



GET TO KNOW ARTISTS IN NORWAY – A TRAVEL IN ART



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Get to know national and international artists in Norway. We have planned a tour where you will experience art museums, local and national artists. The new Munch museum opens this year, and we give you the unique chance to see this famous artist's birthplace in Ådalsbruk, Løten. We will visit the Peder Balke centre at Østre Toten, art museums and sculpture parks by national and international artists. We also visit a local artist, Thomas Klevjer in his own gallery at Ringerike. We end the trip with a visit to the Munch museum or the national gallery. An inspiring trip for all art lovers.

Day 1

We travel north to the Hamar region approx. 1 hour from the airport. Here we visit the Anno Museum and the Munch Centre. Guided tour. We get to know the story of the world-famous artist Edvard Munch's childhood. Munch was born in Ådalsbruk, Løten 12 December 1863, on the farm Engelaug Østre. We also visit Kunstbanken Hedmark Art Centre that houses various exhibitions of Norwegian and international artists. Check-in at Wood Hotel by Frich's, a hotel known as the world's tallest wooden building. The hotel is located on the shores of Lake Mjøsa and offers beautiful views of the area. Dinner.

Day 2

Today we travel along Lake Mjøsa, to city Lillehammer and get a guided tour of Lillehammer Art Museum. Furthermore, the journey continues to Østre Toten and the Peder Balke Centre. Peder Balke (1804-1887) was a Norwegian painter. With his dramatic paintings in a limited colour scale, Balke was recognized as one of the best landscape painters in Norway in the 19th century. Dinner and overnight stay at the historical Granavolden Gjestgiveri beautifully situated on a hill in the middle of Hadeland's historic landscape.



Day 3

Two large tourist attractions in Norway; Hadeland Glassverk and the Kistefos Museum are today's destinations, both being important cultural institutions housing various art exhibitions every year. Hadeland Glassverk has been producing glass since 1765 and is today a major attraction with many shops, exhibitions, activities, museum, and various art exhibitions. Kistefos is a unique cultural destination in beautiful surroundings in Jevnaker. Kistefos was built on the former factory area of Kistefos Træsliperi AS and today consists of an impressive sculpture park, two art galleries, and an industrial museum. In 2019, the signature building The Twist opened, which has won several awards and nominations for its spectacular design.

In the middle of the historic environment and beautiful cultural landscape, right next to the Sister Churches at Granavollen, we find *Glasslåven Art Centre* – a protected classic red barn from the 1880s which has been converted into an art centre. The barn now houses a glassblowing studio and 14 workshops for professional artists and craftsmen. Glass artist Ulla-Mari Brantenberg has been involved since the start. Today, several artists, writers, a composer, and a framer are among those who have their daily workplace here. Dinner and overnight stay at Granavolden Gjestgiveri.

Day 4

Today's excursion is Galleri Klevjer in Ringerike. We meet local artist Thomas Klevjer in his own gallery. Klevjer gives a guided tour and introduces his artistic expression and the history of the place. We can also visit the Villa Fridheim, which is one of Norway's largest and best-preserved Swiss-style houses. In the beautiful villa with the special architecture, one takes care of the intangible cultural heritage with special focus on fairy tales and stories. The impressive hall is decorated with large fairy tale paintings by Egil Thorin Næsheim.

Fossesholm Manor is a cultural gem for the whole family. Today, the main building is a museum, where you can enjoy the beautiful interiors from the farm's heyday in the 18th century. The buildings also house various art exhibitions. Accommodation at Kleivstua Hotel at Sundvollen.

Day 5

The new Munch museum in Oslo is a unique pearl and an architectonic piece of art. The museum opens in 2021 (autumn) and gives a unique insight to this world known artists life and work. Lunch in the museum overlooking Bjørvika and the Oslo fjord. We head for Oslo Airport Gardermoen for your travel back home.

FACTS

Duration: 5 days – 4 nights

Hotels: Granavolden Gjestgiveri
Wood hotel by Frich's
Kleivstua hotel

The tour includes:

- Transportation in comfy tour bus/coach,
- 4 nights in double room incl. breakfast
- 4 dinners
- 4 (or 5) lunches depending on arrival/departure.
- Entrance to attractions mentioned.

Additional costs:

- Single room
- Flights