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The Akershus Fortress

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Friends of Hadhramaut

and our

Coordinators in Norway

SVERRE DRIVEKLEPP & NINA KNEPPEN

invite you to a

Cultural weekend in Oslo

and a

Fundraising Dinner at the Grand Hotel

Saturday 30th May 2020

Dinner: €100

Dresscode: Smart Casual

Please purchase tickets before the event as seating is limited to 80 places. Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. Those wishing to pay in sterling may send £85 by cheque to the registered address or by bank transfer. Please make funds payable to Friends of Hadhramaut along with your full names.

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Oslo Opera House
(Photo credit: Visit Norway)

Friday 29th May 5pm

If you arrive on Friday, we recommend «Carmen» by Georges Bizet at the Oslo Opera House at 7.30pm, ending at 10.30pm; preceded by supper at the Sanguine Brasserie in the foyer of the Opera House **at 5pm.**

Kirsten Flagstads plass 1, NO-0150 Oslo
Ph: 00-47 21422142

W: www.sanguinebrasserie.no

E: post@opera-huset.no

Those wishing to purchase opera tickets must remit **€65** directly to :

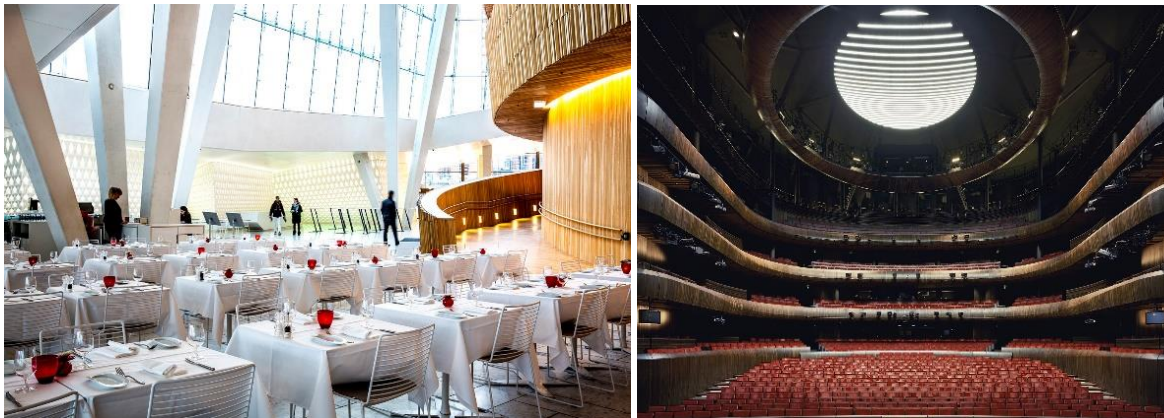
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and those who would like to register for the pre-opera supper must send their names directly to: sverre.driveklepp@gmail.com.

The menu will be sent to you once you have registered.

Please send your full names when remitting funds.



Brasserie Sanguine and Oslo Opera House
(Photo Credit: Sanguinebrasserie and Pinterest)



Bønsnes Church (Photo Credit: The Norwegian Church) and **The Grand Hotel**, where the **Nobel Peace Prize** banquet is held and where the recipient resides (Photo Credit: Grand Hotel)

Saturday 30th May Excursion - Hole 9AM-4PM

The very first **FOH in Norway Eva Eriksen** invites us on an historic excursion to her municipality «Hole», located in the heart of the Norwegian countryside, 50 km from central Oslo. This area has roots going back to the origins of the Viking kings in the 9th century.

After being received by the Deputy Mayor Anita Gomnaes, we will visit an old farmhouse, Bønsnes medieval church and served a traditional, light Norwegian lunch.

Departure from Oslo Bus Station by public bus #200: 9:40am (Meet 20 min ahead)

Bus tickets must be bought individually at the bus station.

We will arrive at Vik bus stop 1 hour later, where Eva will arrange onward transport.

We will return to Oslo by 4pm.

NB! Max number of people 30. First come, first served basis. Comfy shoes.

Registration by email: sverre.driveklepp@gmail.com

Saturday 30th May Dinner – Grand Cafe 6PM

Sverre and Nina welcome you to a 3 course dinner at the Grand Cafe Oslo in the heart of the capital Karl Johans Gate 31,0159 OSLO. Ph: 00-47 98182000. W: www.grandcafeoslo.no

Keynote speaker: Professor Anne K. Bang, University of Bergen

Anne K. Bang is Professor of Middle Eastern and African Islamic history at the University of Bergen. She has published extensively on the intellectual links between Hadhramaut and the Swahili coast of East Africa.

In the period 2011-13, she led a project digitising the manuscript library of the Riyadhha Mosque in Lamu, Kenya. This institution has had a very strong social and cultural impact in the region, and in this talk she will present its strong links with Hadhramaut (and especially its namesake in Say'un) .

Dinner will be served at 6:30pm and will include Norwegian salmon, tea and coffee. Drinks may be bought individually at the bar.

Please email Sverre if you are vegetarian or have other dietary requirements.

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The Viking Ship Museum
(Credit: University of Oslo)

Sunday 31st May

Oslo is beautifully located between the Oslo Fjord and the surrounding hills.

For those with a tight schedule we recommend

A hop-on-hop-off experience by bus and boat

Departure: The National Theatre (Every 30min 10am – 4pm)

Points of interest: Stop #3 Vigeland Park. #4 Cultural History. #5 Viking Ship museums.
#6 Fram, Kon-Tiki and Maritime museums.

Proceed with boat to Oslo Opera House and City Hall or continue the bus tour

Time guesstimates without stops: 1 hour bus only, 2 hours bus and boat

Cost: From **€29**

<https://city-sightseeing.com/en/69/oslo/74/hop-on-hop-off-oslo>

If you want to visit the museums and attractions we recommend buying the Oslo Card

<https://www.oslocard.com/en/>

For those with a full day we recommend

A boat trip to the museums **guided by Sverre**

Meeting point: 10am at Rådhusbrygge 3 /City Hall Pier 3 (Seaside of the City Hall)

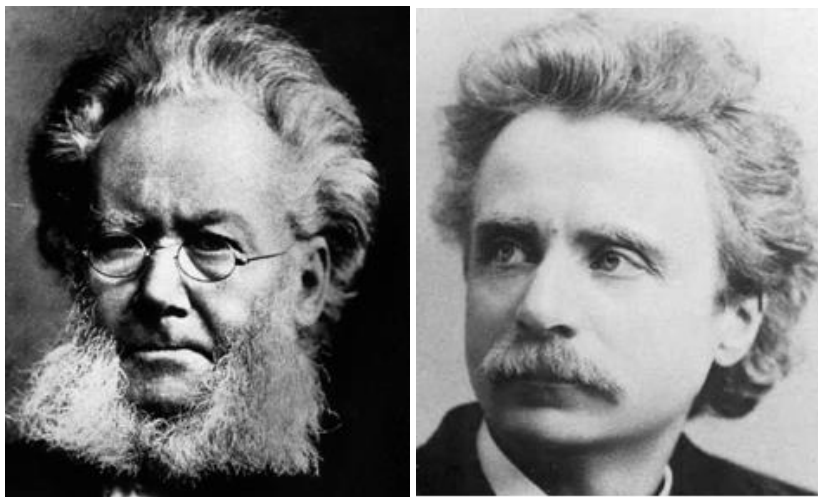
We will visit: Norwegian Museum of Cultural History, Viking Ship Museum, Kon-Tiki Museum, Fram Polar Ship Museum and Maritime Museum.

Cost: The Oslo Pass, from NOK445,- (**€45**)

By email: sverre.driveklepp@gmail.com

We recommend buying the Oslo Pass on arrival which allows you free public transport on buses, trams and trains (including boats to the islands), free access to most museums and attractions and discounts to some restaurants. A 24 hour pass costs about €45. Discounts for seniors and children. 48 and 72 hour passes also available:

<https://www.visitoslo.com/en/activities-and-attractions/oslo-pass/>



19th century Drama and Music: Henrik Ibsen and Edward Grieg

(Photo credit: Ubok.no and vpr.org)

Accommodation in Oslo

Hotel	Stars	Price 2 nights Double room 29.5 -31.5	Location	Comments
Thon Opera	5	EUR 350	Central, close to Oslo Central train station	Close to the Opera. New modern district.
Grand hotel	5	EUR 402	Central, close to the Parliament	Classic.
Continental	5	EUR 541	Central, close to the National Theatre train station	The best of the classics
The Thief	5	EUR 842	Central, Tjuvholmen, seaside	Modern, very close to popular restaurant area Aker Brygge
Radisson Blue Plaza	4	EUR 273	Central, close to Oslo Central train station	Tall building, nice view from upper floors
Clarion The Hub	4	EUR 275	Central, close to Oslo Central train station	Hotel has been recently refurbished
Comfort Xpress Central Station	3	EUR 200	Central, at the Oslo Central train station	Good reviews
Comfort Xpress Youngstorvet	3	EUR 138	Central, close to government buildings	Good reviews, Value for money

Prices are based on: 2 persons in double room. 29th – 31st May 2020. 2 nights. Breakfast may not be included

Airbnb

Airbnb offers apartments in many price ranges. May be a very good alternative for small groups who want to find less expensive accommodations.

W: www.airbnb.com.



Oslo Airport Gardermoen
(OSL, Wikipedia)

Travel to Oslo

Airlines from UK to Oslo:

BA & SAS from Heathrow
Ryanair from Stansted
Norwegian from Gatwick

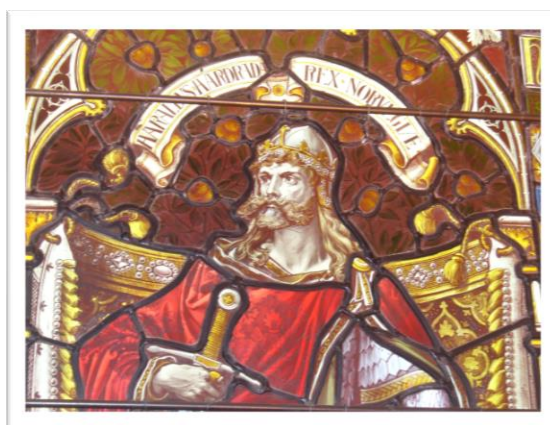
Getting from the airport to your accomodation

Oslo Airport Gardermoen is located 50km from the City Center.
We strongly recommend the train services from VY or Flytoget (Airport Express).
The train station is located within the airport terminal.
Takes you to Oslo Central Station or National Theatre Station in 20-25 minutes.

Flytoget: NOK196,- (€20)

VY: NOK109,- (€11) (zone 4 ticket)

Taxi from airport to central Oslo: Approx.. €100 (ask for fixed price)



Harald Hardrada, Last of the great Viking Kings
(Photo Credit: Colin Smith / Harald Hardrada, Wkikmedia)

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