April is early Spring in Stavanger and the average temperature is about 8°C. Be prepared for wind and rain, but hopefully the weather will be nice. See http://www.yr.no/place/Norway/Rogaland/Stavanger/Stavanger/ for weather



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Pulpit Rock

The Tour and Activity Committee at the NHC will arrange a trip to the Pulpit Rock on Sunday the 3rd of April. All members of the SNPWG are invited to join. For those who are interested there will be a pick up at the Victoria Hotel at 10 AM on Sunday. Pulpit rock is one of the most visited attractions in Norway. We go by ferry from Stavanger to Tau (50 min), then bus (20 min) to where the trail starts. This 1.5-2 hours walk on a marked trail takes us to the top of the Pulpit rock. Remember to bring good footwear and appropriate clothing.

The whole trip will take 6 to 7 hours.

Please give me an e-mail as soon as possible if you are interested in participate on the Pulpit rock trip.

Tourist information

More information about Stavanger and the Stavanger region can be found at http://www.regionstavanger.com/en/

