

# EL CORAZÓN DE NORUEGA

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*The Heart of Norway is a network of companies working together with the goal to get more international guests to the region. To reach this goal one of the instruments is developing and presenting a set of proposals for new roundtrips with an extended stay in the heart of Norway. The region stretches from Hamar in the south to Trondheim in the north and westwards to Åndalsnes, Skjåk and Valdres. Most of the area is known as the Inland of Norway.*



### #1 TURN BACK TIME - HAMAR MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL



Every second weekend of June (except this year when it is June 14- June 16) Hamar Medieval Festival takes place at Domkirkeodden. During these days the entire museum area is transferred into a vivid medieval town where you can see, hear, smell, taste and feel the Middle Ages. This is a festival for all senses and the entire family, and it is barely impossible to describe such an experience – one must be there to really get what kind of a time travel this is!

Hamar Medieval Festival is the greatest festival of its kind in Norway, closely followed by the Medieval festivals in Oslo and Tønsberg.

Read more about the medieval festival [here](#).

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### #2 MIDSUMMER AT DOMKIRKEODDEN IN HAMAR



Midsummer in Norway is celebrated with song and music, games, barbeque and bonfires. At Domkirkeodden everyone who wants is invited to bring their food for cooking on the already warm barbeques, there will be games for the children, activities for the whole family and a nice concert performed by a variety of artists. The evening ends with lighting the big bonfire at the shore of the lake Mjøsa.

This is an all outdoor evening free of charge; a real Norwegian Midsummer feast! Information about the event [here](#). **WELCOME!**

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### #3 MIDSUMMER ON THE SHORE OF LAKE MJØSA AND AQUAVIT TASTING



June 21<sup>st</sup> Atlungstad Distillery is the host for the midsummer concert with one of Norway's most well-known rock-/country-rock band "Hellbillies". For tickets see [www.ticketmaster.no](http://www.ticketmaster.no). The location is perfect for midsummer celebration. Read more about the event [here](#).

Atlungstad Distillery is a unique cultural heritage site in Stange, situated on the shore of lake Mjøsa, 1 hour from Oslo Airport. It is a distillery which has been producing potato-based spirit for over 160 years. It was built in 1856 and was one of Norway's leading distilleries. The distillery continues as a producing distillery and as a working museum, telling the history of Norwegian distilleries and Norwegian aquavit.

We offer guided tours. Read more [www.atlungstadbrenneri.no](http://www.atlungstadbrenneri.no)

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#### #4 A UNIQUE STEAM TRAIN EXPERIENCE AT ELVERUM 22 JUNE 2019



There are not many steam trains in Norway that are able to run on the Norwegian railway network. On Saturday 22 June, a unique meeting will take place between two steam trains. The event is a cooperation between the Norwegian Railway Museum and Norwegian Museum Train.

Steam locomotive NSB type 30a no. 271 has not been in operation since 2009 and has recently been renovated. This summer, the locomotive and a set of wagons will have several departures on the national rail network. The locomotive from 1914 is owned by the Norwegian Railway Museum and utilized by Norsk Museumstog / Norsk Jernbaneklubb.

The Norwegian Railway Museum has one of the world's oldest veteran trains in operation and is only run on the national rail network. This train is called the Karéttoget. The locomotive - "Caroline" - dates from 1861 and is built by the legendary British railway pioneer Robert Stephenson. A trip with this train is a journey back in time. Sit back and enjoy the travelling comfort of the 1880's. It will give you a feel of what it was like to travel through the stunning farm landscape 140 years ago.

On June 22, these two trains meet at Elverum station, a quite unique event! The large steam train is based in Oslo (Grorud). It runs from here to Kongsvinger, further up the Solørbanen to Elverum, over to Hamar and returns to Oslo. The section Kongsvinger-Hamar is run with the steam locomotive, while the other stretches are driven by electric locomotives. Karéttoget runs from Hamar via Løten to Elverum and back.

Do not miss out on this historic event at Elverum! You can buy tickets for the ride with Karéttoget [here](#).

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#### #5 THE GOOD LIFE AT DALE-GUDBRANDS GARD



At Dale-Gudbrands Gard in Gudbrandsdalen, you experience tranquillity, peace and quietness.

Few Norwegian farms have such a rich cultural history as Dale-Gudbrands Gard at Hundorp. As far back as the Viking Age, the farm was a gathering place for powerful meetings and events. The first major meeting took place in the year 1021 between Olav den Hellige and the farm owner Dale-Gudbrand. The meeting is described in Heimskringla by Snorre Sturlasson and marks the beginning of the introduction of Christianity in Gudbrandsdalen.

Today, Dale-Gudbrands Gard consists of six buildings, which are used for accommodation, dining and conferences.

This season we proudly introduce our brand-new rooms in the «Stabbur».

Our season has never started as early as this. We are very happy to say that we have the opportunity to welcome Spanish-speaking visitors every week either for lunch or dinner and accommodation.

We are also very proud of our kitchen and we the positive feedback we get. Our menu is based on traditional dishes from Gudbrandsdalen valley. We use local ingredients and the menu is seasonal.

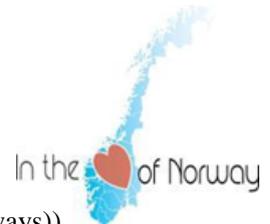


Dale-Gudbrands Gard. Photos: Ian Brodie.

Check out our website [www.dale-gudbrandgard.no](http://www.dale-gudbrandgard.no) and contact us for booking.

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## # 6 VY AND FJORD 1 JOIN FORCES



The companies Vy (formerly NSB (Norwegian state railways)) and Fjord1, will establish a joint national tourism company. As leaders within transport by land and sea, the companies will take a central position in tourism in Norway through this new establishment

The aim of the new tourism company is to offer environmentally friendly travel packages throughout Norway, develop new tourist destinations and contribute to year-round tourism. One of the goals is to establish a strong sales and marketing portal that will promote Norway as an environmentally friendly travel destination for the international market.

You can read more about the founders [Vy](#) and [Fjord1](#).

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## #8 THE RAUMA RAILWAY – NORWAY’S MOST BEAUTIFUL RAILWAY JOURNEY



*Rauma railway. Photo: L.J. Olestad*

Named Europe's most beautiful railway journey by Lonely Planet, the Rauma Railway takes you through some of the most dramatic of Norway's landscape.

A trip on the Rauma Line gives you a unique opportunity to experience at close hand some of the most spectacular scenery Norway has to offer. In only one hour, the train will take you from beautiful fjords to the wild mountains. Once onboard, all you need to do is sit back, gaze through the large windows and enjoy your journey through a landscape full of contrasts.

On the train, you will hear a commentary in Norwegian, English, and German, and receive a brochure describing the highlights of your journey.

The sightseeing trains on the Rauma Line run from 30 May through 30 August. Choose between two scenic rides; the one hour-ride from Åndalsnes to Bjorli, or a 1 hour and 40 minutes-ride from Åndalsnes to Dombås. In this period these trains slow down here and there to give tourists the best possible view from the trains. The rest of the year, these trains are 10-15 minutes faster than in the summer.

Agents can book tickets [here](#).

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## #7 SALMON FISHING AND SALMON FISHING DAYS AT SURNADAL



The event “Laksedagene” (Salmon days) takes place in Surnadal on the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2019.

We welcome you to experience salmon fishing in our river Surna, competitions, good music and much more.

For information about the event <https://www.facebook.com/Laksedagene/>

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