

TVEDESTRAND – BRYNE 8. – 14. OCTOBER

Anne Bert found out that the musical [Grease](#) was staged in the Kuppelhallen, part of the [Stavanger Concert Hall](#), and she would like to see it. We decided on it and I suggested to use the car.



We wanted to split the trip in two, so we booked accommodation at [Tvedestrand Fjordhotell](#), both on the trip to Bryne and on the return to Kongsvinger.



This is in the room.



View from the room down towards the harbor at the heart of Tvedestrandsfjorden.



View further out over the fjord.



Here we are in the dining room.



There were quite a few dishes that were left off the menu that day, but they suggested making large shrimp sandwiches instead. They got huge and we had trouble eating all of it.



View towards the harbor in the evening.



The view out over the fjord in the morning.



From the reception.



One last photo outside the hotel.

[Tvedestrand](#) is a town located deep in the Tvedestrandsfjord. Just under 3,000 people live in the municipality. It has been called "The Book City by the Skagerak" and "Sørlandet's smiley hole".

We also stayed at Tvedestrand Fjordhotell in 2021 when we drove along the [coastal pilgrimage route](#) from Egersund to Trondheim. Tvedestrand Fjordhotell was opened in 1961.

The hotel has had several owners over the years and was taken over by Pål Jahnsen and Dorte Suurballe in 2016, who ran it until it was sold in 2022 to the hotel chain [Unique Hotels](#).



The fjord seen from the other side.



We were going to stay at [Hotel Jæren](#). The original Jæren Hotell was completed in 1977. It reopened in June 2020 after a complete renovation. We often stay there when we are in those parts of the country.

We had to have dinner when we got there.
Øystein came over to the hotel and ate with us.



Anne Berit had a vegetarian salad with Halloumi.



I had veal with a creamy mushroom sauce.

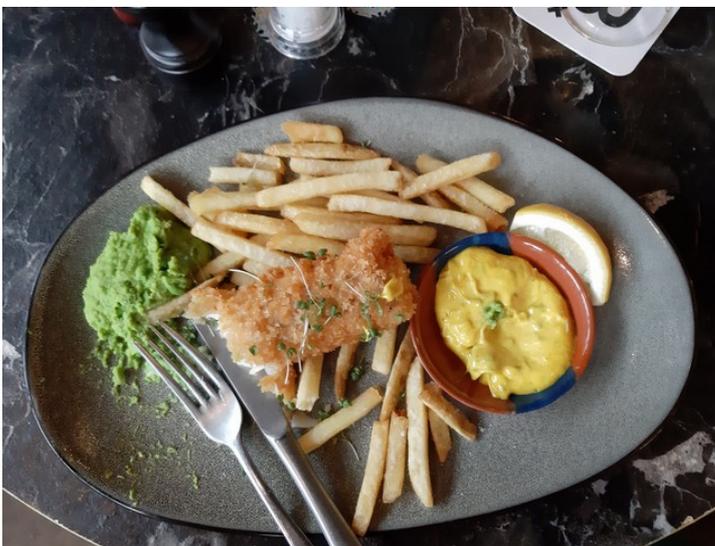
The next day, Friday, we were supposed to go to the Grease show, but we changed our minds.
It became [Brix Brygghus](#) instead.



The restaurant is located right in the center of Bryne. We also ate here this summer.



JI got a locally produced beer called Bonde, a Bohemian/Czech inspired light lager/lager.



We ate fish & chips with good side dishes, pea puree and remoulade.



Finally we had Sambuca and coffee. They didn't have espresso.



This is the space between the two buildings of the hotel.
It had rained during the night.



A picture in the reception at the hotel.



Anne Berit's breakfast.



Mt breakfast.

In the afternoon we visited Leif and Solveig. They dished up a rich lunch table.
Very good food.



Here we are at the hotel in the evening.



We were still full after lunch, so we had just a starter,
Anette's fish and shellfish soup.

The following day we were at Janette's for coffee and cake. Stian and Hemming and his family were also there.



Afterwards we traveled to [Peking Cuisine](#) in Sandnes for dinner.



We sat in this department.



I study the menu.



Table decorations.



Water glass

[Lervig Bryggeri](#) was formed after [Tou Bryggeri](#) was acquired by [Ringnes](#) and moved production to Oslo.



Original decoration on the glasses.



A dragon's head.



Hot plates have arrived here.



I had Biff Chop Suey.



Anne Berit had Chicken Red Curry – Thai Style.



On Monday we are on our way home again.
Here we have passed [Undheim](#).



Up on Høgjæren.
[Karten](#) to the right.

We drove via Undheim towards [Bue](#), which is located on the [E39](#)



Husavatnet.



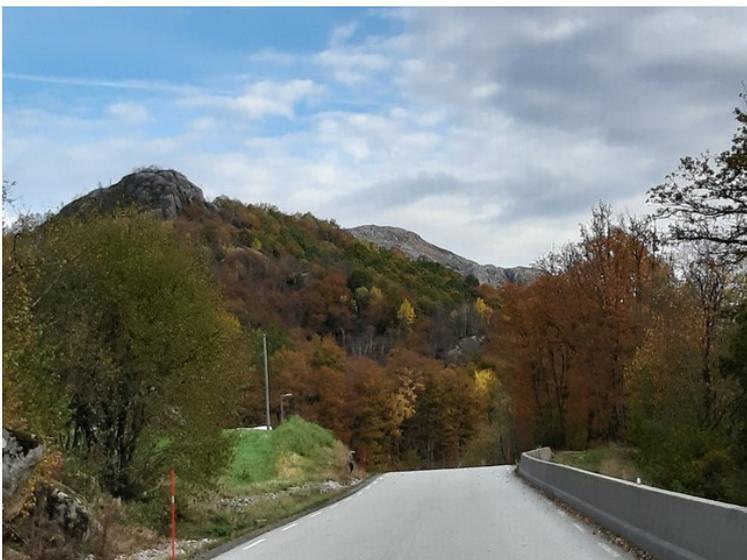
Mellomstrandsvatnet.



Here we have taken off from E39 at Helleland and drive up Gydalen.



Gydalen is a bit narrow.



Terland is up in the hillside straight ahead behind the hill.



This is Terland klopp. It is a stone slab bridge that was built around 1800. It has stave stones for railings. With its 21 runs and a length of 60 metres, it is considered the largest of its kind in the Nordics.

It was protected by the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage in 2008.



Here we are at Gyavatnet.



Here it is right before we drive down towards [Tonstad](#).

The largest places we drove through further towards Tvedestrand were [Kvinlog](#), [Eiken](#), [Skeie](#), [Sveindal](#), [Hornnes](#), [Evje](#), [Mykland](#), [Hynnekleiv](#), [Froland](#), [Blakstad](#), [Libru](#), [Stoa](#).



This is just before we get to Mjåland. The truck was going slowly on the hills so we had to drive past.



So some photos from Mjålandsvatnet in Froland municipality.



Very quiet and clear water



Then we have passed Hynnekleiv and will drive under the railway. It is the [Sørlandsbanen](#) that runs here.



Here we are approaching Froland.



Then we arrive at Tvedestrand.



We see Tvedestrand church.



Here we will turn right towards the harbour.



This is Hytta Pizzeria.



Further down the Hovedgata.



Here the road splits. Hovedgata straight ahead and Solveien to the left. We drove the Solveien.



The road runs along a mountain ridge.



Narrow and bumpy street. Here there was some asphalt.



Here there is a bridge across Osterkleiv



Then we are down by the fjord.



Narrow street.



Then we are at the hotel.



Then it was dinner.
Anne Berit had cod.



I had BBQ Short Ribs.



Then there was Sambuca and coffee for dessert.



View from the terrace.



More views from the terrace.



More views.



More views.



On Tuesday we are on the last stage.
Here we are on the E18 at Holmestrand and looking
towards a Burger King restaurant that runs across the
E18.



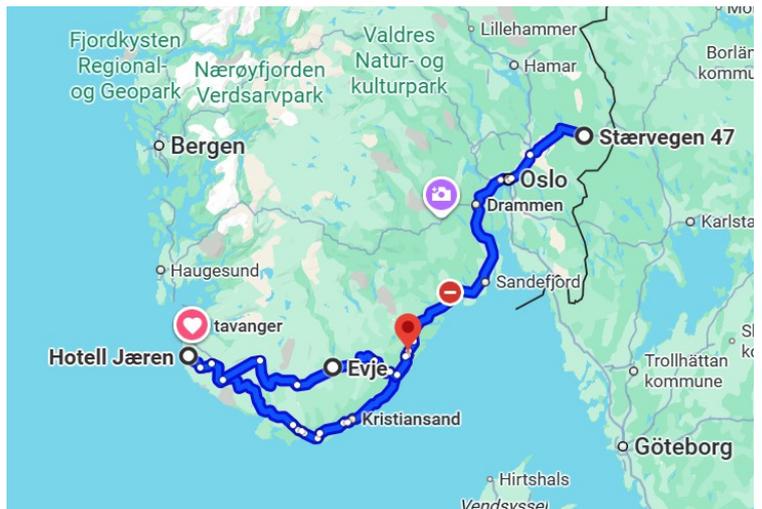
Almost at Skarnes.



Yellow leaves on the trees.



Great autumn colours.



This was the driving route this time.