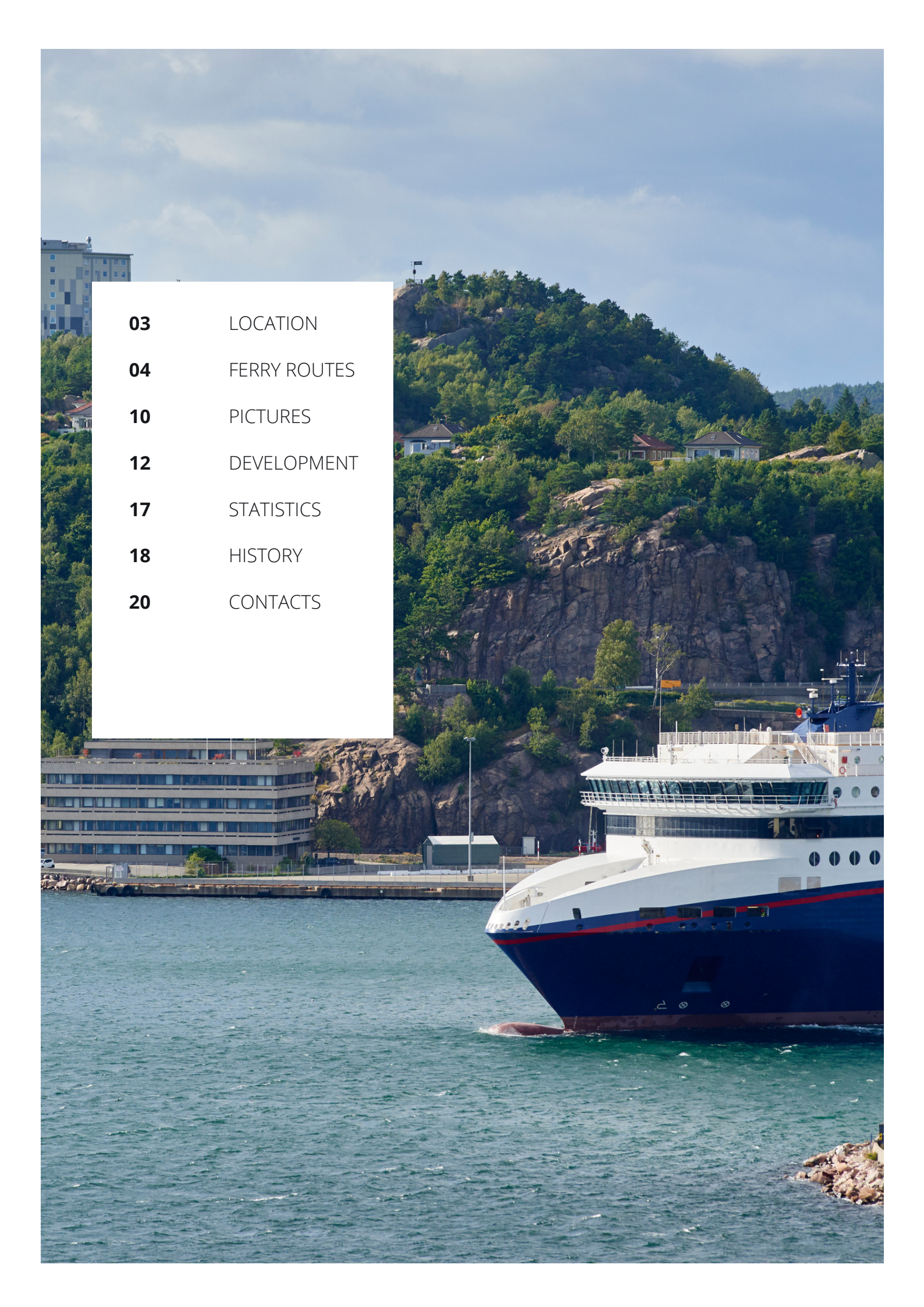


PORT OF KRISTIANSAND

The Logic Link Between

Norway and Europe





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Location



Kristiansand is the southernmost gateway between Norway and Europe. With only 71 nautical miles between Kristiansand and Hirtshals, this distance offers the shortest and fastest ferry crossing.

A major project is the development of the E39 Coastal Highway.

The 1100km route runs from Kristiansand to Trondheim. The road runs through major cities as Stavanger, Bergen, Ålesund.. The total travel time today is about 21 hours, including seven ferry connections. The aim is to create an improved, and potentially ferry-free E39, which will cut travel time by half.

This huge project, from 2x2 motorway lanes to amazing tunnels and bridges, will be beneficial to both freight and passenger traffic. And it will confirm Kristiansand's pole position as maritime gateway.

Ferry Routes & Companies



Kristiansand - Hirtshals

- Shortest possible ferry crossing between Norway and Denmark
- The ferries are an integral part of the E39 motorway, which goes from Aalborg (DK) via Stavanger and Bergen all the way north to Trondheim (NO).
- The E39 is probably the most beautiful motorway in Europe, with access to the most important Norwegian cities (after Oslo): Bergen (420,000 inhabitants), Stavanger (223,000) and Trondheim (183,000).
- Access to the Norwegian fjords: tourist route for cars and campers
- E39 connects in Denmark with European Motorway network
- Hirtshals – Hamburg = 500km
- Two operators: Color Line (ropax) and Fjord Line (high speed craft)

Departures from Kristiansand				
06:45	08:00	13:30	16:30	20:15
				







COLOR SUPERSPEED 1, what's in a name?

This modern ropax ferry with a high service speed is operated by Color Line since 2007. She was upgraded and modernised in 2011.

Homeport: Kristiansand

Built in 2007, at Aker Yards, Turku Finland

Length: 211,3 m

Service speed: 27 knots

Passenger capacity: 2,315

Cars: 750

Freight lane metres: 1,990

Number of decks: 11

Crossing time: 3 hours and 15 minutes

Two return crossings per day





FJORD FSTR

In April 2021, Fjord Line's new highspeed catamaran ferry FJORD FSTR arrived home after a long delivery voyage from the Asia shipyard. The vessel replaces FJORD CAT.

Homeport: Hirtshals
Built in 2021 by Austal Philippines

Length: 109m
Service speed: 37 knots
Passenger capacity: 1,200 passengers
Cars: 400
Trucks: max 30 (with lesser cars)

Crossing time: 2 hours and 15 minutes
Three return crossings per day
Ship stays overnight in Kristiansand



Port Pictorial







Development

Ferry Terminal + Rail

In 2014 the plan for a new ferry terminal was decided by the city council. A large part of the project is state-funded through the national transport plan. The overarching aim is to improve the Port of Kristiansand as a national, efficient and intermodal transportation hub. Consequently the plans also include a double sided railway track in direct connection to the ferry terminal. The plans will also significantly improve the capacity of the ferry terminal.



E39 Four-way lane to Stavanger

By the summer of 2022 the first part of the new European Route 39 will open from Kristiansand to the city of Mandal, reducing the travel time from about 45 minutes to 20 minutes.

This is the first part of the project that includes a complete four-way lane from Kristiansand to Stavanger. This follows the last years' major investments in improving the European Route 18 to Oslo. Both European Routes start at the quayside in Kristiansand.

Today the travel time to Oslo is approximately 3,5 hours. To Stavanger it is 3,5 hours too. By the end of completion of European Route 39 the travel time to Stavanger will be reduced to about 2 hours.

This underlines the strategic position the Port of Kristiansand enjoy as southern Norway's leading transportation hub.



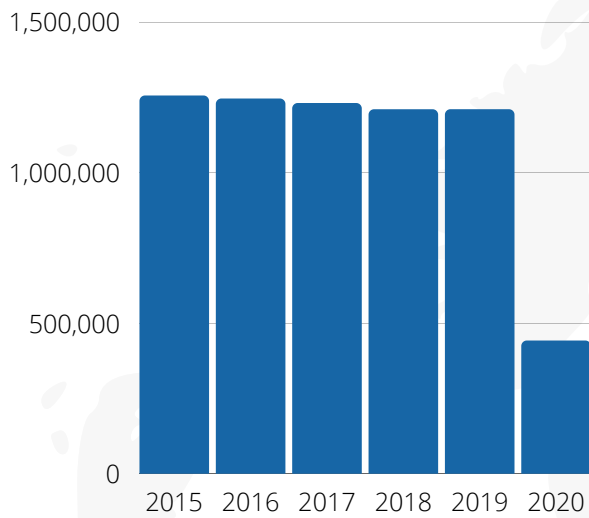
Shore Power

2014 was also the year when the Port of Kristiansand opened its shore power facility for the Color Lines vessels. Since then the Port of Kristiansand has developed its shore power capabilities by investing in what is today Europe's largest shore power facility.

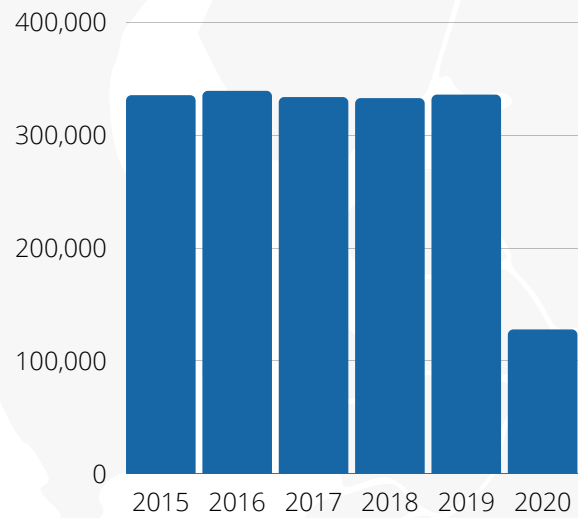




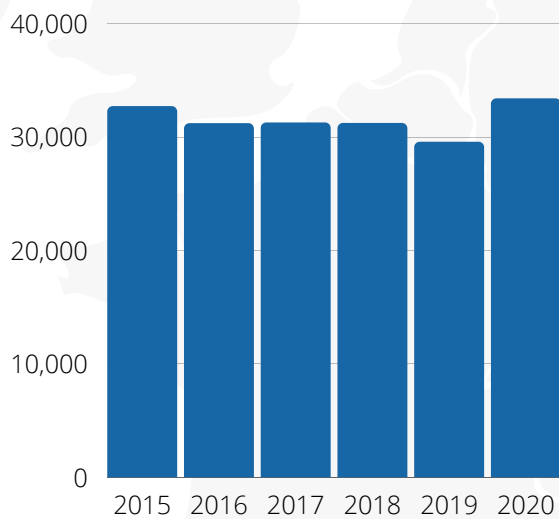
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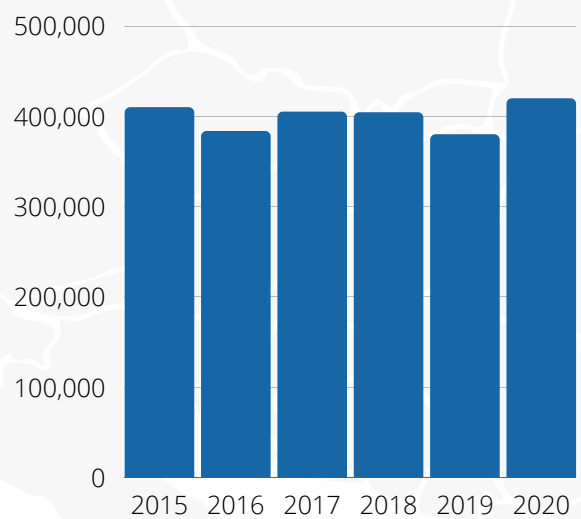
Passengers



Cars



Heavy Vehicles



Freight Lane Metres

Remark: The covid-19 pandemic has influenced the 2020 results



Kilden Performing Arts Centre

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Kristiansand was founded by King Christian IV of Denmark in 1641. The city was established in a strategic location and soon developed into a booming city of trade and commerce. The close distance and safe shelter to key European markets became one of the most distinct characters, and still is one of the most important competitive advantages the city enjoys.

Today a large part of the regional industry is related to offshore and trade activity, all depending on efficient port services.

A Rich Ferry History

The Port of Kristiansand used to have an impressive network of long-haul passenger ferry connections with the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Sweden and of course Denmark.



After the Second World War, Fred Olsen operated a triangular, mostly seasonal, route to Newcastle and Amsterdam with the 1951-built ferries BLENHEIM and BRAEMAR.

K.D.S. also served Hanstholm, using the CHRISTIAN IV, BONANZA and BOLETTE. The same ships also sailed to Arendal, near Göteborg.

With ferry PRINCESS OF SCANDINAVIA, DFDS operated in the 1990s a service between Newcastle and Göteborg, with a stop in Kristiansand.

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