

Aasane, Arna, Dale, Voss and Kvam Rotary Club



Round Trip Vestlandet 20. – 27. August 2017

Bergen

- **Bergen**
- Bergen is Norway's second largest city with a population of roughly 270,000. King Olav Kyrre founded the city of Bergen in 1070, and it was the country's capital from 1110 until 1299.
- Bergen was one of the major Hanseatic cities in Europe and it has been a great centre of trade throughout the ages. Fish was exported from Bergen, while grain was the chief import. The first German merchants came to the city already in 1270, and the powerful Hanseatic League existed until 1784, when it was disbanded. The Hanseatic merchants operated in the Bryggen area, which is now included on UNESCO's World Heritage List.
- Bergen is called 'the city between seven mountains' because of the many mountains that surround it. At 624 metres, Mount Ulriken is the tallest of them.
- Today Bergen is an important centre for the shipping and oil industries, as well as for aquaculture, the food processing industry and higher education. Bergen is also a European City of Culture and its many museums and art galleries are well worth a visit.
- Bergen is known as the gateway to the fjords and is included in nearly all our organized tours.
- **Travel tip**
- When visiting Bergen, make sure you have the Bergen Card. The Bergen card is a practical and reasonable way to experience the cultural city of Bergen and can be bought when purchasing one of our tours. Read more about [the Bergen Card](#).



Bergen Fløyen

- **Take Fløibanen funicular to the top of Mount Fløyen. Magnificent view of Bergen, great children's playground and ideal for mountain walks.**
- Take the funicular railway to Mount Fløyen and see all of Bergen in just 8 minutes.

The funicular railway is one of Norway's most famous attractions. The trip starts from the city centre, just 150 metres from the Fish Market and Bryggen. The exiting trip up to the mountain is a magnificent experience in itself.

From Mount Fløyen, approx. 320 metres above sea level, you can enjoy the beautiful view, study the cityscape in detail and the seaward approaches and fjords surrounding Bergen.

The Funicular takes you to a fantastic area of beautiful natural surroundings with innumerable opportunities for walking and hiking. At Fløyen there is also a restaurant, cafeteria, souvenir shop and play area.

The Fløibanen funicular runs daily from early morning until 11 p.m. during the the year



Voss The adrenaline capital of Norway

- If you are craving outdoor adventures, extreme surroundings and Norwegian food specialities, Voss will not let you down.
- In Voss you are greeted by snowy mountain tops, valleys and forests, rivers, waterfalls and lakes. The town, home to around 14,000 inhabitants, is located in-between the famous fjords of Sognefjord and Hardangerfjord and can offer outdoor adventures all year round.
- It's not a coincidence that Voss has a world-renowned reputation as Norway's adventure capital. For nearly 200 years the town has been welcoming visitors looking for adventures based on nature, local culture and traditions. For the adrenalin seekers, few places in Norway has more to offer. Bungee jumping, skydiving, paragliding, and white water rafting are just some of the activities worth mentioning.
- Voss is the skiing metropolis of Fjord Norway, with runs suitable for the entire family. The two ski centres in Voss feature more than 55 kilometres of alpine runs and around 20 ski lifts. In spring, summer and autumn, Voss offers an impressive assortment of outdoor activities, including hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, canyoning and more.
- The region has a long food heritage and if you are looking for local traditional tastes, you should visit Smalahovetunet. Here, in a farmhouse dating from the 1700s, you will be served traditional style lamb meat ("smalahove" and "pinnakjøl"), sour cream porridge, and cured and seasoned meat, in addition to other local specialities.
- The town centre is situated approximately 57 metres above sea level, and many people are surprised to find themselves surrounded by mountains. Throughout the year Voss hosts a range of events that have become well-known nationally as well as internationally, such as Vossa Jazz and Ekstremsportveko ("the Extreme Sports Week").
- Located less than an hour from Bergen and the fjords, Voss is an ideal base for exploring Fjord Norway. There are several options for [getting to Voss](#).
- Find more inspiration on [Voss' official website](#).



Kvam in Hardangerfjord



Hardanger Maritime Museum (HFS - Hardanger fartøyvernssenter) was established in 1984, and started with the rotten sloop, Mathilde. HFS is a part of Hardanger and Voss museum. The centre is a commercial foundation, and is engaged in a broad spectre of crafts, activities and services.

Ship preservation and conservation at the wharf dominates our museum when it comes to space.

We focus on a variety of maritime crafts:

- We build new and restore old clinker built small boats in our boatbuilding workshop.
- You can watch rope making in our ropewalk
- Iron is being formed into tools in our smithy.

All workshops are open for our guests to experience.

Apprenticeships, museum management, camp schools and activities related to tourism are also important activities at the museum.

HFS is one of three national ships preservation centres appointed by the Directorate of Cultural Heritage. HFS owns and operates the Hardanger sloop (one-masted sailboat) Mathilde. The Centre is located in Norheimsund, Hordaland County, some 70 kilometres from the city of Bergen on the west coast of Norway.

It all started with a wild idea off restoring an old ship and sail it with youngsters. It has grown to a tremendous force regarding maritime rehabilitation and history in Norway. It has become a fairytale.

You can come and be a part of it by experiencing the atmosphere and learn about Norway's international maritime history.



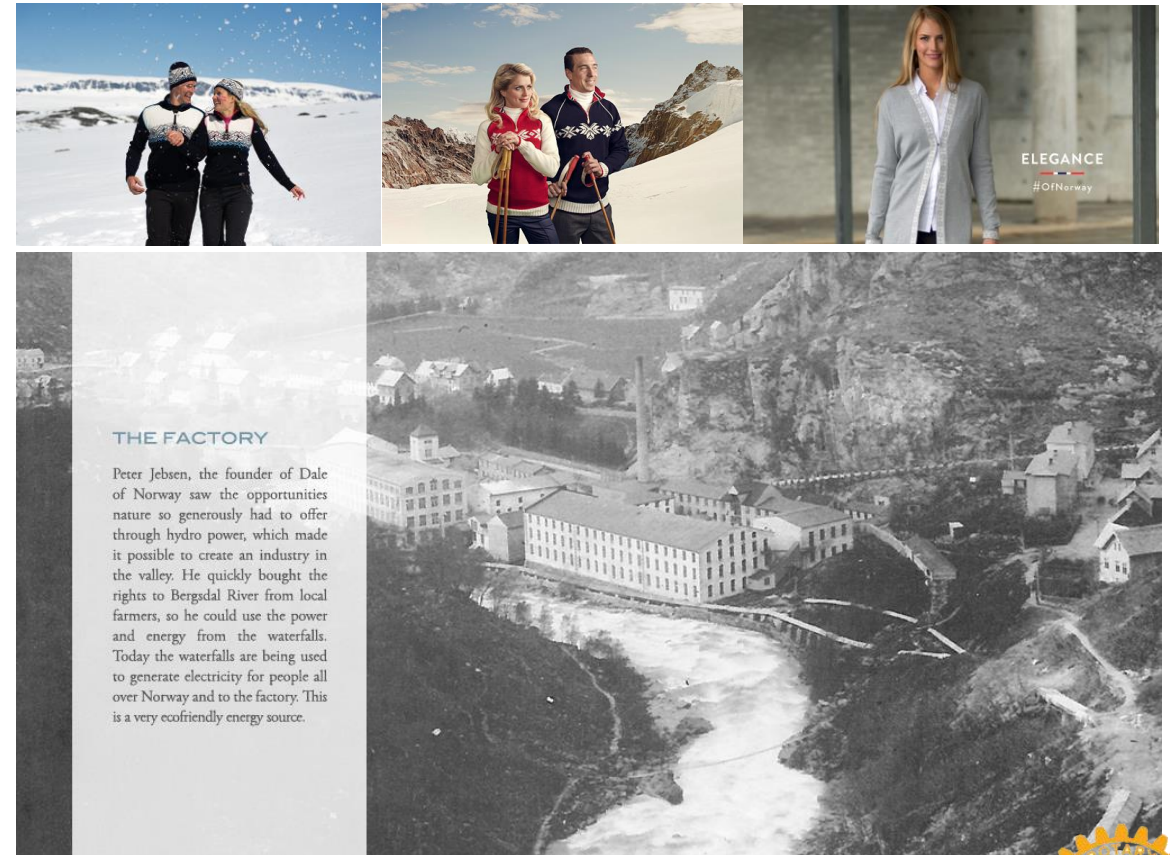
Dale of Norway

The village of Dale is nestled between beautiful steep mountains, waterfalls and fjords on the west coast of Norway. In 1879, the historic textile factory was established in this valley with easy access to wool, strong knitting traditions, and a great supply of natural power from the local waterfalls. Since then, Dale of Norway has developed stunning designs in premium qualities that are well-known worldwide.



DALE OF NORWAY

MADE IN NORWAY SINCE 1879



THE FACTORY

Peter Jebsen, the founder of Dale of Norway saw the opportunities nature so generously had to offer through hydro power, which made it possible to create an industry in the valley. He quickly bought the rights to Bergsdal River from local farmers, so he could use the power and energy from the waterfalls. Today the waterfalls are being used to generate electricity for people all over Norway and to the factory. This is a very ecofriendly energy source.

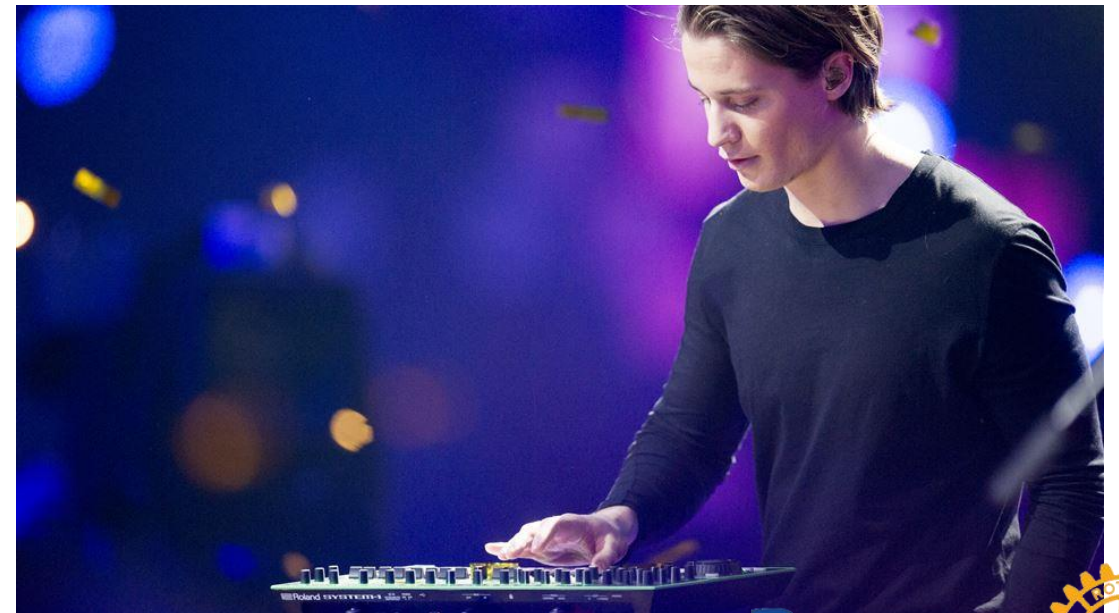
Alan Walker – From Bergen

- British-Norwegian EDM producer Alan Walker was a mere 18 years old when his track "Faded" became a massive European hit, topping the charts in ten countries and entering the Top Five in six more. Born August 24, 1997 in Northampton, England to a Norwegian mother and British father, Walker moved with his family to Bergen, Norway at the age of two. A true post-millennial child, Walker grew up surrounded by technology and became fascinated by computers. In 2012, inspired by EDM producers K-391 and Ahrix, whom he'd discovered on YouTube, and film composers Steve Jablonsky and Hans Zimmer, he began to create his own music on his laptop. Working in the genre of "drumstep," a kind of slowed-down drum'n'bass, he eventually uploaded the instrumental track "Fade," which was soon picked up and re-released via the No Copyright Sounds (NCS) YouTube channel and free net label that promoted the two aforementioned EDM artists. "Fade" was a huge success, eventually garnering a staggering 65 million hits, and was followed by two more equally cinematic (if somewhat less popular) songs, "Spectre" and "Force." The majors soon sat up and took notice, and in 2015, Walker signed to Sony Music. His first single for the label was "Faded," a reworked version of "Fade" featuring uncredited lead vocals by fey Oslo pop singer Iselin Solheim, who had herself burst onto the scene only a couple of years previously with her song "The Wizard of Us." Driven by Solheim's angelic, ethereal vocal, a melancholy yet catchy melody, and punchy, high-quality production -- as well as a dark, dystopian music video shot in a number of crumbling post-industrial locations in Estonia -- the song topped the charts in Sweden (where it went nine-times platinum), Germany, France, Italy, his native Norway, and elsewhere around the world. He later released a stripped-back acoustic "restrung" version with all the EDM elements taken out. Walker made his live debut at the X Games in Oslo in February 2016, and followed this up with a series of high-profile festival appearances.



Kygo – From Bergen

- Kyrre Gørvell-Dahl, better known as Kygo, was heading into an unforgettable weekend on top of an extremely hectic week. In the space of just a few days, the young electronica musician from Bergen launched a new clothing collection, geared up to perform at two festivals and then announced he'd be flying down to Rio, to play at the closing ceremonies of the Summer Olympics.
- That will be "the biggest performance of my career," the 24-year-old superstar wrote on his Facebook page. He'll be taking part in what's expected to be a spectacular show as the Olympics draw to a close on Sunday in Rio de Janeiro.
- On Wednesday, Kygo launched his own line of clothing, as have many other celebrities. One fashion expert called the collection consisting of T-shirts, caps, sweaters and headphones, "down-to-earth and simple," rather like Kygo himself.
- On Friday, Kygo was headlining at the Findings electronica festival at Bislett Stadium in Oslo, along with some of the biggest names in the business including David Guetta, Dimitri Vegas and Like Mike and two other Norwegians who make up *Røyksopp*. The festival was advertised as sold out, with around 18,000 ticketholders due to turn Bislett into a huge dancefest as well.
- Then Kygo was heading home to Bergen to perform on Saturday at his own "Cloud Nine Festival" at Bergenshus Fortress. Right after leaving the stage he'll be jetting off to Rio ("not exactly on a scheduled airline," festival leader Frank Nes told state broadcaster NRK), taking advantage of the time zone difference that works in his favour. It means he'll make it to Rio on schedule to perform Sunday at the huge Olympic stadium with hundreds of millions of people watching on TV around the world.
- "It's a pretty packed program for the weekend," Kygo told NRK. "It will be very hectic but I think it will be a very exciting weekend, with all the three biggest events of the summer in three days."
- There was one disadvantage. Since he'll need to fly to Rio immediately after his performance at the Cloud Nine festival in Bergen, he said, "there won't be any party that night."



Round Trip 2017 Bergen – Flesland BGO Airport

- **We welcome 10 persons between 18 – 20 years to Round Trip Vestlandet 2017.**

- Schedule:
- Bergen Airport BGO Flesland Sunday 20. August (pick up at the airport)
- Monday 21. August: Train from Bergen to Dale (40 min) return til Bergen.
- Tuesday 22. August: Bus from Bergen to Nordheimsund (2 hours) Hotel in Kvam.
- Wednesday 23. August: Bus fra Hotel in Kvam to Voss (2 hours) Hotel in Voss.
- Thursday 24. August: Train from Voss to Bergen (1,5 hours) Hotel in Bergen.
- Friday 25. August: Round trip in Bergen with Arna Rotary Club. Hotel in Bergen.
- Saturday 26. August: Round trip in Bergen with Aasaene Rotary Club. Hotel in Bergen.
- Sunday 27. August: Airport Shuttle Bus to Bergen Airport BGO Flesland
- This presentation is made by Aasane Rotary Club

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