

– Summer pleasures which provide a lifetime of memories

Good days, active days, lazy days, exciting days, nature, culture and diversity.

This is some of what we promise you in Eidfjord. Here you'll experience real local food mixed with culture and traditions, and hospitable people. You make your own choice whether you want an active outdoor life with nature experiences on the waterfront or in the mountains, the kingdom of the real mountain people. By the fjord you can enjoy the sun and go swimming. Eidfjord is unique. Tempting. It takes you only 30 minutes to drive from the beautiful, warm Hardangerfjord to the wilderness at 1250 m of altitude on the Hardangervidda mountain plateau. Here you come close to nature, the culture and the people. Real, fresh, diverse and generous nature. Here you can find traces of mankind 4000 years back and therefore Eidfjord and the waterfall Vøringsfossen have been one of the most attractive destinations for over 100 years. It is easy to be excited by Eidfjord and the Hardangervidda. There are opportunities for both young and old. The summer is intense in Eidfjord. Everything lives, nature flourishes, people smile and you can do whatever you want to do. Be in harmony with nature and culture, yourself, family and friends, explore nature and traditional foods. Enjoy swimming, fishing, cycling or walking tours. Welcome to a vibrant Eidfjord and beautiful experiences all year round, whether you are just passing through or want a place you can stay for a few days.

Eidfjord is excellent as a starting point for small trips to the fjords, waterfalls, Bergen, Voss, Geilo or to the Hardangervidda mountain plateau. With over 1,500 guest beds and many exciting gastronomic experiences, activities and attractions we promise you a good and authentic quality that will give you memories for life and nourishment to body and soul. In this folder you'll find a small overview of what you can experience in Eidfjord during the summer. Further information on our website www.visiteidfjord.no.

You are welcome to visit our tourist information office at the harbour in the centre of Eidfjord. "Join us" in pleasant Eidfjord!

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You live as you please in Eidfjord

Eidfjord offers over 1500 guest beds. Here you'll find everything from the finest hotels to the smallest cabins. If you prefer the outdoors, please feel free to use our pristine nature for camping, but always take care of the environment.

Below you'll find an overview of selected accommodations in Eidfjord. You can find more places to stay in the folder "Hiking pleasures" and on our website. For more information please contact the tourist office.

Quality Hotel & Resort Vøringfoss,
+47 53 67 41 00 www.voringfoss.no

Eidfjord Fjell & Fjord Hotel, +47 53 66 52 64 www.effh.no

Vik Pensjonat og Hytter, +47 53 66 51 62 www.vikpensjonat.com

Kjærtveit Camping, +47 90 68 17 62 www.kcamp.no

Bergslien Turistheim, +47 99 16 91 03 www.turistheim.no

Eidfjord Gjestgiveri, +47 53 66 53 46 www.ovre-eidfjord.com

Sæbø Camping, +47 53 66 59 27 www.saeboecamping.com

Garen Camping, +47 53 66 57 25 www.garencamping.no



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OPENINGHOURS:

2.1.-30.4. and 1.9.-31.12:
Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm

1.5.-31.5.:
Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm

1.6.-14.6. and 16.8.-31.8:
Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm / Sat: 10am-6pm

15.6.-15.8.:
Mon-Fri: 9am-7pm / Sat: 10am-6pm
Sun: 11am-6pm

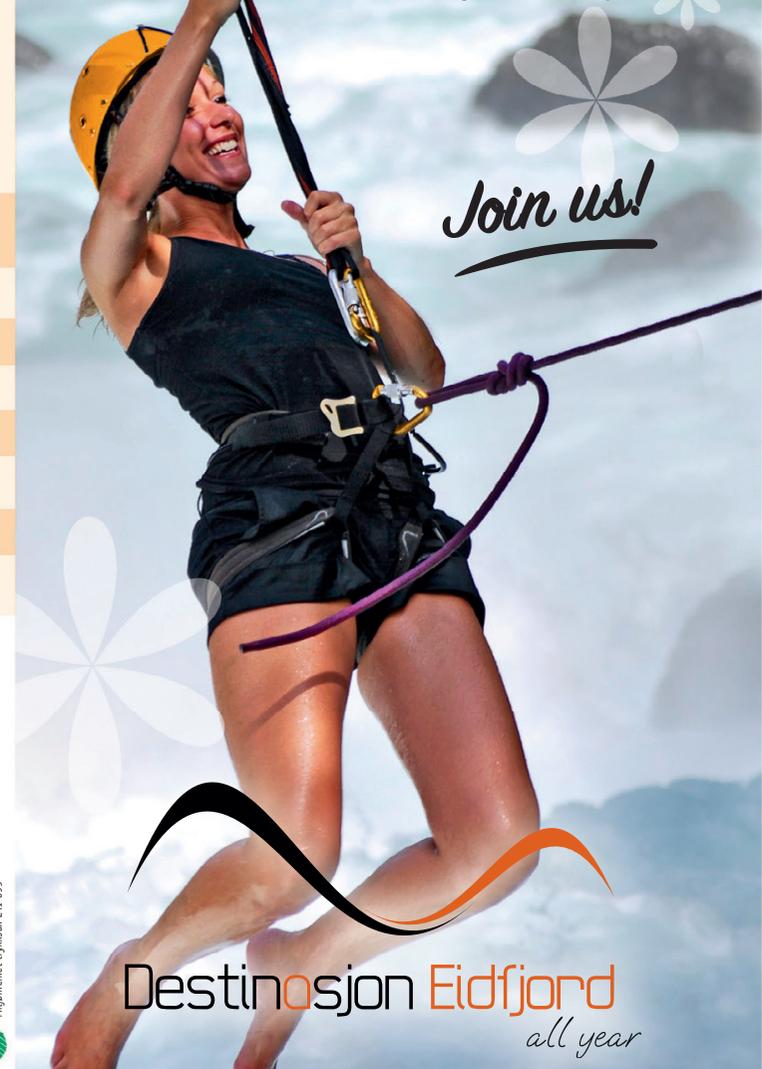
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Summer pleasures

something for everyone...

Join us!



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all year

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Action and excitement or just good experiences

You don't have to be bored in Eidfjord. Here are some of the activities you can do in the summer:

- **Eidfjord Aktiv AS** – offers a baking workshop (local baked goods), and food served in a nordic tipi tent. Tel. +47 90276395, eidfjordaktiv@gmail.com, www.eidfjordaktiv.com
- **FlatEarth Adventures** – kayaking, abseiling, fun rafting, whitewater jumping, climbing, down hill mountain biking, white water kayaking, canoe and bike rentals etc. Tel. +47 47606847, info@flatearth.no, www.flatearth.no
- **Trebua** – located next to the Eidfjord Old Church. Collection of Hardanger fiddles from the well-known fiddle-maker Anders J. Aasen. Handicrafts, wood carving. Open during cruise calls, otherwise by appointment. Tel. +47 91718521, olaf.bu@eidfjord.net
- **Boat rentals**
 - Eidfjord Fjell & Fjord Hotel, Tel. +47 53665264, post@effh.no, www.effh.no
 - Jørg Epperlein, Tel. +47 41663069, j_epperlein@yahoo.com (also renting out fishing gear)
 - Eidfjord Gjestgiveri, Tel. +47 53665346, www.ovre-eidfjord.com
- **Canoe and bike rental** – we rent out canoes and bikes at the tourist office.
- **Mini fjordcruise** – with the boat “Vøringen” from Eidfjord at 2.40pm to Lofthus at 4.15pm, return to Eidfjord from Lofthus by bus at 5.15pm, arrive in Eidfjord at 6.20pm. Tickets can be purchased at the tourist office.
- **Sightseeing in Eidfjord** – 2.5 hour tour into the dramatic landscape by bus from Eidfjord at 11.45am to the Hardangervidda Nature Centre (entrance fee included), Vøringfossen waterfall and return to Eidfjord. Tickets can be purchased at the tourist office.
- **The Trolltrain in Eidfjord** – the train which runs on wheels takes you for a 55-minute sightseeing tour through the centre of Eidfjord on days with cruise calls and for groups on request.
- **Walk around Hæreid with viking graves** - easy and popular hike (round trip) about 1.5 h
- **Sysendalen, Hardangervidda** - Nice walk along the bike and walking path. Good and popular area for hiking, fishing and berry picking.

For further information about opening hours, etc., contact the tourist office or take a look on www.visiteidfjord.no



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Happenings in Eidfjord

The best moments are often those you create yourself or with someone you love. Eidfjord has something for everyone. Here different generations can be together, families with children or couples. If you would like to be entertained or take part in activities and good experiences with others, you can find below some of the events which we have every summer and autumn:

MAY - JUNE	Hardanger Music Festival - in Ullensvang, Eidfjord, Odda, www.hardangermusikkfest.no
JUNE	Eidfjord small field soccer tournament for children, www.smaabanecup.no
JUNE 23RD	Midsummer night celebration
JULY - AUGUST	Group hike – with pack horse to Hårteigen 1690 m above sea level.
AUGUST	Eidfjord Mini Triathlon - 1/10 of the large “Norseman Xtreme Triathlon”. www.eidfjordil.no
AUGUST	Norseman Xtreme Triathlon - the world's toughest triathlon, starting in Eidfjord. www.nxtri.com
AUGUST	Summer Dance at Vik Pensjonat
SEPTEMBER	Hardangervidda Marathon - 42.192 m of high mountain paths, a river crossing and running through narrow valleys will await you. Finish in Eidfjord. www.xtremeidfjord.no
SEPT - OCT	Hardanger Food culture festival - traditional food for sale, www.hardanger-matkulturfestival.no

For further information visit www.visiteidfjord.no or go to the event website.

Good food and beverages have long traditions in Eidfjord

Nature is generous in Eidfjord. Here you can hunt, fish and pick berries from sustainable resources. People in Eidfjord have learned to preserve and exploit the resources for both the daily life and for special occasions. This is why the food culture and traditions are strong in Eidfjord. You'll find many places to eat offering locally produced traditional food for pleasure and amusement for both guests and our own palate. If you buy a hunting or a fishing license, you can harvest from nature when it is the season for it. Fishing is free in the fjord and berry picking is free on state common ground. In many places it is also possible to buy food made from local produce, baked goods, fruits and berries. Welcome to our pantry.

Good places to eat in Eidfjord:

- **Quality Hotel & Resort Vøringfoss**, +47 53 67 41 00 www.voringfoss.no
- **Eidfjord Fjell & Fjord Hotel**, +47 53 66 52 64 www.hardangercatering.no
- **Vik Pensjonat & Hytter**, +47 53 66 51 62 www.vikpensjonat.com
- **Hardangerviddahallen Restaurant**, +47 53 67 40 00 www.hardangerviddanaturcenter.no
- **Eidfjord Gjestgiveri** (pancakes), +47 53 66 53 46 www.ovre-eidfjord.com

Mountain lodges which serve food on the Hardangervidda are not included in this overview. For further information about opening hours, see our website www.visiteidfjord.no. **Enjoy your meal!**

Shopping in Eidfjord:

- **“Mangfaldet”** gifts and souvenirs, +47 952 10 554 bsovik@online.no
- **“Unik”** gifts and souvenirs, +47 53 66 52 20 unik@eidfjord.net
- **“Håndverkstue”** handicrafts, +47 416 63 069 j_epperlein@yahoo.com
- **“Joker Eidfjord”** grocery store, +47 53 66 51 82 joker_eidfjord@ngbutikk.no
- **“Coop Marked Eidfjord”** grocery store, +47 53 66 51 86 eidfjord@marked.coop.no
- **“Garen Kolonial”** grocery store (Hardangervidda), +47 53 66 57 25 www.garencamping.no
- **“YX-Eidfjord”** gas/petrol station, +47 53 66 54 73 frode.eriksen@eidfjord.net

It's busy on the harbour when cruiseships arrive

Eidfjord has become a popular cruise port and has annual visits of more than 50 ships. If you wish to take part in the international atmosphere that you can feel in Eidfjord when the ships are docked you'll find visiting times on our website – updated list is published in March / April.



ATTRACTIONS IN EIDFJORD, WHICH CREATE ADMIRATION

Here you will find both natural and man-made attractions which create admiration and experiences you'll never forget

Vøringsfossen - Norway's most famous waterfall

Vøringsfossen is Norway's most visited natural tourist attraction. The waterfall has a total fall height of 182 m, with 145 m free fall. The best viewpoint is by the Fosslí Hotel which is situated on top of the valley Måbødalen, about 20 km from the centre of Eidfjord. Take the road 7, exit direction the Fosslí Hotel / Vøringsfossen. Other famous waterfalls in Eidfjord are Vedalsfossen in the valley Hjølmadalen, Valurfossen in the valley Veigdalen and Skytjefossen in the valley Simadal. Be fascinated by the waterfalls in Eidfjord. [Talk to the tourist office for further information.](#)

Sima Kraftverk

Visit one of the largest hydroelectric power plants in Europe

Where the water turns into renewable energy! The station hall is located 700 m inside the mountain and is 200 m long, 20 m wide and 40 m high. During the period of June 15th – August 15th we offer daily guided tours that include a fascinating film about the construction period, the process of winning renewable energy, the group Statkraft itself, and a tour of the station hall inside the mountain. Guided tours last 1 hour. Sima power plant is located in Simadal, appr. 7 km from the centre of Eidfjord. Follow the signs. Nice to combine with visits to the Kjeåsen mountain farm.

Daily guided tours: June 15th – August 15th at 10am, 12pm and 2pm.

Skytjefossen waterfall

This is one of the waterfalls in Norway with the highest drop of 300 m. Skytjefossen is regulated for the hydroelectric energy production, but may periodically have good water flow and is then a wonderful sight. Exit the road 7 in Eidfjord. Follow the signs to the Sima power plant, continue past the power plant as far as the roads are paved to the parking at Tveit. Follow the dirt road further up the valley by foot (approximately 15 minutes each way). You can see the waterfall on your right.

Hardangervidda Nature Centre Eidfjord

Explore the best of Norwegian nature

Hardangervidda Nature Centre Eidfjord is an authorised National Park Centre for the Hardangervidda and a modern experience centre for the Norwegian landscape, climate and environment. Three floors of exciting exhibitions, dioramas, interactive stations, innovative aquariums, educational videos and illustrative texts. 20 minutes you'll never forget - modern cinema with 5 screens and room for 168 persons. It's built in collaboration with the Norwegian filmmaker Ivo Caprino, showing a 225 degree panoramic film about the Hardangervidda, the Hardangerfjord and the beautiful "waterfall country" in the westerly mountains, you feel like a participant on a trip in a helicopter. The Nature Centre has a souvenir shop and tourist information and the Hardangerviddahallen Restaurant which offers traditional cuisine in a historic building. The centre is located on the road 7 in Øvre Eidfjord, 7 km from the centre of Eidfjord. **Opening hours:** April - October 10am-6pm, June 15th - August 20th 9am-8pm. www.hardangerviddanaturcenter.no

Kjeåsen mountain farm

The "Eagle's nest" which shows the old settlement

The famous mountain farm lies like an eagle's nest on the steep mountain side, 530 m above the Simadalsfjord. Drive approx. 2 km past the Sima power plant, and take the first road to the left (follow signs). The road up to Kjeåsen is 5 km long. Half of the road runs through a tunnel with no lights. Kjeåsen is located on the left after you get out of the tunnel. Hourly driving: Drive up each full hour. Drive down each half hour. You can also hike up the steep mountainside with fantastic views! (about 1.5 - 2 hours each way). This is the original path to the mountain farm. Drive to the Sima power plant, park your car in the parking lot, look for the sign "Kjeåsen" and follow the path along the fjord until you can see a little red cottage. Here the trail starts to go up, marked with red "T"s. The path goes uphill, passing a stream which is the last

possible place to fill your water bottle. Approx. 300 m above the fjord are the famous logs that are laid over steel bolts in the mountains, the fjord is 300 m below you. The path continues steep uphill, also partly on ladders. Close to the top is a stone staircase, and you'll see the farm. The trip is suitable all summer long from approx. May 15th to October (the path has to be free of snow).

Hardangervidda

Northern Europe's largest mountain plateau

Hardangervidda with its approx. 10,000 km² is Northern Europe's largest mountain plateau. Here you'll find Norway's largest national park of approx. 3400 km². Hardangervidda National Park is a very valuable highland with the largest wild reindeer tribe in Europe. Hardangervidda is also the southernmost outpost for many species of Arctic plants and animals. Hardangervidda is an eldorado for hikers with tents and fishing rods. The area is known for its rich fishing lakes and rivers with fine trout. Remember to purchase a fishing license. There is a network of marked trails, staffed mountain lodges, self-service and no-service lodges. The valley Hjølmadalen in Øvre Eidfjord or the road Tinnhøvegen by Dyranut along the road 7 across the Hardangervidda are all gateways to the national park. [Request your own separate folder "Hiking pleasures" at the tourist office, with maps and suggestions for excursions in and around the Hardangervidda.](#)

The Nils Bergslien Gallery

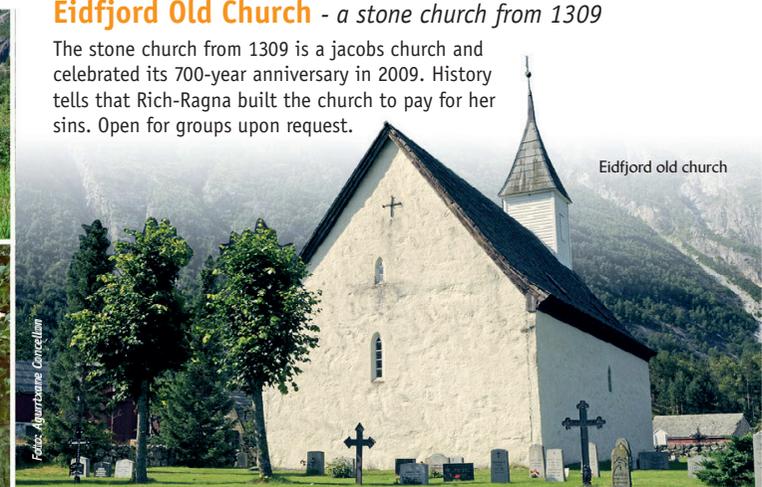
Cultural experience with unique paintings

Next to the Quality Hotel & Resort Vøringfoss, Eidfjord has built a superb gallery for the unique collection of Bergslien paintings. In addition, the gallery has a separate room for other art exhibitions. The Nils Bergslien Gallery is located in the centre of Eidfjord. **Admission is free!** Ask the tourist office about opening hours or visit our website, www.visiteidfjord.no.

Eidfjord Old Church - a stone church from 1309

The stone church from 1309 is a Jacobs church and celebrated its 700-year anniversary in 2009. History tells that Rich-Ragna built the church to pay for her sins. Open for groups upon request.

Eidfjord old church



Vøringsfossen

Trolltrain

Hardangervidda Nature Centre

Kjeåsen

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