

KOPPANG AND SPIDSBERSETER 12. - 14. SEPTEMBER

We wanted to meet Helge Olav and Torill Jensvold and we agreed with them that we should meet about midway.
It ended up that we booked accommodation at Stor Elvdal Hotel in Koppang.
We took some pictures along the way.



Here we are in Midtbyen in Kongsvinger.



On the way up towards Øvrebyen.



Then we are through the city and drive north on the west side of Glomma.



Straw bales



Nice pine forest



Storelgen at Bjøråa picnic area.

The big moose is made of stainless steel. The statue was designed by [Linda Bakke](#). It was unveiled on October 15, 2015 and cost NOK 2 million. It was given as a gift to the Municipality of Stor-Elvdal from the Art Fund in the then SpareBank 1 Hedmark.

The Norwegian Public Roads Administration also improved the rest area, and the project cost a total of NOK 27 million. Stor-Elvdal municipality is responsible for the maintenance of the moose.

The purpose of setting up the big moose was to improve traffic safety. The monotonous stretches of road through Østerdalen make the drivers to become dull, and this has led to exit accidents and serious meeting accidents.

Rv 3 was referred to as the "death path" and it was therefore done to "awaken" the motorists

There are also 100 plastic moose antlers for the same purpose. They are mounted on tree trunks along the road. The first came into place on April 1, 2011. Some of the antlers have built in light so that they are also seen in the dark.

This project cost a total of NOK 3.3 million.



Here we see some of the plastic antlers



Then we have arrived at Stor-Elvdal Hotell in Koppang.

The hotel was founded in 1975 by shipowner Lars Krogh. It was then called Koppangtunet Hotel. In March 2014, it was taken over by book antiquarian, gallery owner and art dealer Pål Sagen.

The hotel facility is shaped like a yard with approx. 10 000 square meters plot and consists of the main building, a stage building and 9 protected timber buildings.

These got Krogh moved to Koppang in 1974 - 75 and they have previously stood elsewhere in Østerdalen.

Barfrøstua is one of the first buildings in Norway that was protected by the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage in 1923. [Stor-Elvdal Hotell](#) [Norsk Kulturarv](#) [Norwegian Cultural Center](#) [Visit Norway](#) [Koppang](#) is a village and the administration center in [Stor-Elvdal municipality](#) in [Innlandet County](#).

The name is after a [kaupang](#) (town/marketplace) that must have been here in the Middle Ages.



In the room there were pillows with moose motifs.



Here I relaxed in the armchair.



Here we wait for the food, deer fillet with vegetables.



The next day it is check -out. Reception.



A picture at the reception.



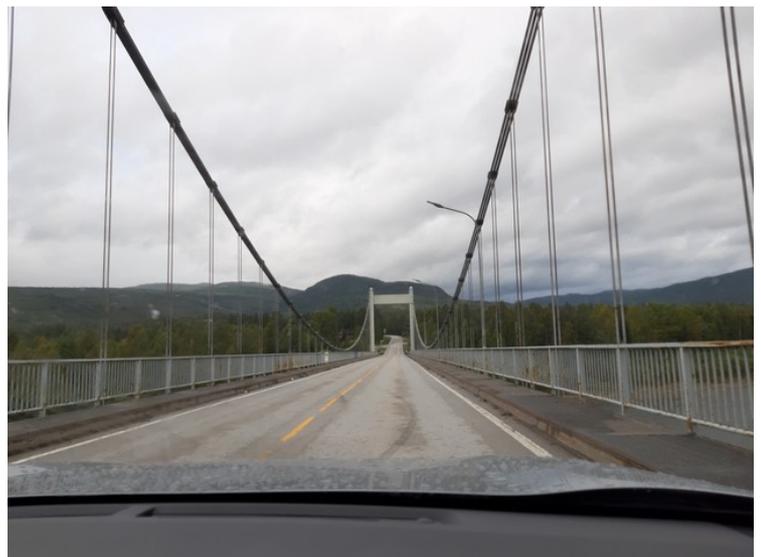
A photo out in the hallway.



A couple of the houses in the yard.



We had to go past the moose statue before getting to the car.



Sundfloen bridge across Glomma.

The night before departure we had realized that we wanted an another overnight stay, but somewhere else. Torill proposed Spidsbergseter. Here they had been before and it was very good, so we decided that. We called and ordered and we got the last two rooms that were available.

To get there, we had to cross the mountains on the outskirts of the mountain area of Rondane, which is one of the country's most visited areas for foot and mountain tourism both summer and winter. Here is [Rondane National Park](#) which became the first national park in 1962.



Several moose antlers along the road.



Here we are at Bretningen in [Atndalen](#).



Here it starts to be autumn colors.



[Lichen](#).

This is bt the lake Setningen.



More lichen.



Further up there are low clouds.

We are now well on our way up to [Venabygdsfjellet](#), which is right south of Rondane. On the Venabygd mountain there used to be many small seasonal mountain farms, but there are now mostly cabins, and hotels and hiking tourists all year round. Venabygdsfjellet is characterized by 30 small and large peaks, many good fishing lakes, wetland areas with cloud berries and small rivers.



Cabins.



Rest area at Gututjernet.



Muvatnet.



Mykjørrtjønn



A winter picture of Spidsbergseter.



Svartfjellet. We can also see [Flaksjøen](#) that lies beyond Spidsbergseter.



Then check in at [Spidsbergseter Resort Rondane](#).



At the reception.



Outside the reception
We were very early for check-in. The rooms were not clear yet, so we had to wait.

We found out that we were going to take some wine while we waited.



Here I will buy wine.



We sat next to the bar and noticed various old things used as decoration.
Here is an old cast iron oven.



An old grand piano.



In a while we moved into one of the living rooms.
Here stood two shuffleboards. It cost 5 kroner per minute.



A yarn wind



This is the view from the room we got.
We look towards an area used at Team-Building events.



Cabins next to the hotel.



Cabins further away.



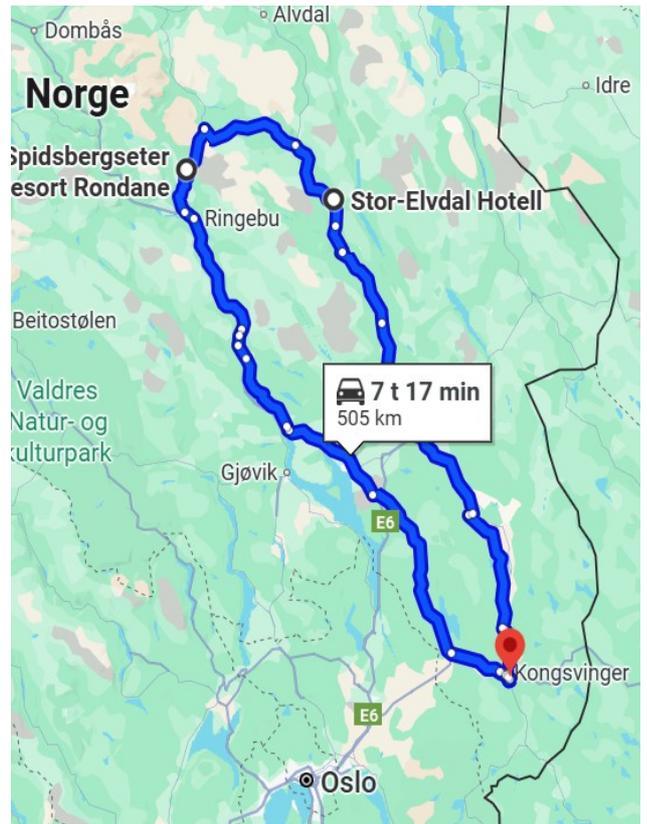
Here's everyone during dinner. It was buffet and there was a lot different to choose.



This is the day after. We look from our room down to the restaurant.



Finally a nice milk bucket.



This was the driving route for the trip.