

TO ROGALAND IN THE CONFIRMATION OF MARIA – 20. - 22. AUGUST

We drove to Dalen Parkering on August 20, and left our car there. Dalen Parkering has buses that run to the airport, Oslo Airport, Gardermoen. We traveled with Norwegian to Stavanger Airport, Sola. The plane left at 15:00 and arrived at 15:50. After we had got our luggage, we picked up the rental car. After the fire in the garage building, rental car offices and cars have been moved a few kilometers out of the terminal. There is a shuttle bus there. We had ordered a Toyota Corolla or similar from Herz. We got a more expensive car, Mercedes hybrid, for the same price. Then we drove to Sandnes where we had booked an apartment in Forus Apartment Hotel. This hotel does not have a reception. Ordering and payment is done on-line. The keys to the apartment should be in a box at the entrance. We received the code for the key box by e-mail earlier the same day. It was easy to find the hotel, but finding the key box and the right entrance was a little worse. We finally came in.



The hotel seen from outside.



The living room.

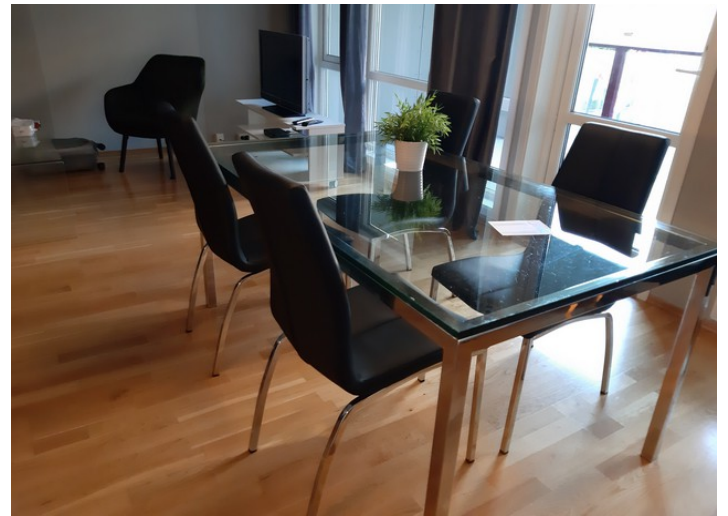


Table.



The kitchen.



The view.

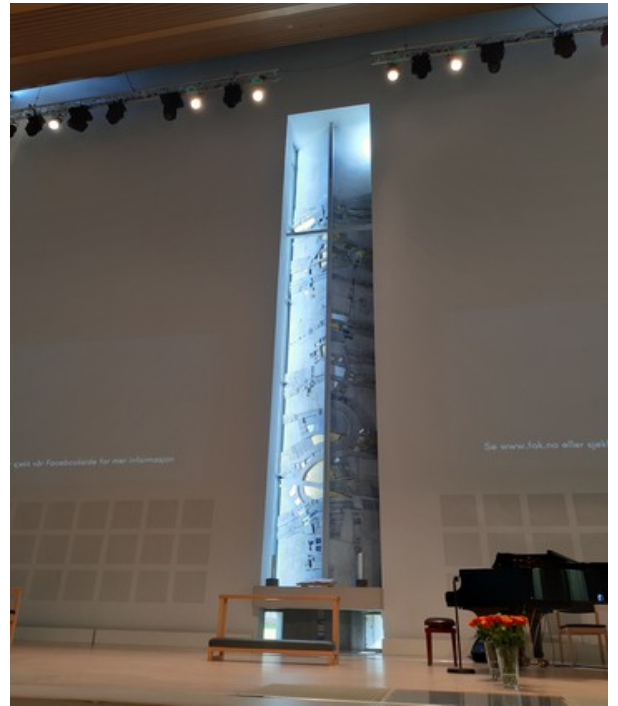
We had agreed with Astrid and Terje to visit us in the evening. We ordered pizza at Domino's Pizza right near the hotel. They were to deliver at a specific time. When the time came, I got a call from the courier. Those who wrote down the order had written the wrong address, so the courier got a ride that took half an hour. Normally it would have taken two minutes.



The next day, the 21st of August, we drove to Frøyland and Orstad church, where the confirmation was to be. It is fairly new, from 2008.



Inside the church.



Here come the confirmants.



Then there is music.



Preach.



Singing. The lyrics in video on the wall.



Confirming.



Finished.



After we finished at the church, everyone was to gather in a room in the old school at Vestly.

The school was closed down in 2010. It was then the oldest and smallest school in Time municipality. When it was closed, it was 117 years old and had 49 students.

There were large protests in the village when the municipal council decided this.



Here the tables are set and decorated.



On the table on the left, there will be self-service.



This is the second room in the schoolhouse.



There is some equipment still left.



Noter.



A picture with all the letters of the alphabet and text:
VESTLY SKULE 100ÅR 1993.
(VESTLY SCHOOL 100 YEARS 1993.)



Catheter.



Then there was food.



A good soup with lots of chicken and vegetables was served. I was very happy.



Then there was time to stretch the legs. Some practices line dancing.



I and Janette.



Then there were cakes and coffee.



The confirmation cake.



The next day we had to check out of the hotel at 11. We therefore had plenty of time before the plane was to leave at 15. We drove to Hana to look at the Hana stairs. These are the lower steps.



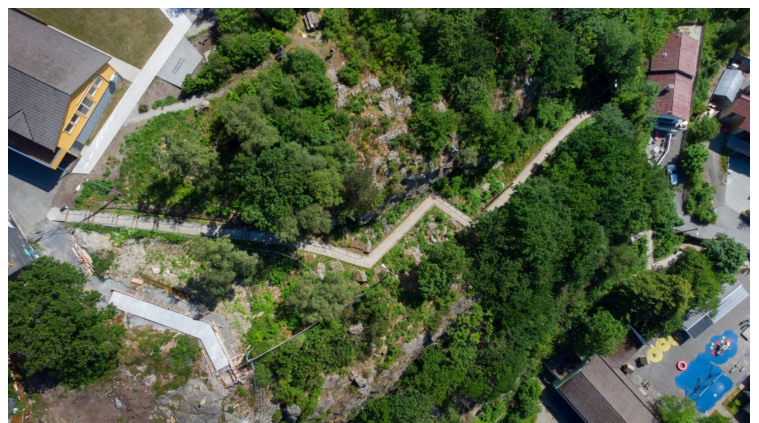
Further up.



At the top we see a viewing platform that is not finished yet.



Here we have driven up to the top. These are the top steps.



This is what the stairs look like from the air.

The Hana stairs were built in 1955. There were then 156 steps in the steepest parts. Later, stairs were cast along the entire route so that there are now 306 steps. It was a teacher at Hana school who had a sports field built up on Hanafjellet. To get from Hana school and up there, the stairs were made. According to the Hana sports club, this will be Northern Europe's longest, and perhaps the world's longest, concrete staircase located in nature.



This is the platform that is under construction.



On a knoll above the platform stands one of the 7 wolf cubs.



The wolf cub Hana



The wolf cub Trones

There is made a 7 km long hiking trail in Sandnes. To increase interest among children and young people, 7 wolf cubs have been set up along the trail. There is a hill nearby that is called Ulvanutane (The wolf hills), so that was probably what gave someone the idea about the wolves. The trail runs over 7 hills and on each hill there is a wolf cub in granite in the colors of the 7 largest sports clubs in the city.



The wolf cub Trones



View to Sandnes.

Many of the wolf cubs have been destroyed by hooligans. They are being repaired eventually.



A plate has been set up on a stone stating that the wolf cubs have been financed with contributions from the Sparebankstiftelsen DNB Nor.



Hana Idrettslag has a clubhouse and sports field here. There's a rooster in the club emblem.



Here we drove to Stavanger. We are at Steinkarkaien. To the right we see the parking garage on Jorenholmen.



Steinkarkaien with the Oil Museum in the background. Some art tagging in the foreground.



The tagging.



In the other direction we look inwards towards the center.



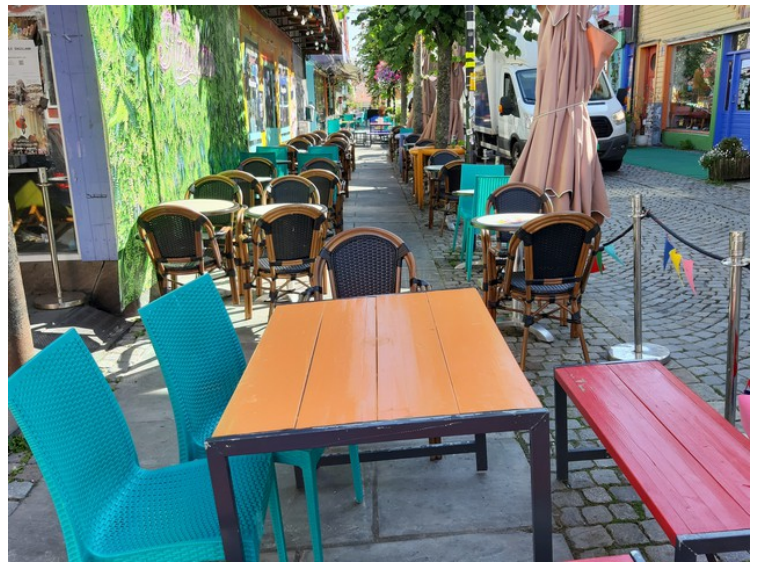
We parked in Kirkegaten just below Gulating Pub.



Here we look along Øvre Holmegate.



It was the hairdresser Tom Kjorsvik who had the idea to renew the boring and quiet Øvre Holmegate. He wanted to give the street new life, but it was a process that took a long time, more than four years of work. The artist Craig Flannagan made the color scheme to paint the houses in the eastern part of Øvre Holmegate in fresh colors. The plan had to be approved by homeowners and the municipality and it was not done in a jiffy. The new colors of the houses gradually came into place and livened up the street considerably. Øvre Holmegate has become one of the major attractions in Stavanger, and the street is popularly called Fargegata.



After we had taken some pictures from Fargegata, we drove to Old Stavanger.

The area referred to as Old Stavanger is located on the west side of Vågen, and consists of 173 wooden houses that were built in the late 1700s and early 1800s. Most houses are small and painted white today. The houses in Old Stavanger are protected.

Stavanger has received several awards for the preservation of Old Stavanger. Old Stavanger is a popular residential area and the district has several galleries and craft shops. Here you will also find the Stavanger Maritime Museum and the Norwegian Canning Museum. In the architectural protection year 1975, Old Stavanger was designated by UNESCO as one of the cities worthy of preservation in Norway.





After the trip to Old Stavanger, we drove to the airport, delivered the rental car and traveled with Norwegian back to Oslo Airport, Gardermoen at 15. After picking up our luggage, we followed the Dalen bus, picked up the car and drove home to Kongsvinger. A few pictures along the way.



Glomma near Skarnes.



The grain is ripe