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The Society for the Preservation of Norwegian Ancient Monuments

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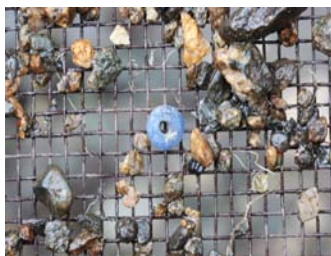
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Restoration of Urnes Stave Church completed.



We are pleased to inform you that the extensive restorations at Urnes stave church are completed. For the first time in nearly two years the beautiful interior of this Unesco World Heritage Attraction will be open to the public from the 25th of May. Do not miss the opportunity to visit Norway's oldest stave church this summer! For opening hours; www.stavechurch.com

"Unique Viking Finds" – New exhibition at Borgund Stave Church this summer



Last summer archaeologists discovered well-preserved remains of a large trade centre (kaupang) from the early Viking Age (9th century) - 10 miles west of the

Borgund stave church. The trade centre was especially well- preserved because of the soil conditions in Lærdal. Contents of the finds include many well-preserved handicraft items and tools. The remains are described as sensational and unique in Scandinavian context.

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Spring break at the Fjords



There's nothing more beautiful than the Fjords in May!

Combine a stay at the Lindstrøm

hotel in Lærdal www.lindstroemhotel.no with a spectacular Fjord Cruise on the Nærøyfjord, a visit to the Borgund Stave Church (opening May 1st) and a hike on Lærdal Historic Route.

Concerts and a chant in Nore stave church on St. Olavs Day.



St Olavs Day is celebrated on the 29th of July all over Norway.

Nore stave church and Uvdal stave church are both located in the valley of Numedal. In this valley you will find more than 40 buildings from the middle age, farmhouses and churches. You can visit many of them during the Medieval Week, which is the week around St.Olavs Day. During this week there are concerts and other executions in many of these locations. In Uvdal stave church there might be a historical lecture. For more information contact jorwiik@online.no

In Torpo stave church in Hallingdal St. Olavs Day is also celebrated with a chant and a concert.



Torpo stave church is the only original stave church, left in Hallingdal valley. The staves have a length of 9 m., this gives you an immense feeling of height. In the nave there is a unique roof painting from the second part of the 13th century. Torpo is located close by the main road from Oslo to Bergen. For more information contact jorwiik@online.no

Bus to the Borgund stave church all summer.

Between May 1st and September 30th there is a daily busconnection to Borgund stave church from Bergen, Voss, Flåm, Aurland and Lærdal. Dep Bergen 08.50, dep Voss 10.40, dep Flåm 11.50, dep Aurland 12.05, dep Lærdal 12.25

Hopperstad Stave Church in Vik restored to former glory

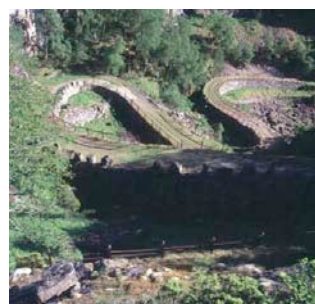
With restorations finished last summer, and the removal of the large tree that blocked the view of the Stave Church, Hopperstad Stave Church and its surroundings are now looking more beautiful than ever.



We recommend ;A combination ticket for Hopperstad Stave Church and the medieval Hove Stone Church in Vik at NOK 70,- (group rate) www.stavechurch.com

Combine the Borgund stave church with a hike on Lærdal Historic Route

The many historic trails surrounding the famous Borgund stave church are splendid hiking trails offering spectacular scenery. The roundtrip Vindhellavegen / Sverre-



stigen starts and ends at the stave church. Duration; 2.5 hours (slow pace)