

# GUIDED EXPERIENCES in Grimstad



## POETS

Discover  
Ibsen & Hamsun  
in Grimstad

## MARITIME

Get an insight  
into Grimstad's  
wartime sailors

## NATURE

Explore  
Raet National  
Park

# WELCOME

## Bring your colleagues, business associates, or friends and family along for an unforgettable outing!

Explore Grimstad through a cultural history walk, guided tour, skerry trip, lecture, nature adventure, or culinary experience led by one of our fantastic guides. Choose between 18 different tours, or request your own tailored version.

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.

All of this can be experienced at Grimstad's three museums, along narrow lanes and hidden alleyways, along trails and between flowerbeds, in dark corners, and on the glimmering sea.

We also enjoy combining our cultural history experiences with local food and drink suited to the occasion. Experiences can be adapted to your individual requirements.

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

## Welcome to Grimstad!



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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  
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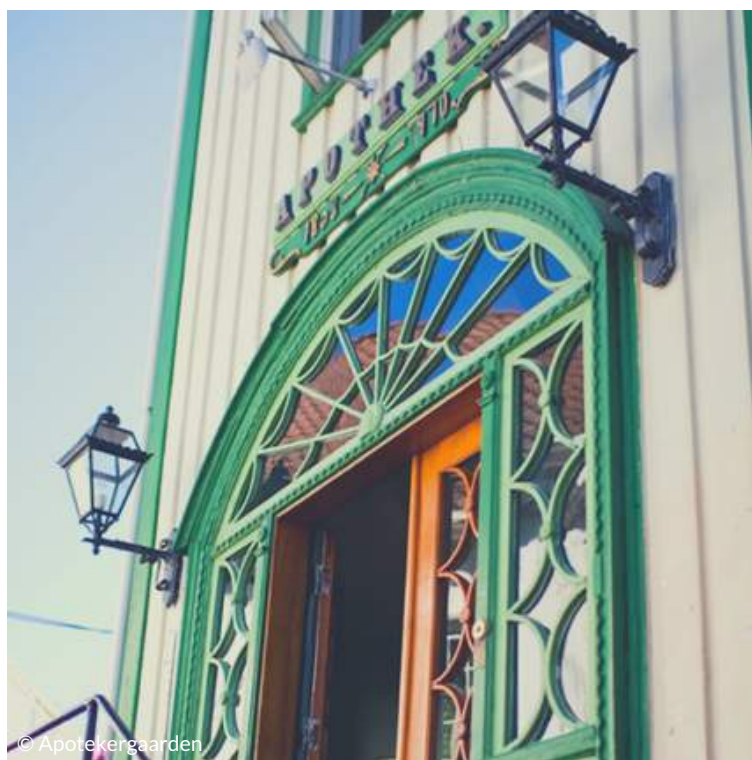
ca. 1.5-2 hours



NOK 350 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 12,800 per group**



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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 95 per person



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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?

Through storytelling, film, sound and images, we will take you where you want to go – on a journey in the footsteps of our literary greats. 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 95 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 120 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.



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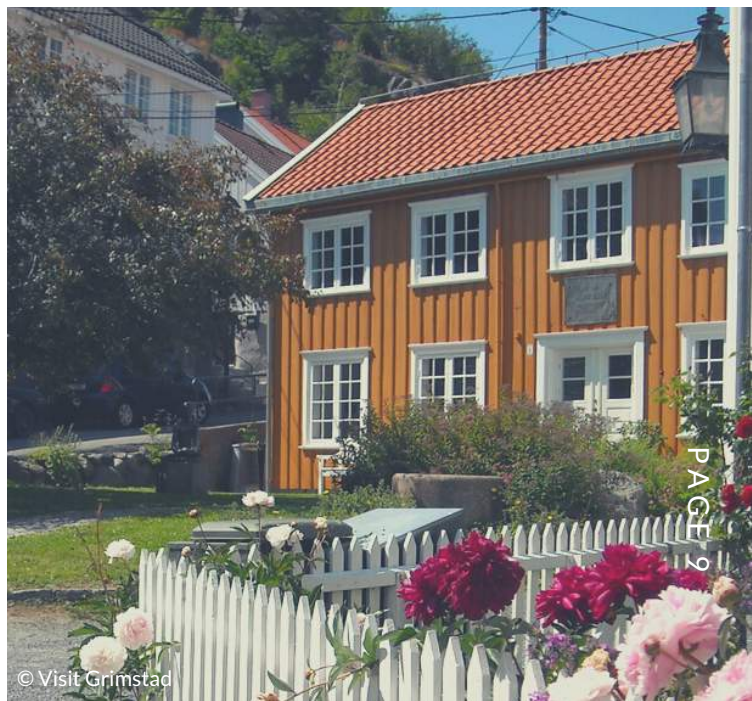
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# WALK IN HAMSUN'S FOOTSTEPS

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.



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ca. 1.5 hours



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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.



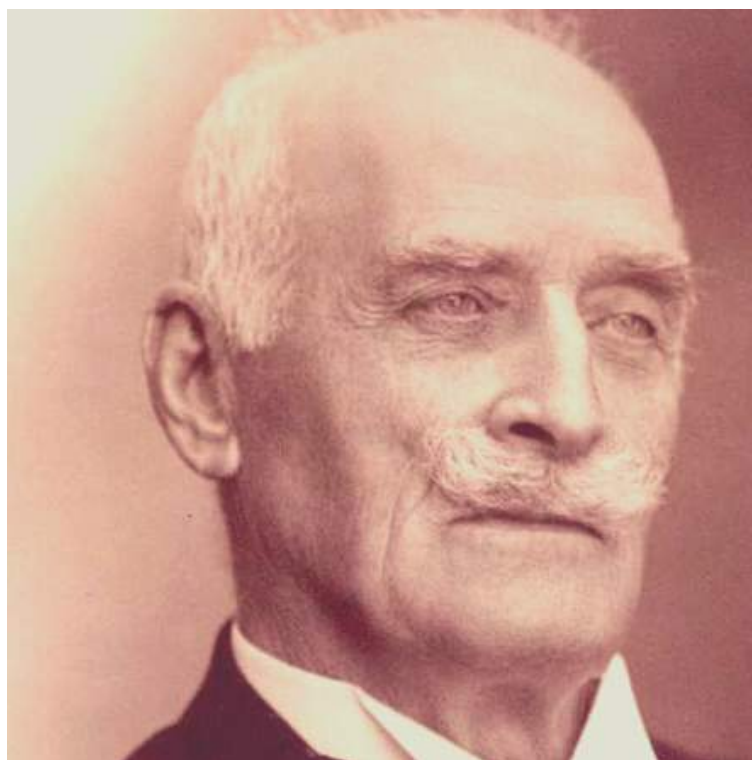
ca. 3 hours



from NOK 1,510 per person



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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 in the 1920 when it became Statens gartnerskole Dømmesmoen – a state-run horticultural college. The park is the ideal spot to explore Grimstad's horticultural heritage.

Add to the experience with a waffle, a glass of wine or bubbly, or some locally produced apple juice.



ca. 1.5-2 hours



from NOK 120 per person



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# GUIDED TOUR OF THE MUSEUM OF HORTICULTURE

The stunning park at Dømmesmoen creates a beautiful backdrop for the Norwegian Museum of Horticulture. Its exhibitions cover Grimstad's important horticultural heritage, and provide an insight into the wine production at Fuhr, Grimstad's canned food industry, and the ecological interaction between nature, bees, and people.

Why not end the guided tour with a coffee and a treat? The museum is renowned for its delicious, freshly-made waffles!



ca. 45-60 minutes



from NOK 95 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 2,500 per group



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# BIRD WATCHING IN RAET NATIONAL PARK

Join us on a walk with a local ornithologist at Hasseltangen in Raet National Park.

Hasseltangen is home to the northwestern most protected beech forest in Europe, the Ruakerkilen wetland area, and a stunning archipelago shoreline. This biological diversity creates the ideal habitat for birds, hence the perfect opportunity to observe many different species.

The national park is abundant in wildlife. There are birds in migration and birds nesting in the archipelago and the coastal woodlands. Every season offer its own unique experience, but spring – with its treetop chorus – is perhaps the most beautiful.

You will also learn about Raet National Park in general.



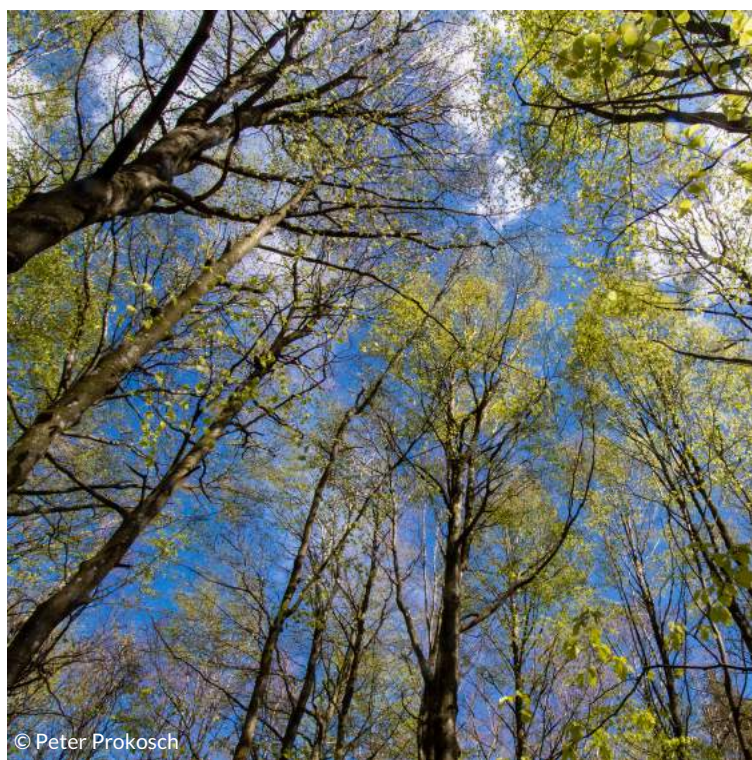
**ca. 2 hours**



**from NOK 120 per person**



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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 8,500 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 95 per person



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# EXHIBITION ON WARTIME SAILORS

Get an insight into one of the most brutal chapters in Norwegian history! In the summer of 2020, a new and exciting exhibition on wartime sailors opened at the Maritime Museum. Our guide will take you on a special tour with wartime sailors and ships from Aust-Agder in focus.

The fleet was Norway's most important contribution to the Allied war effort, but its darker side was the loss of human life; 4647 people died on Norwegian ships during the war, either at home along the coast or on the seven seas. Furthermore, many returned home injured for life and deeply affected by the horrors of war.

Although most of the wartime sailors have passed away, they are still remembered by many. They were fathers, uncles and grandfathers, and they were deeply affected by their experiences.



ca. 1 hour



from NOK 95 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 120 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 "Navnebua" – 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.



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 local cheese and cured meats, along with a beverage or two made in Grimstad.



ca. 2 hours



from NOK 120 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?

Why not try a guided bicycle ride at a leisurely, or dynamic, pace along **Thor and Dag Otto's Cycle Routes**?

... 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?

... **Alpaca experience** at Midt-Tjore Gård?

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



# PRICES AND INFO

## Booking and further info

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## Prices 2021

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## Prices 2021 – guided tours and stories

**GUIDED TOUR OF THE IBSEN MUSEUM**

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**GUIDED TOUR OF THE MARITIME MUSEUM**

**EXHIBITION ON WARTIME SAILORS**

Weekday	Start time	Price per person	
		Oct-Apr	May-Sep
Monday-Friday	07:00-15:59	NOK 95	NOK 100
Monday-Friday	16:00-21:00	NOK 100	NOK 105
Sat, Sun, holiday	07:00-15:59	NOK 105	NOK 110
Sat, Sun, holiday	16:00-21:00	NOK 110	NOK 115

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## Prices 2021 – walks

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Monday-Friday	07:00-15:59	NOK 120	NOK 130
Monday-Friday	16:00-21:00	NOK 130	NOK 140
Sat, Sun, holiday	07:00-15:59	NOK 140	NOK 150
Sat, Sun, holiday	16:00-21:00	NOK 150	NOK 160

## Prices 2021 – Terje Vigen

**TERJE VIGEN AT THE PUB**

Quiz about Terje Vigen and Pilot's Bacalao

NOK 350 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 27); max. 70 people.

from NOK 12,800 per group

## Prices 2021 – Hamsun

**HAMSUN AND THE NOBEL PRIZE**

A lecture with banquet – 7-course dinner excl. wine (min. 10 ppl.)

NOK 1,510 per person

A lecture with banquet – 7-course dinner incl. wine (min. 10 ppl.)

NOK 2,350 per person



## Prices 2021 – fishing

### GUIDED FISHING TRIP

1-4 people, 4 hours shore fishing

NOK 2,500 per group

1-4 people, 8 hours shore fishing

NOK 5,000 per group

1-2 people, 4 hours boat fishing

NOK 3,500 per group

1-2 people, 8 hours boat fishing

NOK 6,000 per group

## Prices 2021 – schooner Solrik

### SKERRY TRIP WITH SOLRIK

	MAY	JUNE, JULY, AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
3-hour trip (minimum rental period)	NOK 9,500	NOK 9,900	NOK 8,500
Hourly rate beyond the first 3 hours	NOK 3,300	NOK 3,500	NOK 3,000
24-hour rent / Charter	NOK 22,500	NOK 23,500	NOK 21,500

## Prices 2021 – Bergshav's maritime collections

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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 2021 – food and drinks

PLACE OF SERVING	MENU	PRICE
Museum of Horticulture	1 waffle and coffee	NOK 63
Museum of Horticulture / Maritime Museum / Ibsen Museum	1 glass of local apple juice	NOK 28
Museum of Horticulture / Maritime Museum / Ibsen Museum	1 glass of white wine / red wine / sparkling wine	NOK 93
Maritime Museum / Ibsen Museum / Walks	1 "porke" (pastry) from Morterud bakery	NOK 35
Walks	1 fish cake from Fiskernes Salgslag	NOK 25
Maritime Museum	Sandwich incl. soft drinks / soda, coffee, tea	NOK 200 pr. pers.
Fru Juske	Local cured meats and local cheeses	NOK 170 pr. pers.
Fru Juske	Local cured meats and local cheeses incl. one unit with drinks (soft drinks, beer, wine, champagne, liquor)	NOK 280 pr. pers.
Schooner Solrik	Shrimp buffet with white bread and mayonnaise	NOK 300 pr. pers.
Schooner Solrik	0.5 l CB beer or cider / 1 glass of wine	NOK 75
Schooner Solrik	1 bottle of wine	NOK 390
Schooner Solrik	Water / soft drinks / non-alcoholic beer	NOK 35

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Quiz about Terje Vigen and Pilot's Bacalao

NOK 365 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 27); max. 70 people.

from NOK 13,000 per group

## Prices 2023 – Hamsun

**HAMSUN AND THE NOBEL PRIZE**

A lecture with banquet – 7-course dinner excl. wine (min. 10 ppl.)

NOK 1,578 per person

A lecture with banquet – 7-course dinner incl. wine (min. 10 ppl.)

NOK 2,478 per person



## Prices 2023 – fishing

### GUIDED FISHING TRIP

1-4 people, 4 hours shore fishing

NOK 2,500 per group

1-4 people, 8 hours shore fishing

NOK 5,000 per group

1-2 people, 4 hours boat fishing

NOK 3,500 per group

1-2 people, 8 hours boat fishing

NOK 6,000 per group

## Prices 2023 – schooner Solrik

### SKERRY TRIP WITH SOLRIK

	MAY	JUNE, JULY, AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
3-hour trip (minimum rental period)	NOK 9,700	NOK 10,200	NOK 8,700
Hourly rate beyond the first 3 hours	NOK 3,400	NOK 3,600	NOK 3,100
24-hour rent / Charter	NOK 23,000	NOK 24,000	NOK 22,000

## Prices 2023 – Bergshav's maritime collections

### BERGSHAV'S MARITIME COLLECTIONS

Short tour (Navnebua), ca. 1 hour (max. 10 people)

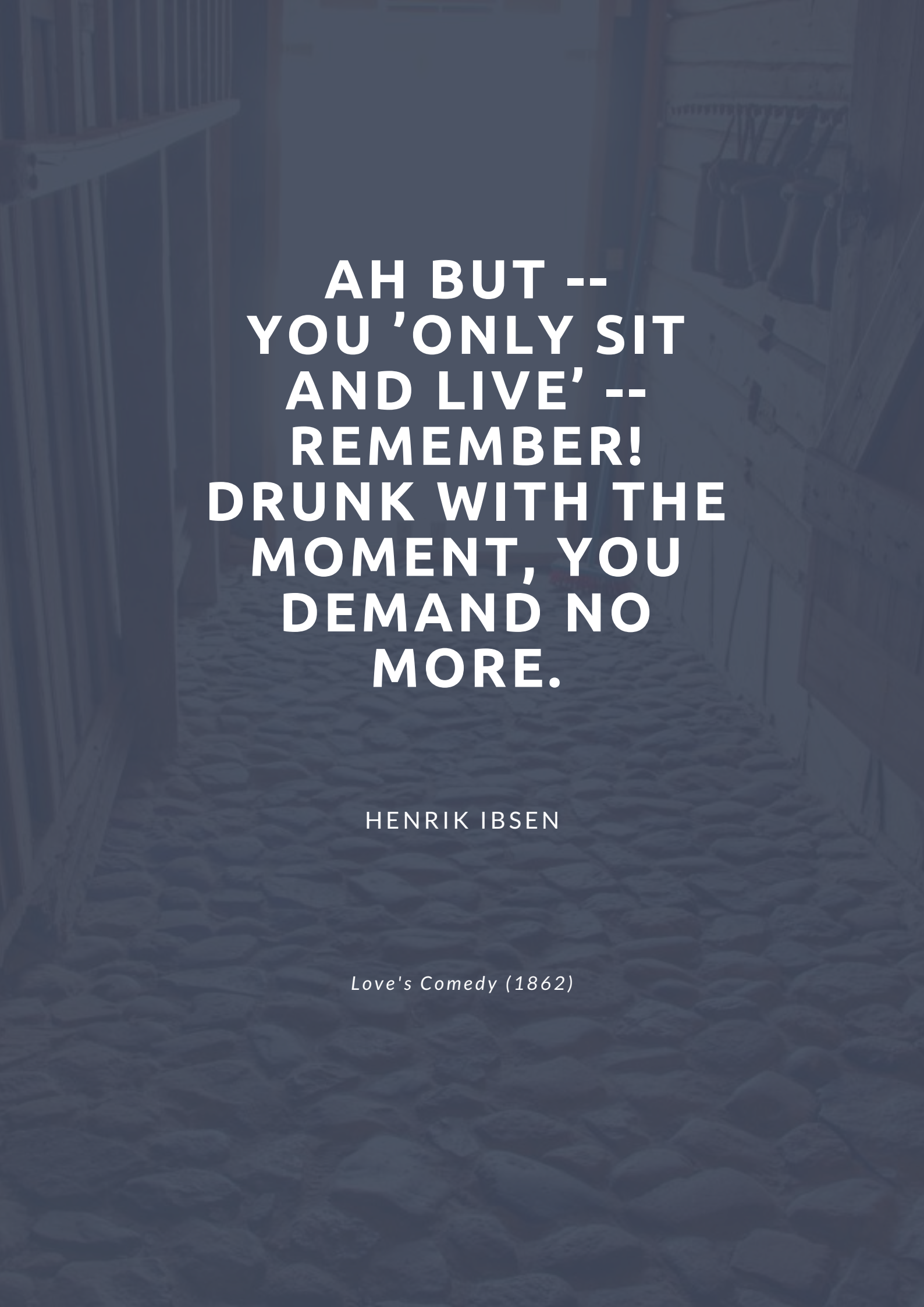
NOK 1,200 per group

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 230 pr. pers.
Fru Juske	Local cured meats and local cheeses	NOK 175 pr. pers.
Fru Juske	Local cured meats and local cheeses incl. one unit with drinks (soft drinks, beer, wine, champagne, liquor)	NOK 290 pr. pers.
Schooner Solrik	Shrimp buffet with white bread and mayonnaise	NOK 310 pr. pers.
Schooner Solrik	0.5 l CB beer or cider / 1 glass of wine	NOK 78
Schooner Solrik	1 bottle of wine	NOK 400
Schooner Solrik	Water / soft drinks / non-alcoholic beer	NOK 36



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

HENRIK IBSEN

*Love's Comedy (1862)*