

# GUIDED EXPERIENCES IN GRIMSTAD

2023

## POETS

Discover  
Ibsen & Hamsun  
in Grimstad

## MARITIME

Get an insight into  
Grimstad's  
maritime heritage

## NATURE

Explore  
Raet national  
park





# WELCOME

**Grimstad is known for its poets, skerries and cycling. In our idyllic little town with white-painted houses and narrow lanes, the adventures are always closer than you might think.**

We offer unique experiences with a guide all year. All our offers can be experienced in big or small groups. Bring your partner, family, good friends or colleagues.

Experience Grimstad all year through by a cultural historic walk, at museums or out in the skerries with one of our wonderful guides.

We highlight locally produced food and drinks. We offer culture, food and nature experiences for every taste. Choose among 18 different experiences or tell us about your wishes. We can tailor packages to your needs.

Grimstad can boast two important contributors to world literature amongst its numbers – Henrik Ibsen and Knut Hamsun, who both for periods have called Grimstad their home. But there is more to Grimstad than famous writers. Shipping and horticulture have served as important pillars in Grimstad's economic and commercial development for centuries.

The programme is a collaboration between Grimstad Tourist Information (Visit Grimstad) and the local travel & tourism industry.

## Welcome to Grimstad!



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# GUIDED TOUR OF THE IBSEN MUSEUM

Who was Henrik Ibsen?

He was a writer familiar to most of us, but could it be that the Ibsen we feel we know is not quite identical to the young man struggling to get his first play published?

At the Ibsen museum, we follow Henrik through his years as a young man in Grimstad – his friendships, his romances, and his challenges. Our knowledgeable guides help explore this complex personality who worked at the apothecary, studied for his exams, and started his literary career.

We recommend combining a visit to the museum with a guided town walk exploring other key Ibsen locations in Grimstad.



ca. 45 minutes



from NOK 105 per person



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# TOWN WALK – IBSEN'S GRIMSTAD

The focus of this walk is Henrik Ibsen's time in Grimstad as a young man, and what may have inspired him to write when he was living here. You get to see three of the town's key Ibsen locations and hear stories about Ibsen's youth.

We recommend combining this walk with a visit to the Ibsen Museum in Grimstad – one of our biggest attractions.



ca. 1-1.5 hours



from NOK 130 per person



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# TERJE VIGEN AT THE PUB

In the warm ambiance of Apoteker-gaarden in Grimstad, we offer a fun and engaging experience with Henrik Ibsen's poem "Terje Vigen" in focus. Apoteker-gaarden – Norway's best Brewpub (Untappd 2020) – is a unique restaurant with focus on local food and drink. There is no place better suited for a social, literary, and culinary top-up.

Our Terje Vigen Quiz will challenge your ability to collaborate as well as your history knowledge and math skills. On the menu is *Pilot's Bacalao*, inspired by Ibsen's epic poem.

Henrik Ibsen's "Terje Vigen" is a popular and beloved poem. This epic work is based on stories from Southern Norway during the Napoleonic Wars. Henrik Ibsen spent six years of his youth in Grimstad – years that inspired his dramatic story about Terje Vigen.



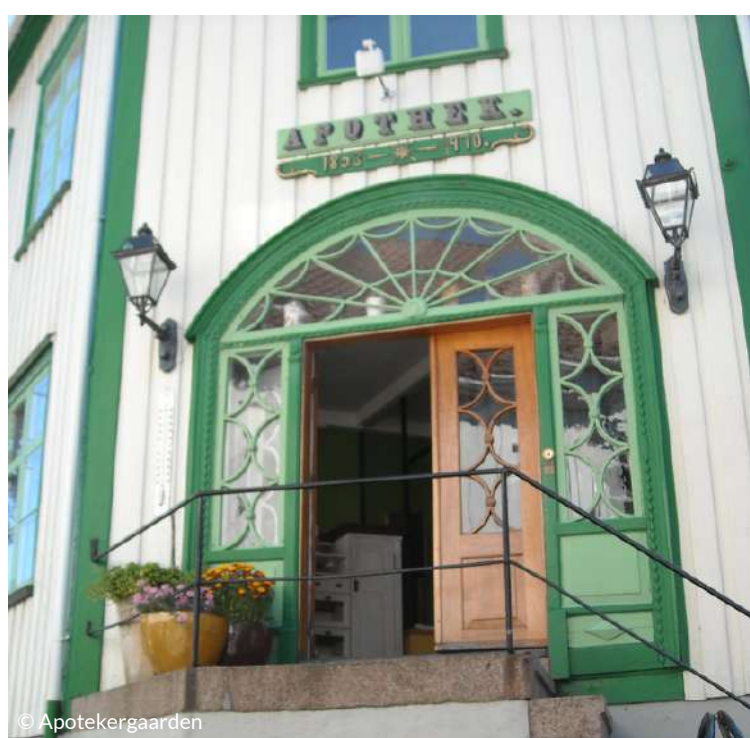
**ca. 1.5-2 hours**



**NOK 370 per person**



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# TERJE VIGEN IN THE SKERRIES

Join us on a voyage with the schooner Solrik and explore the islands and islets in the Grimstad skerries.

It is a trip with Henrik Ibsen's epic poem "Terje Vigen" in focus. As our guide recites the poem, you are served delicious seafood with drinks to match.

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**3 hours**



**from NOK 14,500 per group**



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# STORIES FROM THE TOWN OF POETS

Let us bring our stories to you!

A town walk is not always possible to fit in. Perhaps it would be more convenient to listen to stories over a dinner? Or as part of a conference?

You choose the venue, and then we come and take you on a journey in the poets' footsteps through stories, film sound and images. Grimstad is the town of Henrik Ibsen and Knut Hamsun. It has left its mark on their writing as they have left their mark on the town. Listen to stories from a time when they called Grimstad their home – stories about love, satirical observations, and overgrown paths. Fascinating excerpts from their works are also included.

Projector and screen for screening of film and images must be available at the venue.



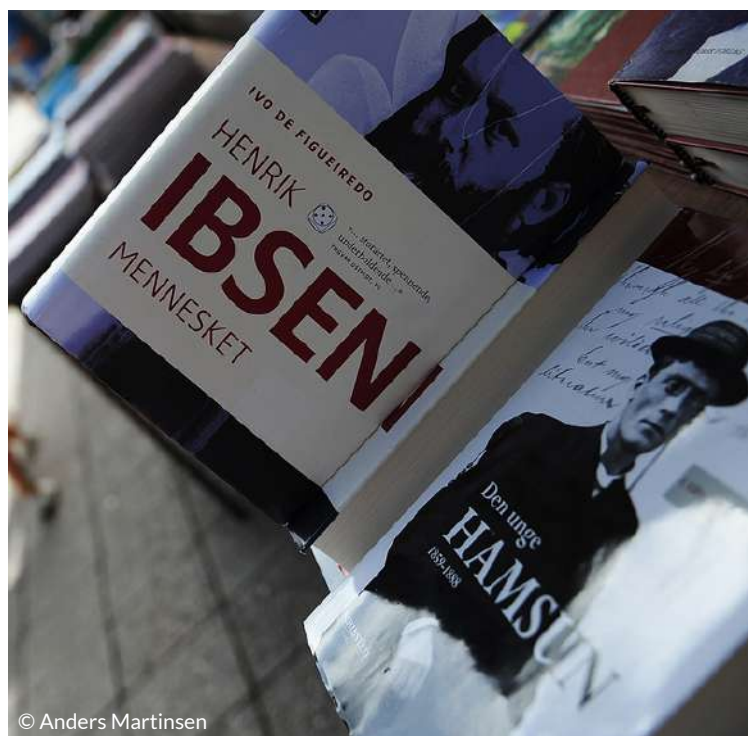
**ca. 30 minutes**



**from NOK 105 per person**



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# TOWN WALK – THE TOWN OF POETS

Grimstad has been home to both Henrik Ibsen and Knut Hamsun, and is often referred to as the "town of poets". It has left its mark on their writing, as they have left their mark on the town. Join us on a walk in the footsteps of these literary greats, and listen to stories from when Grimstad was their home – stories about love, satirical observations, and overgrown paths.

To add to the experience, we recommend the "porke" – a Grimstad speciality, and Norway's best pastry – or a delicious fish cake from Fiskernes Salgslag.



ca. 1-1.5 hours



from NOK 130 per person



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# WALK IN HAMSUN'S FOOTSTEPS

Put on some sturdy footwear, and join us on a hill walk in Knut Hamsun's footsteps.

We will be exploring the landscape that inspired Hamsun's final book *On Overgrown Paths*. There are breaks along the way where we listen to the guide read from the book.

The walk also focuses on Hamsun's time in Grimstad where he lived for over 30 years. You get to hear about the Nobel Prize, Nørholm, the war, the house arrest, and the court case.

NB! The hike requires you to have good stamina and wear comfortable footwear.



**ca. 1.5 hours**



**from NOK 130 per person**



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# HAMSUN AND THE NOBEL PRIZE

Knut Hamsun was awarded the Nobel Laureate in Literature for his novel *Growth of the Soil* in 1920. In collaboration with one of our famous restaurants, Smag & Behag, we have recreated the 7-course meal served at the Nobel Banquet after the award ceremony in Stockholm. During the banquet, you will get better acquainted with the dramatic story behind the award.

Join us on an exclusive journey in words, food, and drink! We can promise a culinary experience out of the ordinary.



ca. 3 hours



from NOK 1,580 per person



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# THE WRITERS'S COTTAGE OF HAMSDUN

Knut Hamsun moved to Nørholm manor farm on the outskirts of Grimstad in 1918. Once settled, he turned one of its crofts into a place where he could work. In order for Hamsun to create characters and build narratives, he needed absolute peace and quiet. This he found in his writer's cottage. During the guided tour, you will learn about Hamsun's use of this creative space and about his vast library.

Nørholm is located about ten minutes by car from Grimstad town centre. Smaller groups may arrive by car, whereas larger groups must travel together to Nørholm in own or hired vehicle. There is a short walk from the parking to writer's cottage, and the building is reached via stairs without railings. The group will be seated during the talk.

Maximum a group of 15 guests. There is room for 8 visitors at a time. Groups larger than 8 people will be divided into two rounds.



**ca. 1,5-2 hours**



**from NOK 6,500 per group**



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# EXPLORE THE DØMMESMOEN PARK

Dømmesmoen is a true gem just outside Grimstad, featuring a large, beautiful park. The walk leads through the stunning garden complex with its roses, pond, oak tree, perennials and Ibsen's herb garden.

Dømmesmoen farm dates as far back as the 1600s, but its more recent history began 100 years ago in 1923, when the Gardening School (*Statens gartnerskole*) started up here. The park is the ideal spot to explore Grimstad's horticultural heritage.

Add to the experience coffee and a waffle, a glass of wine or sparkling wine, or some locally produced apple juice.



ca. 1.5-2 hours



from NOK 130 per person



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# HISTORICAL WALK AT DØMMESMOEN

On this historic tour, you will hear how the ice cap and end moraine have created the natural diversity and varied landscape we find here at Dømmesmoen today.

The plain and the good soil also laid the foundation for an early agricultural culture, and the large burial ground we find here may indicate that Dømmesmoen was a local center of power in the Iron Age.

We also look at Dømmesmoen's recent history, where the Gardening School has left its mark on the area over the past hundred years and shaped it into the green pearl as we know it today.

We recommend ending the walk with coffee and freshly baked waffles in the café at the Museum of Horticulture (*Hagebruksmuseet*).

Here you can also visit our exhibitions about the Gardening School and the important horticulture industry in Grimstad.



**ca. 1-1,5 hours**



**from NOK 130 per person**



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Hagebrukskole, Dømmesmoen, Grimstad.  
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# VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF HORTICULTURE

The stunning park at Dømmesmoen creates a beautiful backdrop for the Norwegian Museum of Horticulture.

This year we are celebrating 100 years since the Gardening School opened here, and on that occasion we are opening a brand new exhibition where you can get an all-round insight into student culture, the school's teaching and ripple effects for the industry locally.

You will hear stories from the horticulture school, wine production at Fuhr and the canning industry here in Grimstad, in a group in the café before you get to study the exhibition more closely on your own.

The museum is known for its tasty waffles, and we recommend freshly baked waffles and coffee while the museum host talks.



**ca. 45-60 minutes**



**from NOK 105 per person**



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# GUIDED FISHING TRIP

Grimstad's skerries offer spectacular fishing spots and a plethora of species. Sørlandet Fiskeguiding AS specialises in sea trout and pike fishing, either from a boat or from the shore.

Bring a packed lunch and something to drink, and we will take you fishing in the beautiful skerries. Trips are available all year round.



**from 4 hours**



**from NOK 3,500 per group**



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# SKERRY TRIP WITH SOLRIK

Are you dreaming of wind in the sails and the creaking of ropes and wooden hulls, the smell of sun and sea, the skerries at close range, or ocean as far as the eye can see?

On board the schooner Solrik of Grimstad, your dream of sailing as crew on an old-fashioned sailing ship becomes reality. Numerous exciting alternatives are available. We will adapt the trip to your individual requirements.



**from 3 hours**



**from NOK 9,500 per group**



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# GUIDED TOUR OF THE MARITIME MUSEUM

The Maritime Museum provides an insight into the region's exciting seafaring history, and is located in Hasseldalen – an area with long shipbuilding traditions.

Join us on a journey through the sailing ship era! Back to a time when ships were built in wood, powered by the wind in their sails, and used for trade on the seven seas. You get to meet the rookie sailor, the shipowner, the prison-ship detainee, and the captain's wife as you explore the days when Cuba's Havana was known as the "sugar port" and sailors were served dried cod and gruel.



ca. 1 hour



from NOK 105 per person



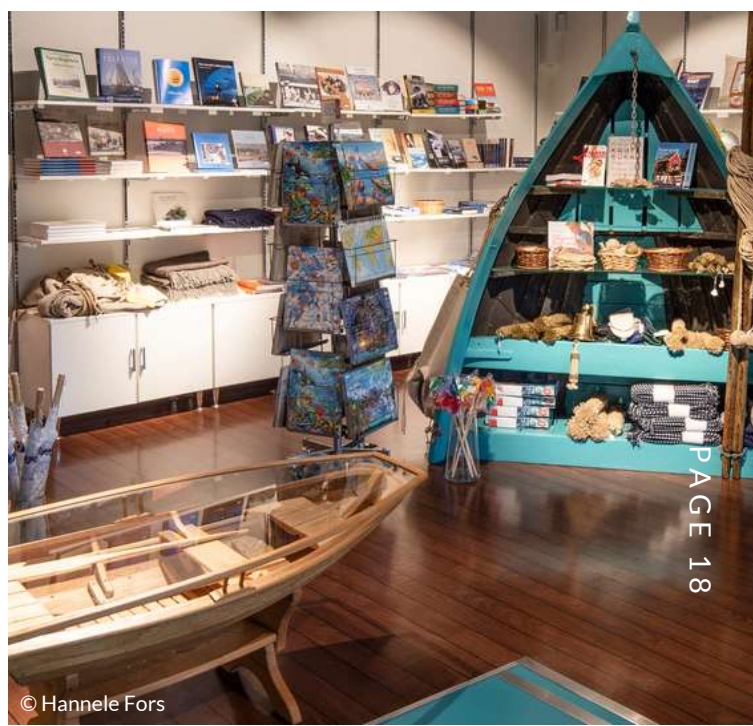
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# EXPLORING THE TOWN'S MARITIME HERITAGE

Grimstad was once one of the largest shipping centres in the world, relative to its population size. This has made its mark on our little coastal town.

Join us on a cultural history walk through Grimstad and its maritime heritage, and listen to stories about booms and busts in the shipping industry, where sailing ships were built, how the crew spent their time on board, and how seafarers handled the sea. You will discover how shipping has impacted the town's architecture and infrastructure.



**ca. 1-1.5 hours**



**from NOK 130 per person**



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# BERGSHAV'S MARITIME COLLECTIONS

Join us on a guided tour of Bergshav's maritime collections in Hasseldalen – a maritime hub boasting shipbuilding traditions dating back to 1842. You can choose between a short and a long tour.

The short option is a guided tour of "Navneua" – a protected building comprising a collection of over a thousand artefacts from the Norwegian, and particularly the local, shipbuilding and shipping industry.

If you opt for the long version, the guided tour continues to "Storbua", which is a covered slipway from 1915. In the upper part is a fully-equipped boat building workshop, with two boats "under construction". The lower section comprises an historical collection of smaller wooden boats from various eras. For groups up to 10 visitors.



**from 1 hour**



**from NOK 1,200 per group**



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# WALK ALONG HIDDEN LANES & ALLEYWAYS

Grimstad is full of hidden shortcuts – narrow lanes and alleyways significant to its history. Join us on a guided walk where you get to explore the town's nooks and crannies and listen to fascinating stories along the way!

To add to the experience, stop at the restaurant "Fru Juske" and treat your taste buds to some delicious cheese and cured meats, along with a beverage or two made in Grimstad.



**ca. 2 hours**



**from NOK 130 per person**



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# TIPS FOR OTHER EXPERIENCES

Not found anything suitable yet? We are happy to tailor the experiences as you please.

Perhaps you would like to create the perfect day out in Grimstad by combining several options? Perhaps you need a programme for an entire week?

... a guided tour of the library and **Nina Sundbye's literature-inspired sculptures?**

... a more challenging walk along the historical **Child Wanderer Path** outside Grimstad town centre?

... a special guided tour or hands-on experience at one of the local **GrimstadMADE** workshops?

... **beer tasting, wine tasting, or soft drink tasting** at Apotekergaarden or at Nøgne Ø?

... a guided tour at the Norwegian brewery (*Det Norske Brenneri*)?

... Alpaca experience at Midt-Tjore Gård?

Contact us at Grimstad Tourist Information, and let us know what you would like to see and do.

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# PRICES AND INFO

## Booking and further info

### GRIMSTAD TOURIST INFORMATION

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➔ Book your experiences at [gbm.no](http://gbm.no) or at [visitgrimstad.com/booking](http://visitgrimstad.com/booking).  
You can also contact Grimstad Tourist Information for further information and bookings.

## Prices 2023

An additional administrative fee of **NOK 175** will be charged for booking via Grimstad Tourist Information. Where prices are subject to VAT, this is included.

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## Prices 2023 – guided tours and stories

**GUIDED TOUR OF THE IBSEN MUSEUM**

**STORIES FROM THE TOWN OF POETS\***

**VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF HORTICULTURE**

**GUIDED TOUR OF THE MARITIME MUSEUM**

Weekday	Start time	Price per person	
		Oct-Apr	May-Sep
Monday-Friday	07:00-15:59	NOK 105	NOK 110
Monday-Friday	16:00-21:00	NOK 110	NOK 115
Sat, Sun, holiday	07:00-15:59	NOK 115	NOK 120
Sat, Sun, holiday	16:00-21:00	NOK 120	NOK 125

\*Price applies to venues in Grimstad municipality only. Travel expenses for guide are charged extra.



## Prices 2023 – walks

### TOWN WALK – IBSEN'S GRIMSTAD

### TOWN WALK – THE TOWN OF POETS

### WALK IN HAMSUN'S FOOTSTEPS

### HISTORICAL WALK AT DØMMESMOEN

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Weekday	Start time	Price per person	
		Oct-Apr	May-Sep
Monday-Friday	07:00-15:59	NOK 130	NOK 140
Monday-Friday	16:00-21:00	NOK 140	NOK 150
Sat, Sun, holiday	07:00-15:59	NOK 150	NOK 160
Sat, Sun, holiday	16:00-21:00	NOK 160	NOK 170

## Prices 2023 – Terje Vigen

### TERJE VIGEN AT THE PUB

Quiz about Terje Vigen and Pilot's Bacalao

NOK 370 per person

### TERJE VIGEN IN THE SKERRIES

3-hour skerry trip with the schooner Solrik and reading of the poem Terje Vigen (excl. food and drinks; see prices for food and drinks on page 26); max. 60 people.

from NOK 14,500 per group

## Prices 2023 – Hamsun

### HAMSUN AND THE NOBEL PRIZE

A lecture with banquet – 7-course dinner excl. wine (min. 15 ppl.)

NOK 1,580 per person

A lecture with banquet – 7-course dinner incl. wine (min. 15 ppl.)

NOK 2,480 per person

### THE WRITERS COTTAGE OF HAMSUN

Gudied tour of Hamsuns writing cottage on Nørholm (max. 15 ppl.)

NOK 6,500 per group

Bus both ways from Grimstad city center in a rented minibus (max. 15 ppl.)

NOK 1,850



## Prices 2023 – fishing

### GUIDED FISHING TRIP

1-4 people, 4 hours shore fishing	NOK 3,500 per group
1-4 people, 8 hours shore fishing	NOK 5,500 per group
1-2 people, 4 hours boat fishing	NOK 4,000 per group
1-2 people, 8 hours boat fishing (includes meals)	NOK 8,000 per group

## Prices 2023 – schooner Solrik

### SKERRY TRIP WITH SOLRIK

	MAY	JUNE, JULY, AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
3-hour trip (minimum rental period)	NOK 10,600	NOK 11,200	NOK 9,500
Hourly rate beyond the first 3 hours	NOK 3,800	NOK 3,900	NOK 3,400
24-hour rent / Charter	NOK 25,000	NOK 26,000	NOK 24,000

## Prices 2023 – Bergshav's maritime collections

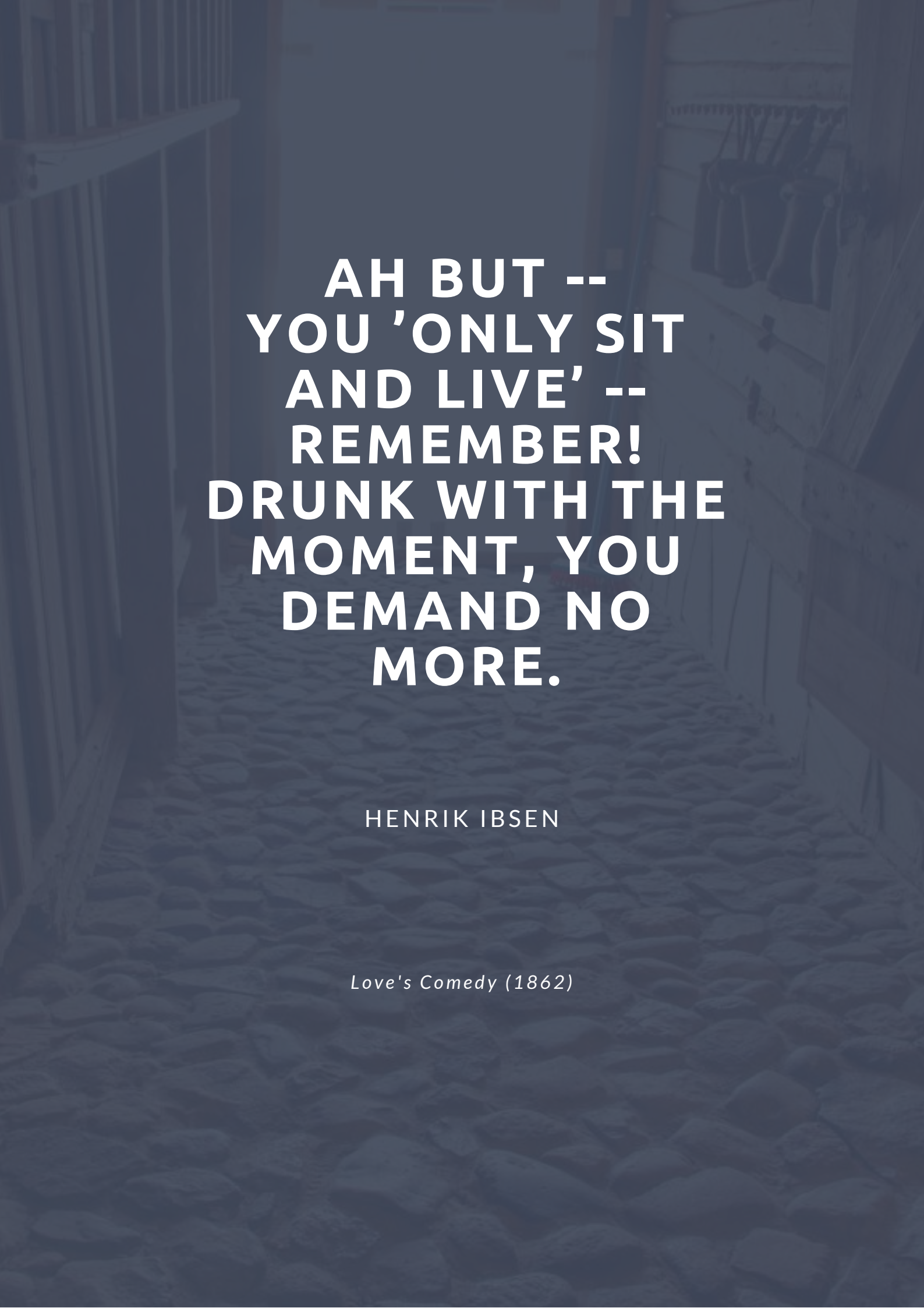
### BERGSHAV'S MARITIME COLLECTIONS

Short tour (Navnebua), ca. 1 hour (max. 10 people)	NOK 1,200 per group
Long tour (Navnebua and Storbua), ca. 1.5-2 hours (max. 10 people)	NOK 1,500 per group



## Prices 2023 – food and drinks

PLACE OF SERVING	MENU	PRICE
Museum of Horticulture	1 waffle and coffee	NOK 65
Museum of Horticulture / Maritime Museum / Ibsen Museum	1 glass of local apple juice	NOK 30
Museum of Horticulture / Maritime Museum / Ibsen Museum	1 glass of white wine / red wine / sparkling wine	NOK 105
Maritime Museum / Ibsen Museum / Walks	1 "porke" (pastry) from Morterud bakery	NOK 35
Walks	1 fish cake from Fiskernes Salgslag	NOK 30
Maritime Museum	Sandwich incl. soft drinks / soda, coffee, tea	NOK 250 pr. pers.
Fru Juske	Cheese platter	NOK 190 pr. pers.
Fru Juske	Cured meat platter	NOK 250 pr. pers.
Schooner Solrik	Shrimp buffet with white bread and mayonnaise	NOK 310 pr. pers.
Schooner Solrik	1 Nøgne Ø beer or cider	NOK 100
Schooner Solrik	1 glass of wine	NOK 95
Schooner Solrik	1 bottle of wine	NOK 435
Schooner Solrik	Water / soft drinks / non-alcoholic beer	NOK 50



**AH BUT --  
YOU 'ONLY SIT  
AND LIVE' --  
REMEMBER!  
DRUNK WITH THE  
MOMENT, YOU  
DEMAND NO  
MORE.**

HENRIK IBSEN

*Love's Comedy (1862)*