



# VISIT DRØBAK & OSCARSBORG

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## GUIDE

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## WELCOME TO DRØBAK & OSCARSBORG

Frogn, the municipality where both Drøbak and Oscarsborg are located, is beautifully situated on the sunny side of the Oslofjord. Frogn has everything from numerous beaches for swimming and relaxing, to a vibrant historic town center. Drøbak is one of Norway's most idyllic coastal towns and it's characteristic wooden houses are of conservation value. With a varied and exciting natural landscape.

Frogn has an infinite amount to offer: Rich cultural life, small cozy niche stores, art galleries, a golf course, farm shops, great hiking opportunities and Oscarsborg fortress with its rich history. Drøbak is also where the Norwegian Santa has his official address. Here you will find a calm and pleasant holiday atmosphere, only 40 minutes south of Oslo.

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# OVERVIEW MAP DRØBAK & OSCARSBORG



## History

**Drøbak**, which got its name due to its many steep hills, has a long and exciting coastal cultural history and is one of the **best preserved wooden house towns** in the **Oslofjord area**. The trading post was an important export point for lumber from the beginning of the 17th century. Since it was difficult to navigate large sailing ships all the way to Christiania and in the winter, there was often a thick layer of ice in the inner Oslofjord, the skippers chose to load and unload in Drøbak. In the 18th century, Drøbak was in fact the place in Norway with the most registered sailing ships. At the end of the 19th century, Drøbak developed into an important seaside resort with several bathing facilities in Badeparken close to the city center. With its close location to the capital, Drøbak also became a summer place **where artists drew inspiration**.

## Getting here

You can travel to Drøbak by **boat, bus, bicycle and car**. The Ruter Ferry B21 and B22 go to and from Drøbak every day during the summer season, and on weekends in spring and autumn. **The Oscarsborg ferry** from Drøbak to Oscarsborg runs all year round and during the summer season from both Sundbrygga and Sjøtorget in the city center. There is also a regular bus service to and from Drøbak, both from Oslo (**500 and 505**), Ski (**510**), Ås (**510**) and the local bus route (**506**). By car it takes about 35 minutes from Oslo city center to Drøbak.



## Tourist Information

Visit Drøbak & Oscarsborg is the official tourist information center in Frogn municipality, located in the central Drøbak boat harbor, alongside Drøbak Aquarium. Visit us at the Tourist Information for everything from timetables, to local tips and ideas for what you can experience here. The tourist information office also operates BUA, a free lending center for sports, ski and hiking gear.

Welcome to Frogn and we hope you enjoy your visit!



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## What's happening?

An overview of concerts, festivals, theater, markets and other events can be found in our calendar at [visitdrobakoscarsborg.com](https://www.visitdrobakoscarsborg.com)







Christmas House



Oscarsborg Museum



Santa Sign



Lutefisk Museum



Follo Museum



Historic Drøbak



The island of Håøya



Drøbak Aquarium



Parrstranda Beach

# ATTRACTIONS & EXPERIENCES

## The Christmas town

It's Christmas all year round in Drøbak! This is where Santa Claus has his official norwegian address and where Christmas mail from all over the world arrives. **Tregaardens Christmas House** offers a festive atmosphere 365 days a year. This is Norways only all year-round Christmas house and a must-see attraction. In Drøbak harbor you will also find the **Santa Claus traffic sign**, right outside the Tourist Information office. If you would like to learn more about Norway's famous Christmas "lutefisk", take a trip to the **Lutefisk Museum** in Krokettønnen, the world's only.

## Museums

At Oscarsborg, you'll find the **Oscarsborg Museums**, which include the **Fortress Museum** and the **Torpedo Battery**. You can book a guided tour all year round, and during the summer holidays, tours are offered daily. **Oscarsborg Hotel & Resort** also offers guided tours on request. There are also fortifications in Drøbak: **Seiersten skanse**, **Veisvingbatteriet** and **Kopåsbatteriet**.

**Follo Museum** is another exciting museum. This open-air museum located at Seiersten is surrounded by nature on all sides. It offers different activities and guided tours on request. **The Norwegian Lutefisk Museum** and **Drøbak's maritime museum** are located in the cozy street of Krokettønnen.

## Family activities

**Drøbak Aquarium**, with both saltwater and freshwater sections, is popular among families with children, featuring large and small tanks as well as a touch pool. You must also greet the catfish Hugo, the aquarium's mascot. Another family favorite is **Bølgen Bath & Activity Center**, with several pools for both training, therapy, and fun. Next to Bølgen there is a popular skate park. There are also **playgrounds** in Badeparken, in Velhaven and at the Follo museum. **Drøbak Snow Park**, skiing trails and several ice skating rinks is favourites during winter.

## Active in Frogn

**Drøbak Golf Club** is an 18-hole golf course in scenic surroundings. Or how about experiencing the Oslofjord by sea? **Drøbak RIB safari** offer RIB safaris in the Oslofjord. **Drøbak Kystlag** offers free lending of dinghies with electric motors and free sailing practice and boat handling courses by appointment. Drøbak is also a very good place for windsurfing. Frogn also has many nice hiking areas through forests and around the coast. **Drøbak Sound** is also an excellent place for kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding. Frogn is also a cycling paradise. Here you ride past strawberry fields, raspberry vines and farm shops before you enter Drøbak with its rich history and cultural heritage.

## Beaches

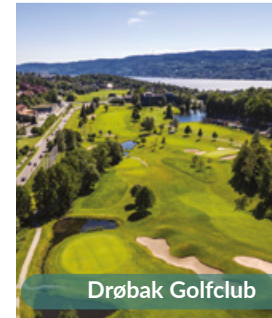
Drøbak was an important summer bathing town at the end of the 19th century, with spa and baths for both men and women in Badeparken near the city center. Today, this is one of the inner Oslofjords finest bathing spots, with diving platforms, a beach volleyball court, floating docks and playgrounds. You can relax on the large grass area at Badeparken, sunbathe at **Parrstranda** or find a more private spot along the coast on the rocks. There are several nice beaches in Frogn, such as the family beach **Skiphelle**, and **Torkilstranda** with good conditions for windsurfing. There are also several hidden gems, such as **Nordstranda**, **Elleskjær**, **Husvik**, **Sprostranda**, **Sønderstøa**, **Slora Badeplass** and **Brevik**.



Bølgen



Drøbak Rib Safari



Drøbak Golfclub



Coastal walk





## SHOPPING & SMALL TOWN LIFE



Tamburbakken



Krokettønnen



Hegn



Drøbak Harbor

### Summer town just outside Oslo

In Drøbak you will find a calm and pleasant holiday atmosphere, where you don't have to do anything! Buy an ice cream, stroll through the cozy old flowery streets or let your feet dangle from the edge of the pier. **Something completely different to Oslo**, but at the same time so close to the capital. It is also a very nice town to travel on foot, either along the charming and often flourishing **Badehusgaten**, the cozy **Krokettønnen**, along the coast, or one of the small cozy paths marked with blue round signs.

### Unique niche stores

Drøbak has many unique shops. In the city center, there is not a single chain store. Unlike most Norwegian towns, Drøbak is open on Sundays all year round and has been nicknamed "**The Sunday Town**".

**Kashmina** is a Norwegian clothing brand designed in Drøbak, known for its beautiful and exclusive garments in 100% cashmere. **Rosenquist**, **Ovidia Bay**, **Vicky West**, **Hos Mina** and **Yasmin** are other clothing stores that sell women's clothing. **Fru Magnolia**, **Annek's**, **Lyst** and **Lysthuset** are lifestyle stores that sell a combination of clothes and interiors, while **No3** specialize in interior design. Another interior design shop is **Haver Interiør**, which is located outside Drøbak. **Calzado** is primarily a shoe and lamp store, while **Hamborg** sells men's and women's clothing. **Butterfly** is the place to go for quality swimwear and underwear. **Schau Optik** optician has sunglasses. **Coffee Table Books** is a design bookstore with books, notebooks and a coffee shop. **Dukkehuset** sells both yarn, fabrics for patchwork and gift items. **Hageland** has a large selection of plants and flowers. **Båtpleiebutikken.no** sells boat equipment in Vindfangeren.



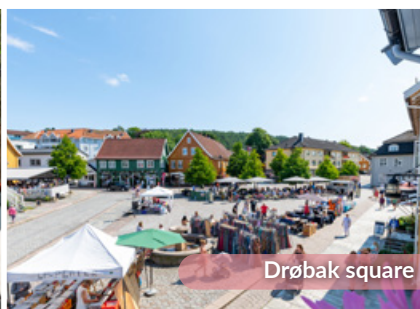
Drøbak square



Schau Optik



No3



Drøbak square



Kashmina

## Unique shopping in the Sunday town

### Sustainable shopping and recycling

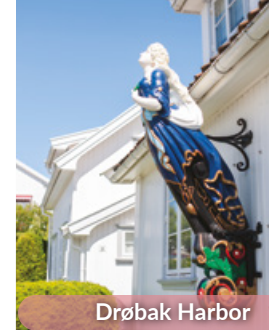
There are also several places to shop sustainably in Drøbak. **Fretex** in Storgata has clothes, toys, books, art and interior items. **Sitrus Second Hand** sells carefully selected vintage clothing and shoes. **Frk. Getz** is a sewing studio and thrift store that also redesigns clothing. **Kiwanis Drøbak** has a second-hand markets from spring to autumn in an old bunker by the historic Veisving battery. Otherwise, there are several flea markets. In the summer, Drøbak square is also filled with lots of stalls and market vendors, from where everything from honey to antiques are sold. **Hegn** is an open ceramics workshop in the center of Drøbak. Here you can experience ceramics production up close and buy self-produced ceramics and other interior products. Hegn also holds ceramics courses.

### Amfi Drøbak City Shopping Center

At Dyrørkke is **Amfi Drøbak City**, a shopping center with just over 30 shops. In addition to a supermarket, cafe, health food store, pharmacy, toy store, tailor, florist, bookstore and hardware store, there are clothing and lifestyle stores such as Lindex, Kappahl, Zavanna, Eurosko, Normal, Bogerud, B. Young, Kid and Kitch'n.

### Bunad, weddings and wellness

**BunadRosen** is a family business in Drøbak that specializes in the Norwegian national costume and accessories. **Lises Systue** produces Lises Festdrakt, an alternative to the bunad. There are many hairdressers in Drøbak, including **Boulevard Hair Studio**, **Aura Hair by Rocio**, **Gustino**, **Annikas Hårdesign**, **Fiin**, **Nöjd**, **Hei Sveis** and **Turkish Diamond Barber**. There are also several skin, beauty – and health therapists like **Skin Lounge**, **Afrodite's**, **W'ink Wenche Stageboe**, **Mia Massør**. Yoga? Check out **Mermaid Yoga** in Drøbak center amongst others.



Drøbak Harbor



Drøbak square



Badeparken



Wooden houses



# ART & CULTURE

## Town of Artists

Drøbak has throughout the ages charmed artists, bohemians and writers, including Hans Gude, Oda and Christian Krogh and Knut Hamsun. As an arts center, Drøbak has several galleries. On the website [gallerieneidrobak.no](http://gallerieneidrobak.no) you can get more information about current exhibitions and information about the galleries. Drøbak artist **Reidar Finsrud** has two galleries outside the city centre, at Bilitt and at Torkilstranda. Both exhibit the multi-artist's work, but it is Bilitt that is the foremost exhibition arena of the two. At Bilitt you can also experience "Finsrud City", an impressive miniature world scaled down to 1:87, one of the world's largest miniature cities. Finsrud has also made the bronze sculpture of "The Three Mermaids of Drøbak" in Drøbak boat harbour and «Neptun» at Molo B.

**The Norwegian Cartoonist Gallery** shows drawings with meaning, expression-based art and is a tribute to the newspaper cartoonist Fredrik Stabel. It also houses a bookshop with art materials as well as an abundant art sales department. **Drøbak Art Society** curates exhibitions in the historic bathing building at Badeparken, with a stunning fjord view. **The Oslofjord Art Center** is a pleasant gallery in the center of Drøbak, which shows current contemporary art. They also arrange painting courses and art events for both children and adults. This gallery shares premises with **Drøbak Association of professional artists**. **Gallery Havstad** is a colorful gallery shop with fine art, ceramics, glass, jewelry and other gifts and decorative items. **Gallery Vera** presents a wide selection of quality art and is in an old wooden house in an apple orchard in Elleveien, just before Torkilstranda. May-Britt Kjeserud is another artist who has art sales in the center of Drøbak. In the center of Drøbak, the former Munich-based goldsmith Walter Hensel also has his own workshop called **Gullsmed Atelieret**, together with his Norwegian partner Marit Falch. **Hegn Ceramics Studio** has regular ceramics courses. **New Era** is a gallery and studio for art and crystals. **Drøbak Kunstnerkollektiv** is a gallery, studio, and gift gallery.

## Galleries and musical experiences

### Library and cinema

Do you have a book worm in the family? Take a trip to the light blue, **historic wooden library** in Drøbak square where they offer books for all ages. Drøbak boat harbor, houses one of 100 remaining telephone kiosks in Norway, which today is a protected cultural monument and filled with free used books. Cinema and popcorn? Traditional **Drøbak cinema** in the city center has shown films since 1933 and has a varied cinema program.

### Summer concerts

If you visit Drøbak on a Saturday morning in the summer, you can experience world-class **classical concerts in the historic Drøbak church**. It is hand-picked, top class musicians who visit this summer's concert series with a varied program filled with classical gems, contemporary music and jazz. In May, there is also Sommerkonsertene Ung, a festival weekend with classical music for and with young people.

### Festivals and live music

Drøbak is also a vibrant music destination. In the summer there are three major festivals: **Drøbakfestivalen**, **Drøbak Havnefestival** and **Gitarer ved fjorden**. At Oscarsborg, the famous **Oscarsborg Opera** is a highlight, featuring the **Oslo Fjord Opera Festival**. There is also often live music, either at **Café Sjøstjernen**, in the charming backyard of **Café Drøbak**, outside **Bytinget** or at **Handelshuset Gastrobar**. **Smia cultural center** also offers regular concerts, theater and other events. The open-air museum **Follo Museum** with the culture barn Taraldrudlåven also has regular cultural events.



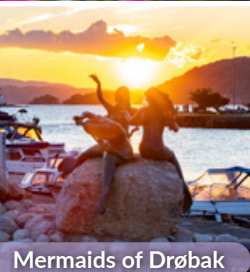
Smia cultural house



Finsrud Gallery



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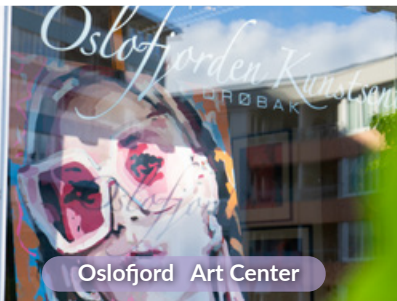
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Hegn



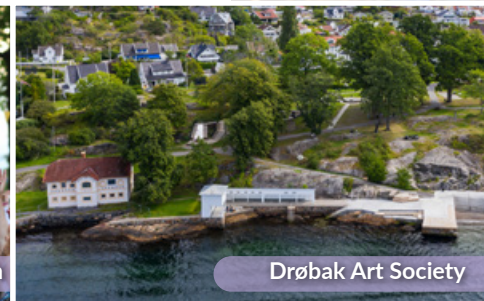
Drøbak Cinema



Oslofjord Art Center



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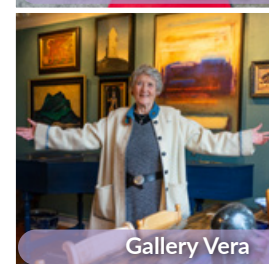
Summer concerts



Follo Museum



Cartoonist Gallery



Gallery Vera



# FOOD & DRINK



The Lobby, Reenskaug



Su Casa Coffee



Café Drøbak



Håndverksbakeriet

## Restaurants with a view of the Fjord

If you want to enjoy a meal with an amazing view of the Oslofjord, there are a few options: **Skipperstuen** in Drøbak harbor and **Café Sjøstjernen** in Drøbak guest harbor is located by the fjord. **Miramar Restaurant** in Jørnsebakken also has fjord views. **Oscarsborg Hotel & Resort** is a five-minute ferry ride from the city center. Here you can eat in the hotel restaurant or in the fortress at dinner, where many Norwegian royal family members have been served. **Havnekroa** and the new **Oscarsborg Guest Harbor Eatery** are two good options in Oscarsborg guest harbor. Both with fjord-near outdoor seating.

## Cozy Cafés

Drøbak has several cafes and bakeries. **Det Gamle Bageri** is a restaurant and gastro bar in one of the city's oldest buildings from the 18th century. **Café Galleri Teskje** is also located in a historic building, with a large garden and playground. **Håndverksbakeriet** bakes everything from croissants to fresh bread, they also have salads and lunch dishes. **Pavels Konditori** is family-run favorite that serves lunch, cakes and pastries. They have a lovely outdoor seating area, that connects to their fruit and vegetable store and a great kebab restaurant.

Do you still have room for dessert or want to have lunch in a cozy backyard? **Café Drøbak** in the green wooden house on Drøbak square is known for good snacks and its local ice cream. **Su Casa Coffee** is a café and coffee bar specialized in organic, artisanal coffee. In the summer, **Solfriid's kiosk** in Drøbak harbor and the kiosk in Badeparken are popular places to buy waffles, hot-dogs and ice creams. **Moderns Café** is located at Amfi Drøbak City, while **Golfkafeen** at Drøbak Golf Club has everything from waffles to delicious snacks and pizza. **Follo museum** also has a café.



Bringebærlandet



Det Gamle Bageri



Havnekroa at Oscarsborg



Jordbærbua



Håøya Nature Farm Café

## International favourites

In Drøbak, food from all over the world is served. Most restaurants are located around Drøbak square or along Storgata. For sushi and Thai food, check out **Bangkok & Tokyo** or **Sushi House Drøbak** in the city center or **Vi Sushi & Wok** at Dyrløkke. If you fancy Chinese, **MuDan** is the place. **Handelshuset Gastrobar** serves quality Italian food, gelato and Italian treats with a large outdoor seating in the town square. **Sharma's** is an Indian restaurant. **Papaya** serves Indian and International food. **Telegrafan** serves Italian cuisine and lies in a historic building where the town's old telegraph used to be. At the bottom of Storgata is the historic **Reenskaug Hotel**. **The Lobby** is a combined reception, bar and restaurant that gives associations to New York. Pizza or kebab? **Pavels Spiseri**, **Balkan** and **Jonell's Pizza & Grill** are good alternatives for kebabs and pizza, while **Peppes Pizza** is a child friendly alternative on Drøbak square. **Pizza Baron** also serves pizza. **Bytinget** is a cozy sports pub in the townsquare.

## Traditional Norwegian cuisine

One of the town's most traditional restaurants is **Kumlegaarden**, which is housed within one of Drøbak's oldest buildings, near Drøbak church. The restaurant is widely known for classic Norwegian dishes.

## Farmstores

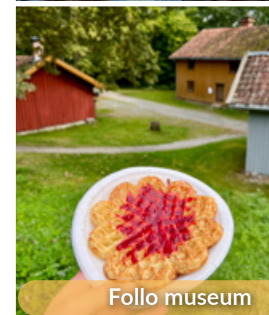
Frogn also has some of the country's most productive agricultural land and is known for both farm shops, strawberry production and raspberry wine. The farm shop **Haneborg Farm** at the entrance to Drøbak is open all year. In season they also offer self-picking of corn, flowers and vegetables. At **Bringebærlandet**, you can enjoy fresh local raspberries, join a guided winery tour and taste the farm's award-winning raspberry wine. **Jordbærbua** sell delicious local strawberries in season. **Eiketoppen Farm**, with organic meat from lamb and cattle, is another local favorite. **Håøya Nature Farm Café** on Håøya Island is a cozy café and summerhome of the goat farmer Helge Haugen and his family, where they make their own goat cheese from hand-milked cashmere goats, sourdough bread, pastries and cured meats.



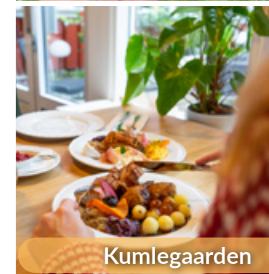
Christmas Market



Haneborg Farm



Follo museum



Kumlegaarden





Nest Bunnefjorden



The island of Lågøya



Oscarsborg Hotel



Bergholmen



Oscarsborg Guest Harbor

## ACCOMMODATION & GUEST HARBORS

### Historical hotels and unique cabins

Do you want to spend the night centrally in Drøbak? Then the 100-year-old family-run **Reenskaug Hotel** is the right place for you with **The Lobby**, a combined reception, bar and restaurant inspired by New York. At Oscarsborg is the fortress hotel **Oscarsborg Hotel & Resort** with beautiful hotel rooms, several with sea views. This is also an excellent conference hotel, and very popular for weddings. **Nest Bunnefjorden** is a popular mirror glass cabin in Nordre Frogn, with its own sauna, hot tub and a large terrace with barbecue. The perfect place for a romantic stay!

### The Oslofjord islands

Drøbak is located where the Oslofjord is at its narrowest and it is a short distance to **several idyllic islands**, such as **Håøya**, **Bergholmen** and **Lågøya**. On Bergholmen and Håøya, you can rent charming coastal cabins close to the fjord via **Oslofjorden Friluftsråd**. Lågøya is a family favorite with accommodation options in cozy cabins that Oslofjorden Friluftsråd and DNT Oslo og Omegn collaborate on.

### Guest harbors and camping

In Drøbak there are several guest harbors, you can choose between the **guest harbor in the center of Drøbak** by **Café Sjøstjernen** or **Oscarsborg Guest Harbor**. Frogn has a lot of nature that is well suited for overnight stays in the open air in a hammock or tent. There are also a good number of apartments that rent out throughout the year via various channels, including Airbnb. At **BUA in Drøbak** it is possible to borrow camping gear completely free of charge.



Reenskaug Hotel



Badstua, Coastal Cabin

## OSCARSBORG

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