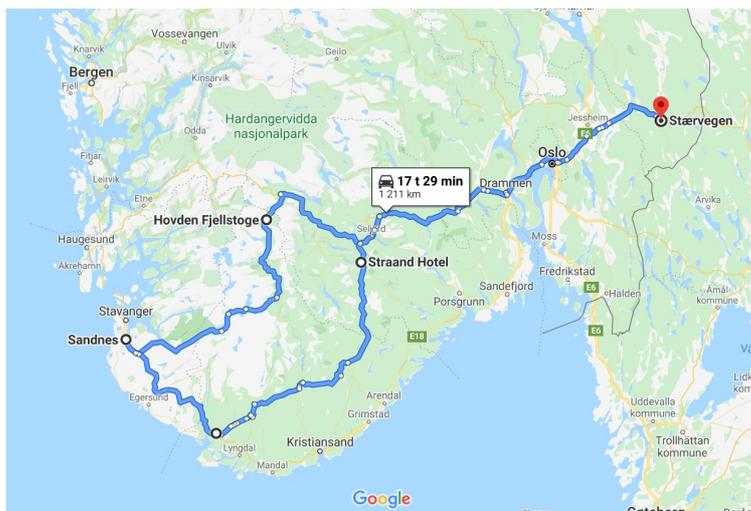


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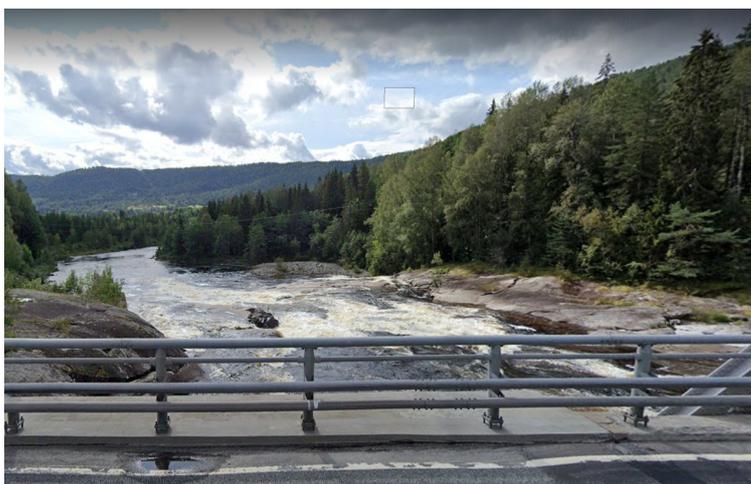
We went to visit Hemming, Anne Siri, Maria, Oline og Johanne + Stian + Øystein.



We drove this route.



This is Åmnesfossen in [Hjartdøla](#) in [Hjartdal](#) municipality. Right by the bridge is Heddal Mill, which is Hjartdal's millennium site.



On the other side of the bridge, the river changes its name to [Heddøla](#).



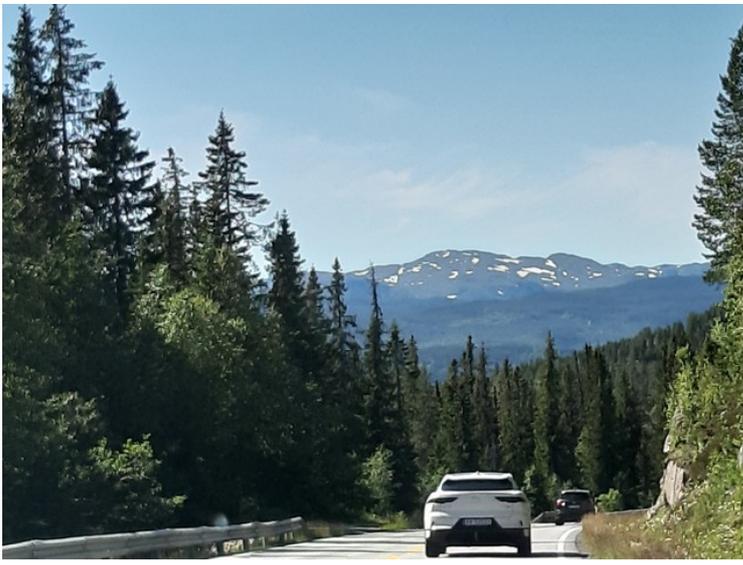
This is Søndre Flatin, just before we get to [Seljord](#). [Vallaråi](#) in the foreground.



Here we see across the end of [Seljordsvatnet](#) towards Skutevollen, where there are many apartments.



This is in [Morgedal](#) which is called the cradle of skiing. We look towards [Morgedal Ski Museum](#).



Then we approach [Åmot](#). I think it is the mountain Ormeggine we see in the background. There are still snowdrifts here.



Groven in Åmot.



This is [Vinje church](#). There was a stave church here even before 1200. This church was completed in 1796.



At Edland in [Haukeli](#), we took [national road 9](#) towards [Hovden](#). Here we drive along [Sæsvatn](#), which together with [Breidvatn](#) is regulated as a reservoir for the power plants down the [Otra](#) watercourse.



We stayed at [Hovden Fjellstoge](#).



The front desk.



The apartment looked like this.



There were many buildings in the hotel.



Before we drove on, we filled up the tank.



Right after Hovden we come to [Hartevatn](#) where there is an outdoor area called [Hegni \(Visitnorway\)](#)



This is an extension in Otra just past Reimarmoen. Otra flows through the whole of [Setesdal](#).



Here we have passed Flatland. A regulating dam in the river.



At [Valle](#) in Setesdal.



Barren mountains.



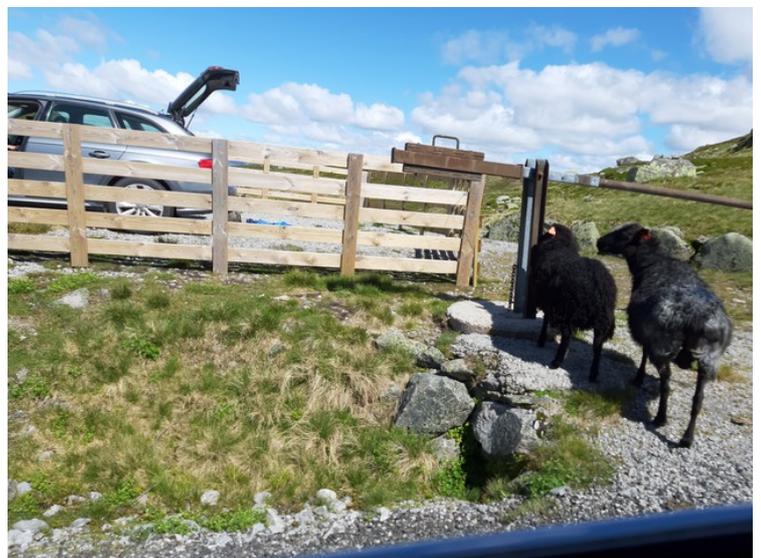
More mountains south of Valle.



Then we have taken off from national road 9 and drive upward along the mountain road between [Brokke](#) ([Wikipedia](#)) and Suleskar. It is called [Brokke-Suleskarvegen](#) ([Visitnorway](#))



Here we are at Kvislevatnet.



There are many sheep grazing along this road in the summer.



View of [Rosskreppfjorden](#). This lake is regulated as a reservoir for the [Roskrepp power plant](#), which is part of the development of [Sira-Kvina Kraftselskap](#).



Here the road goes right by one of the dams.



[Mountain birch](#).



Then we have passed [Simnes](#) in [Sirdalen](#). View of Beinesvatnet. There are large cottage areas here. There are also two ski resorts here, [Ålsheia](#) and [Tjørhomfjellet](#).



This is by [Hunnevatn](#) in [Hunnedalen](#). The waterfall is called Kvitingen. The fences to the right are stalls where the sheep that have been grazing in the summer are sorted by collection.



After driving through [Hunnedalen](#) and [Øvstebødalen](#) we drive past [Byrkjedalstunet](#) at the top of [Dirdal](#). Here there is a hotel, candle foundry and restaurant. It is a popular place with many visitors.



At the bottom of Dirdal we come to [Høgsfjorden](#). We see the mountain [Uburen](#) straight ahead to the right. A historian associates the name of the mountain with the name 'utburd', which in ancient times were the children who were 'carried out', when the circumstances did not allow them to grow up.



Our room looked something like this.



Then we arrived in [Sandnes](#) on Friday. This time we had chosen to stay at [Quality Hotel Residence](#) which is located right in the center.



The hotel restaurant was closed due to the Corona virus, so we ate with Stian at [Bighorn Steakhouse](#).



On Saturday we first visited Øystein. Then we drove to the cemetery at [Time Church](#).



After the cemetery visit we drove to [Fotlandsfossen](#). Here we stand down by the power station and look up towards the waterfall.



Here we look down the river called [Håelva](#). The power station is located to the right outside the picture.



[Fotland power station](#).

Fotland power station was opened in 1915. It was to supply Time municipality with electricity 'in all future'. After three years, the capacity was fully used. When operations were terminated in 1972, Fotland power station accounted for only 2% of total consumption in Time municipality.



There grows [foxglove](#) here.



On the way back up to the main road.



[Fotland Mølle](#) was built in 1845 on a site where there has been mill operation since the 13th century.

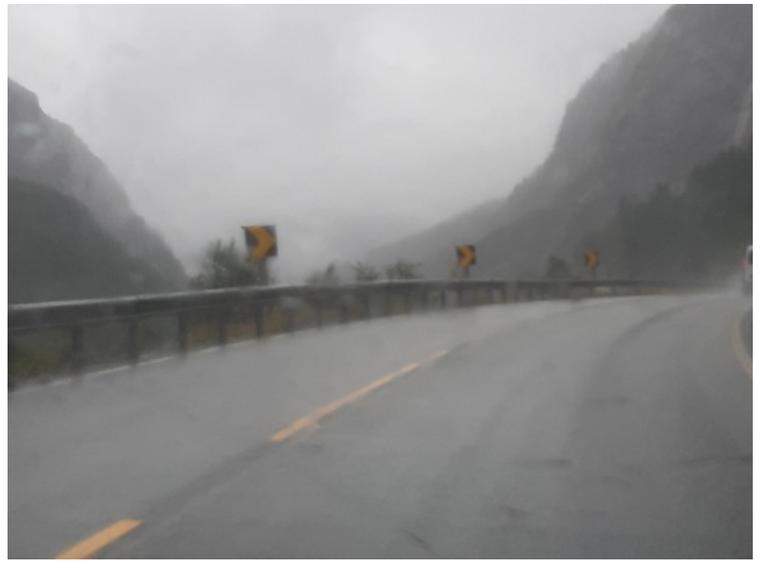


Afterwards we took a trip to Stian who was painting the house.

In the evening we visited Hemming. We were served Taco. We have lots of pictures from there but we are not allowed to post pictures of the children on Internet.



On Sunday it was time to go home again. We had parked the car in a parking garage next to the hotel. Anne Berit took a picture of the entrance to the hotel while I picked up the car.



There were not many pictures along the way this day, because the weather looked like this all day.



We had booked at [Straand Hotel](#) in [Vrådal](#). We did not get dinner until 8 pm. We thought it was a bit late, but the food (buffet) was very good with a good selection of hot and cold food.



This is the view of [Lake Nisser](#) from one of the terraces in the hotel. It was still raining, but not so much anymore.



This is one of the outdoor cafes in the hotel. In the background we see the veteran boat [MS Fram](#) which goes sightseeing trips on the lakes Nisser and [Vråvatn](#) in the summer.



On Monday we drove on. Here we drive the slopes down towards [Kviteseid](#).



Just before we came down to Kviteseid we stopped at [Kviteseid Bygdetun \(Wikipedia\)](#).

I take a picture of the map shown on the left.



Overview picture from the yard.



The stable is closest and to the left is the barn.



The barn in the middle. Next to the right is Tveitloftet and then Flekstveitloftet. ([Loft](#)) To the far right we catch a glimpse of Vesleburet ([Bur](#)).



Flekstveitstoga is the main building. The [brewhouse](#) to the right.



The stable and the barn.



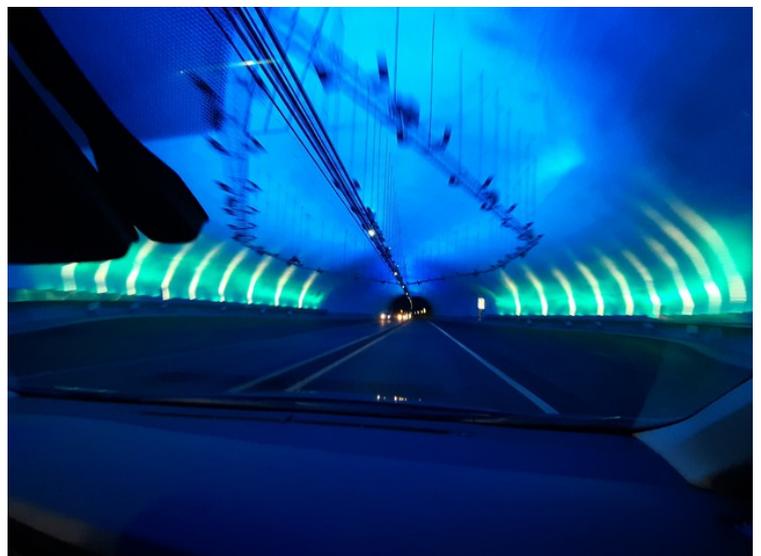
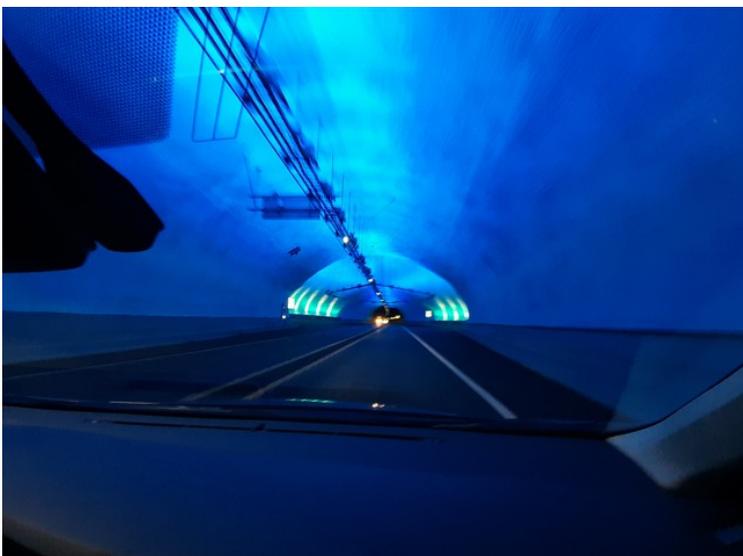
Then we drive on across [Spjotodd bridge](#) that goes over [Strauman](#).



We took off from the main road right after the bridge and drove towards [Spjotsodd pier](#) which is a stop for the boats that run on the [Telemark Canal](#) between [Skien](#) and [Dalen](#). There was ferry service here over Strauman in the old days. There shall have been a permanent ferryman here as early as 1763.



Here we have zoomed a bit.



Then we have passed Seljord and drive through the [Mælefjell tunnel](#). It was opened in 2019.



White flowers on the potato plants.



The grain begins to turn yellow.



The silos at [Skarnes](#).



Then back home again