

is the oldest shopping centre. It consists of a lot of small and interesting shops offering excellent services and distinctive characteristics; **Galleriet** has more than 70 shops. There, you can find everything from clothes and books to eating places, a pharmacy and art gallery.

WHAT TO EAT?

The typical food of Bergen is fish like Salmon, Cod and Trout.

Typical dishes:

- **Rakfisk** - fragmented trout
- **Flatbrod** - bread made with whole wheat flour

The most common dishes are lamb meat, reindeer meat and elk meat. A lot of people like eating all the cakes prepared with wild fruits.

WHEN TO VISIT BERGEN?

The best period to visit Bergen is from the end of June to August, because you can see "the midnight sun" (summer solstice). And from November to February you can see the Aurora borealis.



EXPLORE BERGEN

THE CITY OF CULTURE



LET'S DISCOVER BERGEN!

Bergen is located on the South - West of Norway. It is on the coast of Atlantic Ocean. Bergen was, between 12th and 13th century, the capital of Norway and until 17th century it was the biggest Scandinavian city. Its story is connected to the sea, in fact it became an important port of the Anseatic alliance for business. The Anseatic influence is showing by the typical architecture of the Bergen's port with its characteristic buildings where, in the past, German business men lived.

SIGHTSEEING



Bergen is the "capital of fiords". You can visit those beautiful fiords by boat. Bergen is situated in the middle of the longest fiord, Sognefjord, and the most spectacular, the Hardangerfjord. Notice the wooden house, with the typical sloping roof, coloring the city. Bergen is the biggest wood city in Europe and it



has survived more fires. There are many attractions in Bergen, like:

☞ **The Bergen aquarium**

The biggest in North - Europe with small outside lakes, penguin and seal homes.

☞ **The city Bergen museum**

Here you can find collection of Bergen history since prehistoric times until our days.

☞ **Fantoft stavkirke**

A medieval church, built in 1150 and destroyed by fire in 1992, now rebuilt in the original form.



☞ **The old open air Bergen museum** with more than 40 wooden

houses.

☞ **Mariakirken church** is 800 years old and is the oldest building in Bergen.

If you like fish, don't miss the fish market with its variety of fish, flowers, vegetables, hides and so on.

ENTERTAINMENT

Every Sunday between April and May there are concerts in the ground hall in Harald Saeverud's villa Siljustol. The composer's music will be performed by some of the country's best Saelverud - interpreters. Bergen jazzforum is the oldest jazzclub in Norway and was founded in 1972 and is very much still alive. Bergen Jazzforum organizes 40



concerts each year. You can at any time enjoy some of the best artists in Norwegian and international Jazz. In Troltsalen at Trolshaugen more concert are programmed in Summer - Autumn. Musicians from Norway and abroad perform works by Edvard Grieg, an important Music Director, and other composers. If you like shopping don't miss: Bergen storsenter, a largest shopping centre with almost 70 shops with more commodities as well as several services, ranging from shops to pharmacy and dentist's; Kloverhuset,