

EXPLORE YOUR ROOTS IN NORWAY

June 10 – 26, 2007

Gudbrandsdal Heritage Seminar
featuring the Ringebru Emigration Festival
Sponsored by Gudbrandsdalslag of America

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Day 1 - Sunday, June 10 - MPLS/ST.PAUL-OSLO

Depart Mpls/St.Paul on your Icelandair flight or request space from your home city upon registration.

Day 2 - Monday, June 11 - OSLO

Arrive Gardermoen Airport Oslo. Transfer to Rica Victoria Hotel in downtown Oslo. Depart at 4:45pm for a short walk to the office of Nordmanns Forbundet where we learn how they assist with research, find people with expertise in specific areas, and assist in the ordering of genealogy books. Return to the hotel for dinner at 7:30pm.

Day 3 - Tuesday, June 12 – OSLO

Breakfast. Meet at 8:15 am for independent transfer to the National Library. Tour the Norwegian-American Collection with Dina Tøllsby. At 11:00am depart for Oslo Byarkiv. Lunch on own. Overview of archives by Torggrim. Presentation by Erik Tøndevold regarding creative use of resources in locating families and people. Time on own to review records. Depart for Deichman Library at 2:30pm. Short presentation and trek through storage area. Return to hotel for dinner at 7:30pm.

Day 4 - Wednesday, June 13 – OSLO-HAMAR

Breakfast. At 8:30am transfer to Riksarkiv. Lunch on own. At 4:00pm depart for Hamar. Check-in overnight at Quality Hotel Astoria. Dinner at 7:30pm. Presentation following dinner relating to the Statsarkiv*

Day 5 - Thursday, June 14 – HAMAR

Breakfast. At 8:25am transfer independently to Statsarkiv* (open from 8:45am-2:45pm). Time for research and lunch on own. Those who wish to shop for books at Bokloftet will depart at 2:45pm (transportation on own). Return to hotel for dinner at 7:00pm. Presentation following dinner by Liv Marit Haakenstad – "Transmigration".*

Day 6 - Friday, June 15 – HAMAR

Breakfast. At 8:25am transfer independently to Statsarkiv* (open from 8:45am-2:45pm). Lunch on own. Time for research or independent explorations prior to 7:00pm dinner at hotel.

Day 7 - Saturday, June 16 – HAMAR-ELVESETER

Breakfast. Transfer at 8:45am to the Emigrant Museum. Introduction to the resources at the museum by Director, Knut Djupedal. Lunch at 12:30pm. At 2:00pm drive to Lillehammer and through the Gudbrandsdal Valley. Continue through Ottadal and Bøverdalen to Elveseter. Overnight at Elveseter Hotel, located in Jotunheimen National Park. Dinner at 8:00pm.

Day 8 - Sunday, June 17 - EXCURSION to LOM

Breakfast. Opportunity to attend Sunday Church service in Lom. Lunch at Fosshem Hotel at 12:30pm. Return to Elveseter. Optional afternoon mountain walk. At 6:00pm meet in hotel lobby for presentation of this unique hotel and the hotel's history. Dinner at hotel at 7:00pm.

Day 9 - Monday, June 18 - ELVESETER-VÅGÅ-TRETTE

Breakfast. Drive to Vågå. Time for research at the Vågå Arkiv. Lunch on own. Depart Vågå at 4:00pm. Drive to Glomstad Gård and Pensjonat in Tretten, our home for the next four nights. Dinner at 7:00pm.

Day 10 - Tuesday, June 19 - TRETTE-LILLEHAMMER-TRETTE

Breakfast. Excursion to Lillehammer, nestled by the shores of Norway's largest lake, Lake Mjøsa. Arrive Maihaugen Arkiv at 9:00am for research and possible presentations. Return to Glomstad in late afternoon. Dinner at 7:00pm.

Day 11 - Wednesday, June 20 - TRETTE

Breakfast. Seminar activities at Glomstad.* Presentations to be announced. Morning coffee, lunch and dinner at Glomstad Gård.

Day 12 - Thursday, June 21 - EXCURSION to LESJA & LESJASKOGEN

Breakfast. Excursion to Lesja and Lesjaskogen. At 10:30am tour the Lesja Church, richly decorated with carved tableaux depicting Bible stories. Opportunity to visit Lesja Byggetun, an open-air museum with a collection of 11 houses which illustrates

architecture, way of life and conditions in olden times prior to lunch at museum. Brief shopping stop in Lesja. Before returning to Glomstad visit Dovregubbenshall. Return to Glomstad for dinner at 7:30pm.

Day 13 - Friday, June 22 – TRETTE-AREA EXCURSION- RINGEBU

Breakfast. **Excursion with local guide to Espedalen, Skåbu, Kvikne, Vinstra and Sør-Fron. Visit Krogenes furniture factory; Skåbu Church and, possibly Kvikne Chapel with the "bygdemuseum"; Solbraa saeter; where Anne Hov "discovered" how to make the Gudbrandsdal Cheese; The Gålå Lake and the stage area for the Peer Gynt play (performed in August every year). Time permitting stop at the Sødorp Church or Sør-Fron Church (the Mid-Gudbrandsdal Cathedral).** Continue to Gudbrandsgård Hotel, our home for the next three nights. The hotel, at an altitude of 2443 ft., is situated close to the middle station on the Olympic Downhill Arena at Kvitfjell, one of the most varied and challenging alpine arenas in Europe. **Welcome banquet and opening of the Ringebru Emigration Festival at 7:00pm.**

Day 14 - Saturday, June 23 – RINGEBU

Breakfast. Visit Fåvang Church. **Participate in Ringebru Days (10:30-2:00pm).** Individual visits to ancestral farms and/or family visits. Optional excursions available to a saeter, Øksendalen, Storfjellsaeter or Gopillen with Gullhaugen Mountain Chapel. Return to Gudbrandsgård for dinner at 7:30pm.

Day 15 - Sunday, June 24 - RINGEBU

Breakfast. **Participate in Ringebru Days. At 9:30am guided tour of Ringebru Stave Church with Per Åsmundstad. At 11:00am participate in a church service in the Ringebru Stave Church, one of the largest of the remaining stave churches in Norway from 1220. Coffee at Ringebusamlingene/Prestegarden following the service. Opening ceremony of Weidemann Art Gallery. Mountain visit to Skarvet (Fron) and Venabygd. Lunch and dinner on own. Evening stave church concert with International Folk Music at 7:00pm.**

Day 16 – Monday, June 25 – RINGEBU-OSLO/GARDERMOEN

Breakfast. **Morning genealogical seminar at Kaupanger, the Old Town Hall of Ringebru.** Drive to Clarion Oslo Airport Hotel for overnight. Dinner at hotel at 7:00pm.

Day 17 – Tuesday, June 26 - OSLO-USA

Breakfast. Transfer to airport for check-in.

*Arrangements as per Gudbrandsdalslag

Italicized text in bold indicates arrangements by Ringebru Emigration Festival

PRICE INCLUDES:

*Roundtrip airfare Mpls/St.Paul-Oslo on Icelandair

*15 nights accommodations double rooms

*Daily breakfast

*14 dinners including opening banquet

*2 lunches

*Entrance & guiding at Lesja Church

*Friday, June 22: Entrance to Skåbu Church, Cheesemaking at Solbraa saeter, local guide

*Sunday, June 23: Guided tour of Ringebru Stave Church, coffee & opening ceremony of Weidemann Art Gallery, mountain trip to Skarvet

*Motorcoach : June 12 - Transfer airport to hotel in Oslo; June 13 – Transfer Oslo hotel to Hamar; June 16-26 transportation as per program

*Luggage handling, one suitcase