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*This is a "Travel like the locals" tour. The tours use public transport, i.e. regular buses, ferries and boats, but we have done the planning for you so that you can concentrate on enjoying your trip. You travel on your own - there is no guide or tour leader. On most of our tours you must change several times between different buses/ferries/boats, and it is up to you to make sure you catch your connections – truly travelling like a local! (The tours are set up so that the buses, ferries and boats connect.)*

## Round trip Ålesund – Bergtatt Marble Caves - the Atlantic Road

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This trip combines the experience of the beautiful Bergtatt marble caves and what is said to be the world's most beautiful road, the Atlantic Road. You also have some time to look around Molde, the town between mountains and the fjord.

The marble caves are part of Naas Kalksteinbrudd, a working marble mine. In some of the tunnels that are no longer being excavated, a visitor's center – Bergtatt (literally "taken (in) by the mountain) - has been opened. These caves function as a concert venue, as well as an attraction in itself.

The visit includes a boat tour on the caves' crystal clear, captivatingly illuminated water. Well inside the mountain, you will be offered a drink of the pure mountain water directly from the mountain wall. After the boat tour you will visit the concert hall to see a video about the history of the mine and its current operation.

You then go on the the Atlantic Road. With its location at the edge of the mighty ocean, the Atlantic Road is as beautiful in sunshine and calm weather as in full storm and rain.

The Atlantic Road connects Averøy with the mainland via a series of small islands and islets spanned by a total of eight bridges over 8274 meters. The road is a national tourist route.

On this round trip, the bus stops at Eldhusøya, where there is a suspended walkway around the islet. The walkway consists of latticework ("grids") "floating" above the terrain, and is suitable for or anyone.

The service building at Eldhusøya, with its distinct architecture that falls into the terrain, has a café and toilets. (Open Saturdays and Sundays in the spring and every day 1st June – 31st August.)

There are two return options. The first option gives you a few minutes at Eldhusøya to take in the landscape before the return bus arrives and takes you back to Molde the same route as when you arrived. The later return gives you about an hour at the Atlantic Road, but involves a longer return trip to Molde along a different route, and involving several bus changes. Consequently, the return from Molde to Ålesund will later as well.

Departure from: Ålesund bus terminal (Rutebilstasjonen), track 4

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## Itinerary and transport information

Ålesund - Bergtatt - the Atlantic Road - Ålesund			
18th June - 16th August 2019	Tuesday - Friday		Bus line
From Ålesund bus terminal	09:55		100
To Molde bus terminal	12:15		
From Molde bus terminal	13:15		510
To Bergtatt (Brandsæter)	13:45		
From Bergtatt (Brandsæter)	15:30		
To The Atlantic Road	16:03		
From The Atlantic Road	16:13*	17:13	510
To Vevang		17:18	
From Vevang		17:20	530
To Farstad		17:30	
From Farstad		17:40	534
To Elnesvågen school		18:00	
From Elnesvågen school		18:35	532
To Molde bus terminal	17:15	19:05	
From Molde bus terminal	17:40	19:40	100
To Ålesund city center (Rådhuset i Ålesund)	19:45	21:45	

\* Bus line 510 all the way to Molde (same route as on the way to Bergtatt/the Atlantic Road)

**Ålesund-Molde:** Take bus 100 direction Trondheim-Kristiansund from track 4 at Ålesund bus terminal (Rutebilstasjonen). The bus goes via Sjøholt, Vestnes and Furneset ferry quay to Molde. At Furneset ferry quay, the bus drives on to the ferry. On the ferry, you may leave the bus to visit the ferry's cafeteria and enjoy the beautiful view from the ferry. Make sure to get on board the bus before the ferry arrives in Molde, and take the bus to Molde bus terminal.

**Molde – Bergtatt:** Take bus 510 from Molde bus terminal track 7 to the bus stop Brandsæter. There you will be picked up and transported to the marble caves. After the visit at the marble caves, you will be transported back to the bus stop.

**Bergtatt (Brandsæter) – the Atlantic Road:** Take bus 510 from Brandsæter to the Atlantic Road. The bus stops at Eldhusøya, next to the service building.

**The Atlantic Road - Molde:** The return bus also departs from outside the service building at Eldhusøya. If you go on the early departure you take bus 510 all the way to Molde. If you go on the late departure from the Atlantic Road you take bus 510 to Vevang, then switch to bus 530 and take this bus to Farstad. At Farstad you switch to bus 534 to Elnesvågen. At Vevang and Farstad the next bus will be waiting when you arrive at the bus stop. In Elnesvågen you will have a 35 minutes wait until you take bus 532 to Molde. Bus 532 departs from the same bus stop that bus 534 arrives at.

**Molde-Ålesund:** From Molde, take bus no. 100 marked Ålesund via Volda from track 1 at Molde bus terminal. The bus follows the same route back to Ålesund as on the trip from Ålesund.

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