

## COASTAL TRIP IN MAY 2021

After driving to Aremark the first day and to Moss the next day, we continued on 23 May.



We had a stop in [Hvitsten](#). Looking south.  
[Fred Olsen](#) is from here. [Visitnorway](#)



View north.



View on the fjord.



Fred Olsen Lines has placed 37 galleon figures made by famous Norwegian artists, used on the company's ships in the period 1938 - 1976.



To the right is the waiting room for passengers going with the bus.



We drove to [Ramme Fjordhotell](#) in the outskirts of Hvitsten.



Another photo of the hotel. We took the pictures from the parking lot some distance from the hotel.



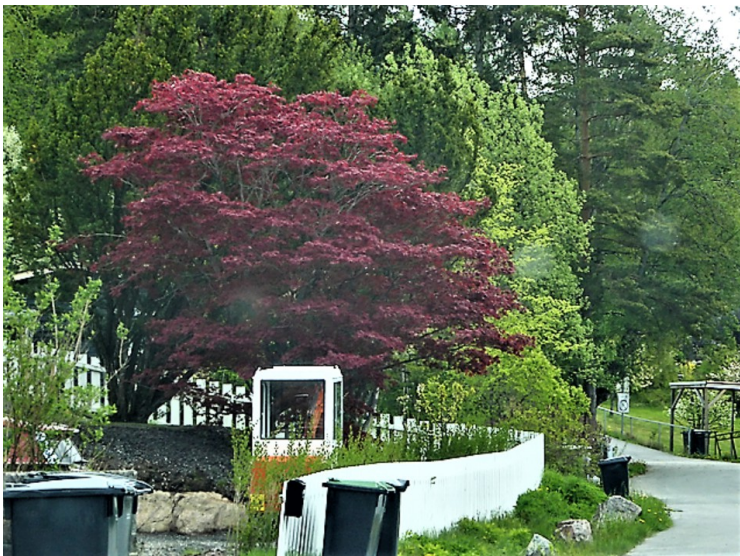
This photo is taken from the hotel's website.



The next stop was in [Fagerstrand](#), located on the west side of the Nesodden Peninsula. View south.



View north.



A nice purpur beech along the way.



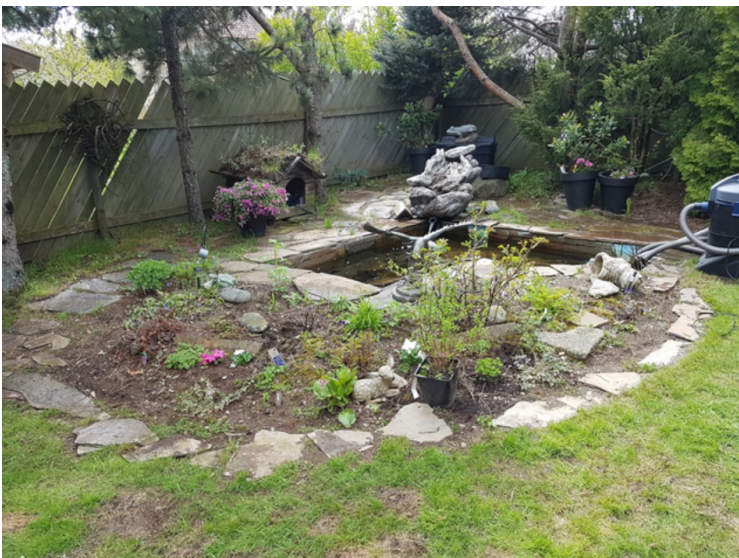
This is in the far north of [Nesodden](#), [Nesoddtangen](#). Here the ferry goes north to Oslo.



After we had been to Nesoddtangen we visited Kristin Olesen. She has a large and sheltered garden.



I thought the goat was fun.



Here it has begun to sprout.



Good mood is a must.



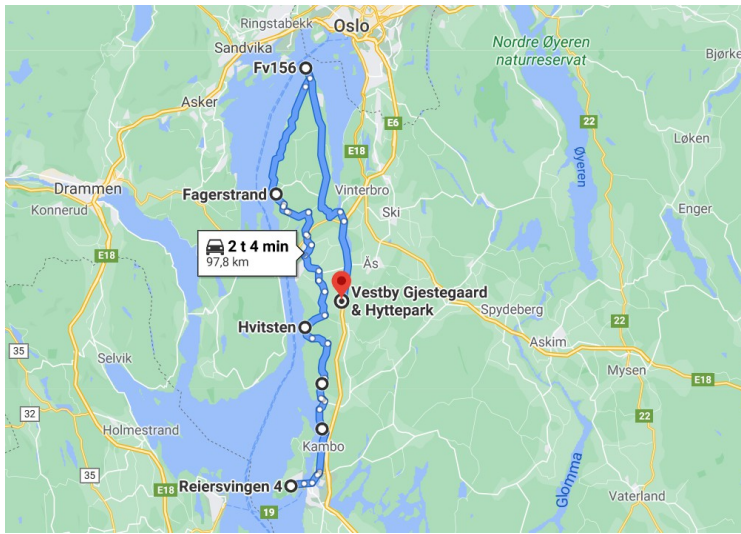
Here the dog gets all the attention.



Afterwards we drove to [Vestby Hotell & Gjestegaard](#) Where we had booked accommodation. We got this cabin.  
Decent cottage.



The reception is in this building.



The next day, May 24, we drove via the [Oslofjord Tunnel](#) to Hurum.

This day, May 23, was the driving route like this.



Here we have driven across [Hurumlandet](#) to [Verket](#) where we took the ferry to [Svelvik](#). Here it is coming.

[Svelvik Church](#).

The ferry cross the [Svelvik Current](#). It is a narrow strait in the [Drammensfjord](#). The tidal current here is one of the strongest in Norway and can reach 5 knots. The strait is narrow, only 200 meters. The ferry only takes 5 minutes on the trip, so this is Norway's shortest ferry route. [Wikipedia](#)



Here the ferry docks at our side.



A duck swims in the fjord.



South of Svelvik there were large areas with flowering fruit trees that stood in long rows. The road further went along Drammensfjorden and [Sande Bay](#) to [Sande](#).



Further from Sande we drove small roads along the coast. We did not want to drive the main roads, so I had noted the number of the roads we were going to drive. It was difficult to use the GPS in the car because it only wanted us on the main roads, preferably the highway. We were going past [Tønsberg](#), but there I had left out a road number, so it took a while before we found the right way forward.



We also drove via [Langangen](#) and [Korketrekkeren](#). (Corkscrew)



We had booked accommodation at [Herøya Porsgrunn Apartment](#). It was on the ground floor in this house.



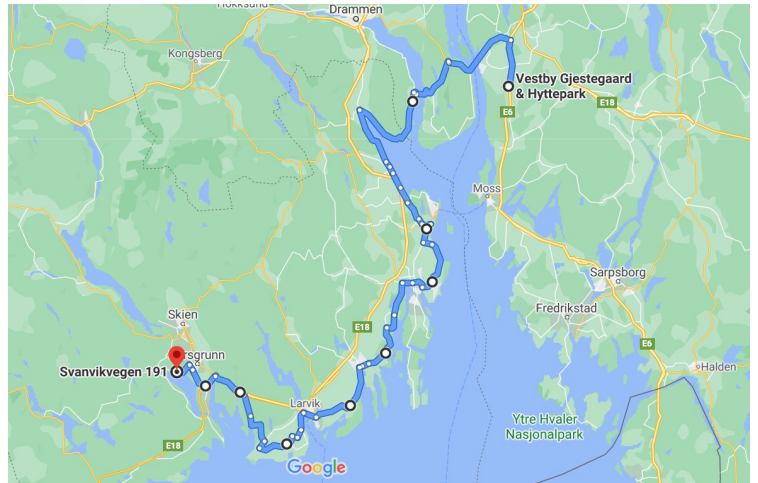
Here we have parked the car outside the house.



The apartment had a slightly convoluted room location, but it was decent and it had the necessary equipment. This is the living room.



Here I have started the laptop.



This was the route we had that day.



The next day, May 25, we took this picture from the garden before we drove on.



Here we come to [Portør](#).

Portør has served as a refuge harbor since the earliest times, and several ancient finds have been made in the area. The harbor is mentioned in [Heimskringla](#). It is mentioned that [Sigurd Slembe](#) used the harbor. The road to Portør was built in 1956. Until the mid-1960s, the harbor was a maritime pilot station and customs inspection station.



Almost down to the harbor.



A couple of people are fishing on the quay.



View across the bay.



View of the buildings in the heart of the bay. It's called Nordre Portør.



Anothe picture of the harbor.



In Krokvåg, just before Tvedestrand, we are behind two tour buses that had to wait due to road work.



Here we drive along Fjæretjenn in [Tvedestrand](#). We see [Tvedestrand Church](#).



We just had to take a picture of [Grisen Storsenter](#) (The pig shopping mall) in Tvedestrand.



We had booked accommodation at [Vesterveien Panorama](#). The apartment is located on [Hisøya](#). This was the best apartment on the trip, except that there was no Wifi installed. We had not noticed that when we ordered.



We see this of the living room when we enter from the hallway.



The rest of the living room.





The kitchen.



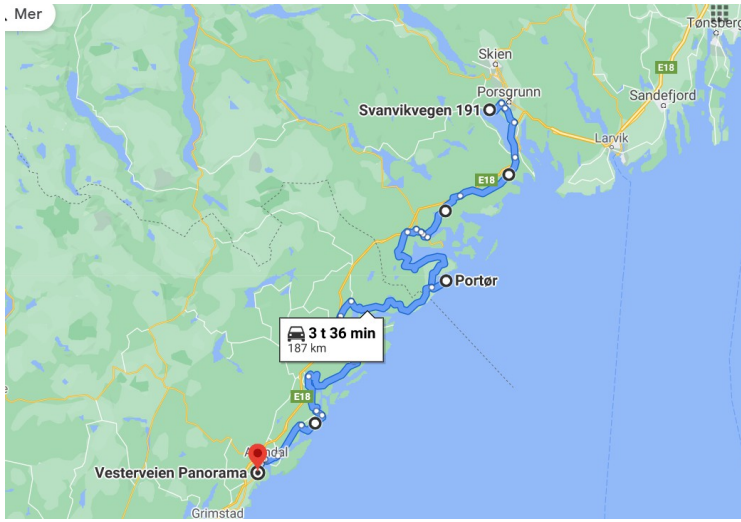
View of the lake between Hisøya and the mainland.  
The lake is called Hølen.

The apartment is a house located on a hill. We had to park the car some distance down the hill and carry our luggage up the hill.



The porch.

Decoration by the entrance.



This became the driving route on 25 May.



The next day, May 26, we did not take any pictures until we came to [Spangereid](#). This is by the [Spangereid Canal](#). Here we look east.



This is the Spangereid canal looking west.



View in direction of [Spangereid Church](#).

Excavations have shown that as early as the year 700, a canal existed across the isthmus. It was a canal that was 12 meters wide and 2 meters deep. The discovery of this canal is completely unique in the Norwegian context, and is one of the largest construction projects known today from the Norwegian Iron Age. Imprints were also found of piles that have been hit far into the ground, and remains of wood up along the canal walls. Later, the canal was refilled and forgotten, but later, since the 17th century, there has been talk of reopening the canal. Today's channel was opened on June 22, 2007.



[Lindesnes Lighthouse](#). It is not allowed to drive further than here, so we took pictures from the parking lot. We see the lighthouse keeper's residence on the left.



Here we have zoomed a bit. The lighthouse is the only lighthouse in Norway with lighthouse keepers.



Right next to the parking lot we saw this memorial after the [Palatia disaster](#). It was a ship with Russian prisoners of war that was going to Ålesund. It was sunk by 4 English bombers on October 21, 1942 outside Lindesnes and 960 people died.



Here we have moved to [Lista Lighthouse](#). From 1853 to 1873, there were three lighthouses at the station. [Lista](#) is a peninsula.



Buildings by the lighthouse.



The last stop this day was at [Farsund Fjordhotell](#).



This is the room.  
Large and nice room.



We had dinner at the restaurant in the evening. We thought the food and service were so good that we asked to take a picture of both the chef and the waiter. The chef on the left and the waiter on the right,



From the restaurant.



The dessert. Panna cotta.



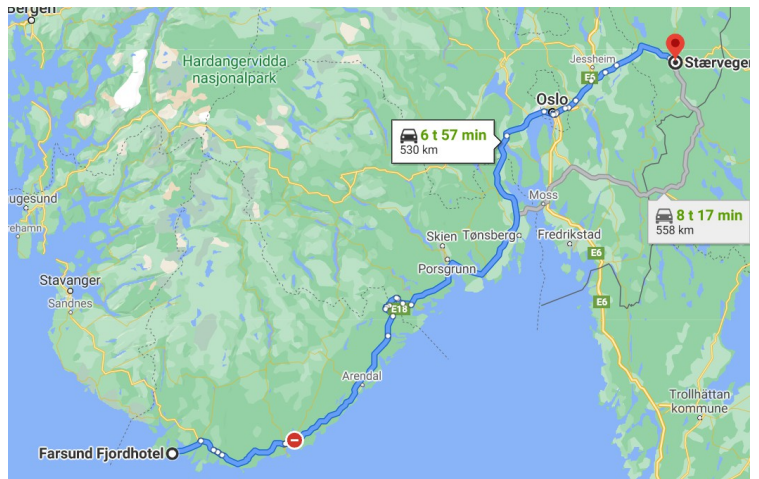
The view from the porch in the evening.



Almost the same view the next day.



The driving route for this day, August 26, was like this.



The next day, August 27, it was time to drive straight home. It went well all the way, but there was a 40 minute delay through Oslo.