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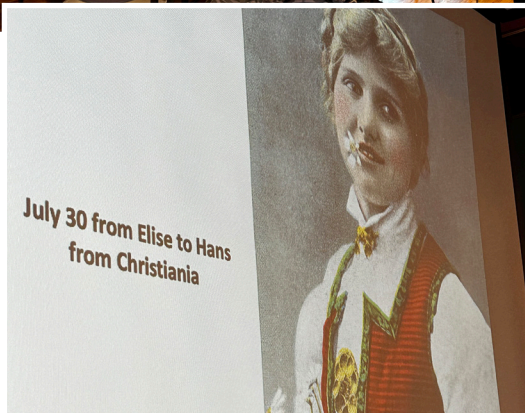


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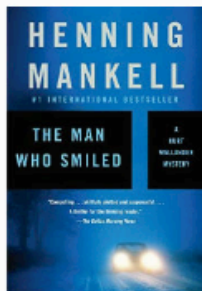
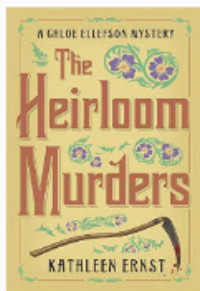
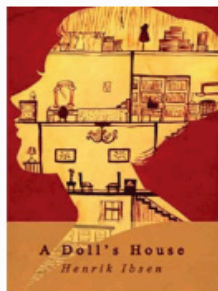
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Step 5 Spread the filling over the dough. Sprinkle with raisins, citron and almonds. Fold the long sides toward the center with the edges overlapping slightly.

Step 6 Form the dough into a kringle (or ring) shape on a large cookie sheet covered with parchment paper. Cover and let rise until doubled.

Step 7 Brush the surface with egg and sprinkle with sugar and sliced almonds.

Step 8 Bake @ 375°F (190° C) for 25 – 30 minutes, or until golden brown.

Source: *Ekte Norsk Mat – Authentic Norwegian Cooking* by Astrid Karlsen Scott

Norway, Valheim Lodge 1-364 Spring Grove, MN 55974



SALMON EYE FLOATING EXHIBITION OPENS IN HARDANGERFJORD

There is a new, eye-catching feature in the middle of Norway's Hardangerfjord. The feature is called the "Salmon Eye" and is a floating exhibition created to educate visitors about the seafood industry and aquaculture. The idea was launched in 2019 by brothers Sondre and Erlend Eide, third generation salmon producers and owners of their family business,

Eide Fjordbruk. The installation's architecture was based on a fisheye and features 9,500 stainless steel plates to imitate fish scales. The interior, which is 650 square meters, is split into four floors and one is underwater. The structure can only be accessed by ferry and is aimed at discussing sustainable aquaculture.

Eide Fjordbruk has made significant strides in improving the environmental impact of salmon farming, being the first fish farming company to produce carbon-neutral salmon. They also will unveil a new technology that "enables farming in the fjord and sea with no negative impact on the environment or climate." With seafood being a major part of Norway's industry, the hope is that visitors will recognize the ocean as a vital food source.

WHAT'S IN YOUR HIKING BACKPACK?

Hva har du i langtursekken?

February = *fjorten dager friluftsliv* =

14 days of *friluftsliv*

As a fervent hiker, Henrik Ibsen gave name to a concept already deeply rooted in the Norwegian psyche: *friluftsliv* (free-loofts-leave). Roughly translated as "life in the free air," the idea is to immerse yourself in nature, resulting in benefits to mind, body and spirit.

Whether you are taking part in the challenge of 14 Days of Friluftsliv this month (every other day), or working up to a major trek, these are a few things to consider for *utstyr* (gear). There is a Norwegian saying *ut på tur, aldri sur* – when you're on a hike, you're never unhappy. Being prepared has a lot to do with it.



Klær og Tilbehør - Clothing and Accessories

- ei jakke* – a jacket
- en genser* – a sweater
- fjellsko* – hiking boots
- ei/en turbukse* – hiking pants
- hansker* – gloves
- regntrekk* – rain gear
- ullsocker* – wool socks
- ulltøy* - wool clothing
- ei/en lue* – a hat
- solbriller* - sunglasses

Matlagingsutstyr – Cooking Equipment

- turmat* – trail food
- appelsiner* – oranges
- en turkopp* – a hiking mug
- et spisesett* – mess kit (camping plate, bowl, cup and eating utensils)
- en brenner* – a camp stove
- fyrstikker* - matches
- en termos* – thermos
- kaffe* – coffee
- KvikkLunsj* – Norwegian chocolate bar
- et kjelesett* – pots, pans, spatula, etc.
- et grillspyd* – a grilling skewer
- en kniv* – a knife
- ei/en vannflaske* – water bottle

Turutstyr – Hiking Gear

- et turkart* – map
- fjellvettreglene* – The Norwegian Mountain Code
- en kikkert* – binoculars
- ei/en hengekøye* - a hammock
- en hoftesekk* – a hip belt / fanny pack
- ei/en hodelykt* – a headlamp
- myggspray* – bug spray
- ei/en førstehjelpspakke* - a first aid kit
- et kompass* – compass
- et sitteunderlag* - a sit pad
- en regnduk* – a rain tarp
- et telt* – a tent
- en turstol* – a camping chair
- god stemning* – a good mood

Mark your Calendars! 2023

Lodge Meeting Dates

Saturday, February 11 -- 11:00 a.m

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Saturday, April 1 -- 11:00 a.m.

Lanesboro Lodge our guests

Thursday May 11 -- 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 8 -- 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 13 -- 5:30 pm

Westby Lodge our guests

Thursday, August 10 -- 6:00 pm

Winona Lodge our guest

Thursday, September 14 -- 7:00 pm

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December TBD

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Step 4 Punch the dough down and turn it out onto a floured board. Knead dough, adding flour as needed to prevent sticking, until dough is soft and elastic. Roll out into a 6 x 34-inch (15 x 86 cm) ribbon.

Step 5 Spread the filling over the dough. Sprinkle with raisins, citron and almonds. Fold the long sides toward the center with the edges overlapping slightly.

Step 6 Form the dough into a kringle (or ring) shape on a large cookie sheet covered with parchment paper. Cover and let rise until doubled.

Step 7 Brush the surface with egg and sprinkle with sugar and sliced almonds.

Step 8 Bake @ 375°F (190° C) for 25 – 30 minutes, or until golden brown.

Source: Ekte Norsk Mat – Authentic Norwegian Cooking by Astrid Karlsen Scott

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SALMON EYE FLOATING EXHIBITION OPENS IN HARDANGERFJORD

There is a new, eye-catching feature in the middle of Norway's Hardangerfjord. The feature is called the "Salmon Eye" and is a floating exhibition created to educate visitors about the seafood industry and aquaculture. The idea was launched in 2019 by brothers Sondre and Erlend Eide, third generation salmon producers and owners of their family business,

Eide Fjordbruk. The installation's architecture was based on a fish-eye and features 9,500 stainless steel plates to imitate fish scales. The interior, which is 650 square meters, is split into four floors and one is underwater. The structure can only be accessed by ferry and is aimed at discussing sustainable aquaculture.

Eide Fjordbruk has made significant strides in improving the environmental impact of salmon farming, being the first fish farming company to produce carbon-neutral salmon. They also will unveil a new technology that "enables farming in the fjord and sea with no negative impact on the environment or climate." With seafood being a major part of Norway's industry, the hope is that visitors will recognize the ocean as a vital food source.

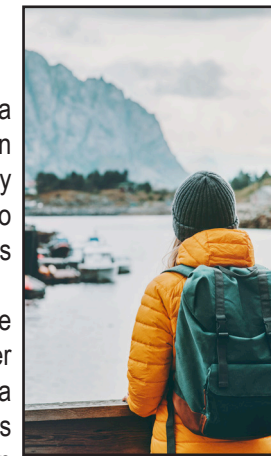
WHAT'S IN YOUR HIKING BACKPACK?

Hva har du i langtursekken?

February = *fjorten dager friluftsliv* =
14 days of *friluftsliv*

As a fervent hiker, Henrik Ibsen gave name to a concept already deeply rooted in the Norwegian psyche: *friluftsliv* (free-loofts-leave). Roughly translated as "life in the free air," the idea is to immerse yourself in nature, resulting in benefits to mind, body and spirit.

Whether you are taking part in the challenge of 14 Days of Friluftsliv this month (every other day), or working up to a major trek, these are a few things to consider for *utstyr* (gear). There is a Norwegian saying *ut på tur, aldri sur* – when you're on a hike, you're never unhappy. Being prepared has a lot to do with it.



Klær og Tilbehør - Clothing and Accessories

ei jakke – a jacket
en genser – a sweater
fjellsko – hiking boots
ei/en turbukse – hiking pants
hansker – gloves
regntrekk – rain gear
ullsocker – wool socks
ulltøy - wool clothing
ei/en lue – a hat
solbriller - sunglasses

Matlagingsutstyr – Cooking Equipment

turmat – trail food
appelsiner – oranges
en turkopp – a hiking mug
et spisesett – mess kit (camping plate, bowl, cup and eating utensils)
en brenner – a camp stove
fyrstikker - matches
en termos – thermos
kaffe – coffee
KvikkLunsj – Norwegian chocolate bar
et kjelesett – pots, pans, spatula, etc.

Turutstyr – Hiking Gear

et turkart – map
fjellvettreglene – The Norwegian Mountain Code
en kikkert – binoculars
ei/en hengekøye - a hammock
en hoftesekk – a hip belt / fanny pack
ei/en hodelykt – a headlamp
myggspray – bug spray
ei/en førstehjelpspakke - a first aid kit
et kompass – compass
et sitteunderlag - a sit pad
en regnduk – a rain tarp
et tell – a tent
en turstol – a camping chair
god stemning – a good mood

Mark your Calendars! 2023

Lodge Meeting Dates

Saturday, February 11 -- 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 11 -- 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 1 -- 11:00 a.m.
Lanesboro Lodge our guests

Thursday, May 11 -- 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 8 -- 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 13 -- 5:30 pm
Westby Lodge our guests

Thursday, August 10 -- 6:00 pm
Winona Lodge our guest

Thursday, September 14 -- 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 14 -- 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 11 -- 11:00 a.m.
December TBD

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