

# TVÖROYRI LOOKS TO LURE MORE FOREIGN SHIPS



*Extended to accommodate the needs of a large car ferry, the Port of Tvöroyri is expected to reinvigorate its business by attracting more foreign fishing vessels, freighters, supply boats, and small cruise ships.*

THE PORT OF TVÖROYRI is working to boost its business with foreign vessels in the near future by highlighting an extended infrastructure and an enhanced array of services. According to harbormaster Chris Jan Michelsen, areas of expected export growth are fishing industry, maritime services, and cruise tourism.

Mr Michelsen said that by focusing on three distinct markets—fishing vessels, workboats, and small cruise ships—the port is hoping to realize its growth potential by getting more foreigners to make use of its resources and facilities. Among those, the extended Drelnes Terminal with 170 meters of quay and possibility for some 35,000m<sup>2</sup> of adjacent land area for cargo.

On the opposite side of the fjord, the Fishing Harbor offers 300 m of quay, and a host of services including a fully licensed fish landing station. The station is receiving about 12,000 metric tons of

fresh whitefish on an annual basis. “The volume could increase if more fishing boats were landing here,” Mr Michelsen said. “And we’ve got a direct transport connection to Scotland every week.”

The Port of Tvöroyri comprises two harbors on the northern and the southern side, respectively, of the well protected Trongisvágur fjord. The fjord is known as a very accessible natural harbor with two lighthouses and a roadstead that is well suited for anchorage.

Only 65 miles away from recent drilling action, Tvöroyri is ready to serve the offshore oil and gas industry, according to Michelsen. “The Drelnes Terminal has been fitted to accommodate supply vessels as well as small to medium sized freight ships, and likewise small to medium sized ferries and cruise liners.”

As to transport and logistics, a full range of services is offered, as are mechanical and electrical repairs, fishing gear with full services, and marine

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450 m quayside with depth of 7 m alongside including ro-ro berth. All basic services for ships calling – port agency, tourist office, customs clearance, immigration, provisioning, fuel, fresh water; fish handling, processing, ship repairs including mechanical, electrical; marine electronics; transport services (import, export, domestic).

*Hvassafell unloading containers at Drelnes; the Hanseatic at the Fishing Harbor (below).*

electronics. Freshwater, electricity, ice, and provisions are available 24 hours a day. Customs and immigration services are likewise found locally and for those who need health care there’s a regional hospital in town.

Located on the island of Suðuroy, Tvöroyri has about 1,500 inhabitants, with the oldest settlements dating back to the Viking period or around the year 1000. During the 20th century, Tvöroyri was the undisputed hub of the Faroese fish industry for decades. The old Salt Warehouse, a symbol of that era which ended in early 1960s, is now being converted into an entertainment and culture center.

Tourists will typically be offered a visit to the local museum and a fishing trip, as well as a historical excursion—and of course, experience the unspoiled, breathtaking nature only minutes away from town.

