

Sights in and around Rosendal



Baroniet Rosendal

Built in 1665, it is the only Barony in Norway. You can have a guided tour at the manor or you may take a free stroll in the renaissance garden. The Rosendal Barony is an attractive museum and you will find a collection of arts from the live museum. Concerts, theatre set-ups, art exhibitions of art and lectures are held during the summer season May - September.



Kvinnherad Church

From around 1255, it is one of the oldest medieval churches in the country. Kvinnherad Church is a stone church of Roman and Gothic style. The Barony was the owner of the church between the years 1678 – 1910. This is why the church has a private grave chamber for the Rosenkrantz family, they were the first owners of the Barony. Ask the reception for opening hours.



Kvinnherad Horse Carriage

Horse carriages can be rented for short and long tours. You can also rent horses for riding excursions. It is common that guests go by horse carriage up to the Barony. You should book the day before or at the very least 3 hours in advance.



Skaaluren Collection

Kvinnherad rural district has long traditions in ship building. Many famous vessels have been built in Rosendal; one of these is Roald Amundsen's "Gjøa", the first vessel to transit the Northwest Passage. The Skaaluren Collection is part of the ship building museum. Here you can browse through models of wooden ships, tools, drawings and illustrations of how the ships were built. Open daily for guided tours between June and August.



Sundal/Bondhusbreen

A nice 30 minute drive away, passing the magnificent waterfall Furebergfossen on your way to Sundal. From Sundal follow the signs to Bondhusbreen. From the car park there is a walking track to Bondhus Lake. Around the lake is a path leading to the glacier. Bondhus glacier is a part of the mighty glacier Folgefonna. Respect the power of the nature and never walk under the glacier.

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Rosendal Putball

It is located on a farm about 10 minutes from the hotel. Putball is a combination of soccer and golf. Like golf, the goal is to get the ball into a number of holes in as few touches as possible.

Putball is a lot of fun for everyone, you should try it!

Bookings can be made on telephone number: 53 48 12 68



The Stone Park

The park was first established in connection with the opening of Folgefonna National Park in 2005. Steinparken displays some of the geological diversity of the Folgefonna Peninsula. Rolf Karlsen and Bård Breivik both had important roles in the decoration of the park. It is an excellent place for a picnic on a sunny day due to many stone tables and benches placed in the park.



Vangssaga

Just by the entrance to the Stone Park you will find the old saw of Vang. The saw was in use until about 1930 and was originally placed at Vang in Rosendal. Among others the big saw produced goods to the Skaaluren ship yard in Rosendal. Today it is used for concerts and other culture events.



Olaløo

The old Norwegian farmhouse was built by Ole Bårdsen Bondhus in 1812. Today it is a very nice farm restaurant. Much of the original walls and structures are preserved and still visible. They serve traditional food from the area and can accommodate 130 people in two different rooms. Open only on appointments.



Rosendal Avlsgård & Fruehus

Has a charming, historic atmosphere in peaceful and beautiful surroundings. The houses are from the 18th century. They offer bed & breakfast, lunch and dinner. They also have 2 seminar rooms, the main hall can fit up to 40 people. Today the Weis Rosenkronske DWRS foundations associated to the university in Oslo has ownership responsibility for Rosendal Avlsgård, Fruehuset and the Barony.

Marked paths

There are many paths in the surrounding area and there is a good selection of long and short tours for both the trained and untrained. We have listed a few of them for you. Tour maps can be bought from the reception. Please respect the mountains and study the weather forecasts. Always inform where you will go, your cell phone might not get a signal when you are out. Bring your backpack with necessary equipment such as warm clothes, food and water. Do not venture on demanding tours without training. Remember to turn around in time; there is no shame in turning back.

Enjoy your hike!



Hattebergsfossen

The tour is in easy terrain and suitable for everyone. From the hotel, follow Skålagato and take the first right. Continue straight until you reach the bridge over the river to the Barony. Go straight ahead instead. Soon you hear the noise from the waterfall. The path curves to the left above the falls, over a bridge and you will reach a gravel road on the other side of the river. Follow the road back and you will come out above the Barony.



Skaalafjell – 502 m

Start your tour from the parking lot by the church. You will find an information sign 50 meters before the road ends by the gate at Bjørke. Or start from the parking area where a gravel road takes off from road 48, 2 km from Rosendal to Løfallstrand. From the top of Skaalafjell you will have a spectacular view over Rosendal, the mountains and Hardanger fjord with Snilstveitøy.



Malmangernuten – 890 m

From Rosendal Fjordhotel along the Skeie footpath from which the path takes off up to the ridge. Malmangernuten is well visited, even though it is a challenge. It is a wonderful tour on a well-marked path that will reward you with an amazing view of the fjord, Rosendal and the Hatteberg valley. You can also choose to go up or down the mountain from Muradalen.



Melderskin – 1426 m

The tour starts from the parking lot at Kletta, 300 meters along the road before the track continues towards Skarshaug. The mountain has most likely existed since before the ice age. The tour to the top of Melderskin is not for the untrained or for anyone scared of heights. On your way you will experience the fresh spring water and a carpet of moss in Holo. From Melderskin you have a great view of the fjord, the surrounding mountains and the Folgefonna Glacier.

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Trolltunga – 1100 m

The view from Trolltunga is amazing, follow the west and you see the beautiful Ringedalsvannet surrounded by mountains in all directions. In addition, you can see Folgefonna which is located on the west side of Odda/Southfjord. The easiest arrival to Reinarskorsbu and Trolltunga is from Skjeggedal in Tyssedal near Odda. The mountain ledge is hanging about 700 meters above Ringedalsvannet. It is a demanding tour, you should put aside 8 – 10 hours to complete the 24.3 km round trip. Recommended months to walk Trolltunga are from June to September.



Skeisfjell – 1338 m

From the car park at Fossberg, continue 2 km along the tractor road to Murabotnen. The path then rises steeply until it meets the path to Malmangernuten, after this the climb to the top is gentle. Murabotnen is often used as an alternative approach to Malmangernuten or to make a round trip combining the two peaks.



Nordlifjell

You walk from Skaalafjell along the gently rising ridge, or start from the car park at Kletta – along the 5 km tractor road to Myrdalsvannet. Idyllic climb from Indre Myrdal to the top cairn. The mighty fjord and mountain landscapes at the entrance to Hardangerfjord dominate the view from Nordlifjell.



Fjelltrimmen (Mountain Walking Incentive)

Those who have visited all 5 peaks by 1. November each year and who have taken part in Fjelltrimmen will receive an award. Participation cards are for sale at the Tourist Information Office. Just clip the card when you get to each peak, and sign your name in the visitors' book.