

## Stavanger – Kom og nyt! Come and enjoy!

Stavanger is located in the region of Rogaland, on the west side of Norway. Here you find tons of places to visit and lots of happenings, like the annual Ramadan festival, where people from all cultures and backgrounds come together to celebrate. Not to forget 17<sup>th</sup> of May, Norway's National day, which is the biggest event in the country. We celebrate this day by walking in a big parade through the city singing the national anthem "Ja, vi elsker dette landet" meaning "Yes, we love this country". People dress up in red, white and blue, the colors of the flag, and in the national costume which is called "Bunad". You also find the graduates waving the flag, celebrating their Diploma on this day. It is a must to experience this day, and Stavanger is the place to do it. The National Park of Stavanger, Kongeparken, gets filled with thousands of graduates, from all around the country, sleeping, eating and partying here, with live music from famous Norwegian artists.

The "culture-city" is also known for its breathtaking nature. Amongst other things you can take an excursion to the top of "Preikestolen" where you will have an unforgettable view over Lysefjorden, one of Norway's most desirable fjords. Here you can also find "Kjerag", a majestic mountaintop 1000 meter above sea-levels.

Some of the cultural places you have to experience when you are in Stavanger is "De 3 sverd" (The 3 swords), "Jernaldergården" (Iron Age yard) and the oldest Cathedral in Norway "Domkirken". If you love shopping, pay a visit to Norway's biggest shopping mall "Kvadrat", women's dream, where you can get whatever you may desire.

And not to forget football, which is Norway's national sport. So if you are a football hooligan then don't miss a football match with The Vikings, Stavangers pride. Not only has Stavanger won the price of being The Cultural City of the year, but also received the award for the world's 6<sup>th</sup> best beach, Solstranden, by the The Sunday Times.

I can go on and on about places and events to take part in and experience in this lovely city of Norway. So, with an ocean of offers and a world of culture, Stavanger is the place to visit.

Below are some links. Check out the websites and explore your mind.

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### Links:

- Jernaldergården <http://www.jernaldergarden.no/>
- De 3 Sverd [http://no.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slaget\\_i\\_Hafrsfjord](http://no.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slaget_i_Hafrsfjord)
- Ramadanfestival <http://www.jernaldergarden.no/>
- Solstranden /Sunbeach <http://no.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solastranden>
- Preikestolen  
[http://www.regionstavanger.no/?c=4&intro=85\\_614\\_5&PR=85\\_171\\_10&sp=NO&mi=mct26](http://www.regionstavanger.no/?c=4&intro=85_614_5&PR=85_171_10&sp=NO&mi=mct26)
- Kjerag  
[http://www.regionstavanger.no/?c=4&intro=85\\_614\\_5&PR=85\\_171\\_13&sp=NO&mi=mct26](http://www.regionstavanger.no/?c=4&intro=85_614_5&PR=85_171_13&sp=NO&mi=mct26)
- Kvadrat <http://www.kvadrat.no/>
- Viking FK <http://www.viking-fk.no/newsread/news.asp?N=5017&wce=index>
- Stavanger Volleyball <http://www.wtstavanger.com/category.php?categoryID=175>