

NORTHERN NORWAY 9. - 15. JULY .

After being in Tromsø, Senja and Garsnes, we drove on Monday the 12th of July.



Before we got out on the main road we noticed this nice bridge over the waterfall.



The waterfall above the bridge. The river is called Sagelva. It has excavated many caves in the rock with continuous passages in between. There are several actors who arrange cave walks.



The waterfall below the bridge.



After driving wrong and returning to the main road, we had to wait a while due to roadworks.

When we got to [Tennevoll](#) in the innermost part of [Lavangen](#) I should have turned left but drove straight ahead. Then the GPS led us onto a rather narrow road that became narrower and narrower. We thought this was wrong and drove back and found the right way. I checked the map later and found out that we had come out on the main road again that way as well.



We took a small detour to Narvik to do some shopping at Narvik Storsenter.



We noticed a large fountain on the hillside above Narvik. It comes from [Taraldsvik Power Plant](#).



Then we drive over [Tjeldsund Bridge](#). At the end of the bridge we come to [Hinnøya](#) which is Norway's largest island.



In the middle of the island we drove through the [Sørdal tunnel](#). It is 6,338 meters long and is the longest of the tunnels in the [Lofoten](#) mainland connection, [Lofast](#).



This day we were going to spend the night at [Kongsmark](#). It is right by [Raftsundet](#) that separates Hinnøya and [Austvågøya](#).



We had booked in advance. When we got there, it was said that we had been assigned [cabin no. 5](#). When we had to pay, we reacted to the price, because they should have NOK. 1400. If we were to have a washout, it was 600 extra. In any case, we had to pay 200 for bed linen.



When we had installed ourselves, we checked the order. We had an email confirming that we had booked cabin no. 3. It cost NOK. 800. When we left we pointed this out. We got back NOK 600, which was the price difference. Besides, we did not have to pay for cleaning. We suspect that it was an attempt to earn 600 kroner extra. They would have done so if we had not protested.



This is the view from cabin 5.



On July 13, we continue the trip to Å in Lofoten.



We drove a detour to [Sund](#). It is considered to be one of the oldest fishing villages in Lofoten. Here is a fishing museum and the [blacksmith in Sund](#) lives here.



Graffiti on a rock wall by the fishing museum.

The museum was started in 1963 by Vestlofoten Museumslag. Hans Gjertsen worked as a blacksmith and collected old objects as early as 1947.

Eventually, Hans Gjertsen took over the museum and responsibility for the operation, in addition to the work in the smithy.

Hans Gjertsen gained a reputation as 'Smeden i Sund' (the blacksmith in Sund). He is especially known for 'Kongeskarven' - the cormorant that he gave to [King Olav V](#) during the opening of the main road Svølvær - Å in 1963. The museum was taken over by Tor-Vegard Mørkved - 'Nysmeden' (the new blacksmith) in 1989.



This is in Sundvågen.



We had booked a [rorbu](#) at [Å-Hamna Rorbuer](#). We got rorbu no. 3 from the left.

Until the end of the 1990s, Å was a [fishing village](#) in [Moskenes](#) in [Nordland](#). The place is located on the southeast side of [Moskenesøya](#), and is the end point for [European route 10](#).

Today, [tourism](#) is increasingly important for Å, even though the place has traditionally been a fishing village with, among other things, [stockfish racks](#) and a [cod liver oil factory](#). Å has two museums: [Lofoten Stockfish Museum](#) and [Norwegian Fishing Village Museum](#).



Here we are in place in the cabin. I'm checking today's news.



The view from the cabin.



Here there is a footbridge across the [kill](#) and towards the center.



On an islet out in the bay there were many birds. The islets are called Skarvskjæran (Cormorant Skerries).



The next day, the. On July 14, we drove back in the direction of the airport. Here we drive through [Sørvågen](#).



Here we look across Moskenesvågen. There is a ferry connection to Værøy, Røst and Bodø.



Moskenesvågen. We can see [Moskenes Church](#) in the middle of the picture.



We stopped at Reinehalsen and took some pictures of [Reine](#). Reine is the administration center in Moskenes municipality.

Across the [Reinefjord](#), the main road crosses several small islands that are connected by bridges. The bridges are called [Reinebruene](#). They were completed in 1981. Previously, there was a ferry between Reine and [Hamnøy](#). These islands are called Andøya, [Sakrisøya](#), Olenilsøya and Toppøya.



Then we drove on towards Reinebruene. We see Reinevågen to the right. At the back right we see Olstinden.



Here we look back across to Reinevågen and [Reinebringen](#).



Here we look over towards Fiskarskjæret on Reine.



Here there are many cod heads still hanging to dry. It is a by-product of stockfish production and they are often ground up for fertilizer. Lots of exports also to Africa, especially Nigeria.



From Moskenesøya we drove across [Flakstadøya](#) to [Vestvågøya](#).

A colorful house at [Leknes](#). Leknes was granted city status in 2002, and together with Svolvær it is one of the two cities in Lofoten.



Here we have driven across [Gimsøystraumen Bridge](#) to [Austvågøya](#) and looks south along the east coast of Vestvågøya. Vestvågøya was formerly called Lofotr, which gave its name to Lofoten.



Views across [Gimsøystraumen](#) towards Vestvågøya.



A couple of pictures from Svolveer as we drive through. Many small boats in the harbor.



Here we have come to Vestpollen on Austvågøya.



This day we were to spend the night at [Tjeldsundbrua Hotel](#).

It is located by the [Tjeldsund Bridge](#) which crosses [Tjeldsundet](#) between [Hinnøya](#) and the mainland. We thought it was at a suitable distance from the airport where we would return to Gardermoen the next day.



The hotel seen from the sea.



The room looked something like this.

We ate dinner there in the evening, [salted meat with potatoes and turnip puree](#). It tasted good as a change after we had eaten sausages with mashed potatoes and fish pudding with mashed potatoes all week.

The next day the breakfast was pretty bad. Bread with various toppings was certainly OK, but I chose to take fried eggs and fried bacon. The bacon was cold and the egg was also cold and almost dried. They opened the breakfast service at 7 o'clock, and when we ate at 9 o'clock the food has managed to get quite cold at this time.



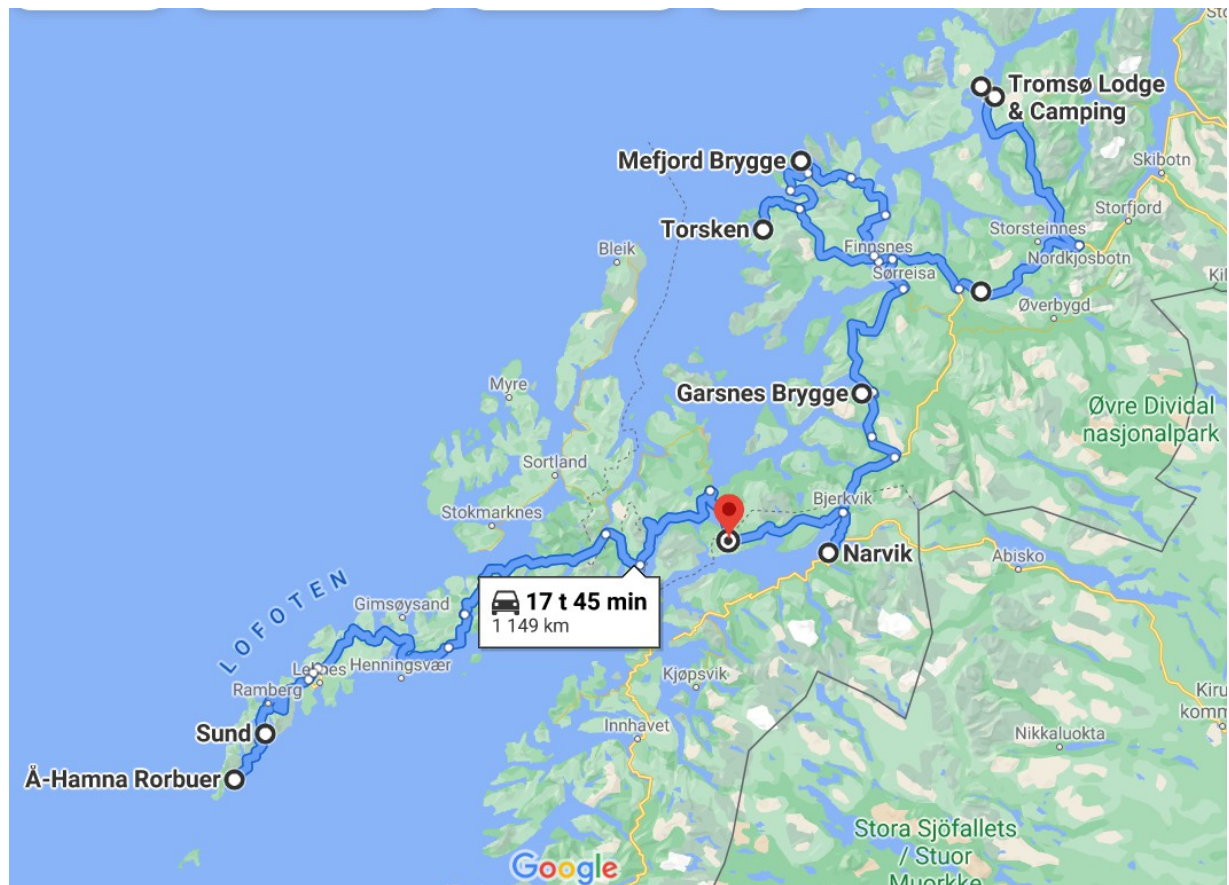
This is from the restaurant where we ate dinner and breakfast.



The next day, July 15, we drove to Harstad / Narvik Airport at Evenes. We refueled, parked the car and returned the keys.

The plane left at 15:40 and arrived at Gardermoen at 17:25.

There we waited a bit for [Dalen Parkering](#) which drove us to the parking lot. Then home to [Kongsvinger](#).



This became our driving route on this trip.