

WHAT'S NEW IN OSLO?



The Vigeland Sculpture Park. In 2019, Oslo celebrates being the European Green Capital and marks the 150th anniversary of sculptor Gustav Vigeland.

2019

An update from the capital of Scandi cool

- ★ Oslo is the [European Green Capital 2019](#) . #GreenCapital2019 #GreenOslo
- ★ Oslo is on National Geographic Traveller (UK)'s [The Cool List 2019](#)
- ★ The Oslo restaurant *À l'aise* is on Forbes' list [The 10 Coolest Places to Eat in 2019](#)
- ★ The Oslo hotel *The Thief* is on Condé Nast Traveller's [Gold List 2019](#)
- ★ Our film from Oslo Pride 2018 [The Proud Experience](#) won gold at The European Excellence Awards
- ★ Oslo celebrates the 150th anniversary of sculptor Gustav Vigeland in 2019. Official opening of anniversary exhibition on April 11th. #vigeland150

EVENTS

- [Oslo European Green Capital 2019](#) – Programme in English [here](#). See also the City of Oslo's website [Green Oslo](#). #GreenOslo #GreenCapital2019

- [PIPfest](#) (Piknik i Parken) music festival moves from Frogner park to Sofienbergparken in Grünerløkka in 2019.
- [Tons of Rock](#): The rock and metal festival Tons of Rock is moving from Halden to Oslo in 2019. This will be the first event of its type at Ekebergsletta, a big recreational area just ten minutes from Oslo's city centre. Tons of Rock 2019 will take place 27–29 June.
- [Øya Festival](#) 6-10 August 2019.
- [Oslo Architecture Triennale](#) is the Nordic region's biggest architecture festival, and one of the world's prominent arenas for dissemination and discussion of architectural and urban challenges.
- For more upcoming events, go to our [event calendar](#) for Oslo.

ATTRACTIONS AND CITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- In 2020, three new signature buildings will open on Oslo's waterfront: The **new Munch Museum** (watch [animation](#)), the **new National Museum** (watch [animation](#)) and the **new Public Library** (watch [animation](#))!
Read more: <https://www.visitoslo.com/en/your-oslo/new-architecture/on-the-horizon/>
- The National Gallery is closed from January 13. A version of *The Scream* will be on display at the current Munch Museum at Tøyen from mid May until end of 2019.
- [Havnepromenaden \(The Harbour Promenade\)](#) opened in 2015 and stretches nine kilometres along Oslo's waterfront. Interpretive stations describe local history at fourteen sites along the route. The Promenade ties the city together from east to west, turning different parts of town into a string of great experiences such as the Opera house, the new Munch Museum and the new National Museum (both opening in 2020), Aker Brygge and the Astrup Fearnley Museum at Tjuvholmen, the Bygdøy peninsula and the following (see map on next page):
 - ✓ [Losøeter](#) (14) is Oslo's first city farm. In August anyone is welcome to join the community dinner every Wednesday night at 5 p.m., when people gather to harvest vegetables and then prepare for dinner.
 - ✓ [Sørenga seawater pool](#) (12) is a popular recreational spot on the southernmost tip of Oslo's brand new neighbourhood Sørenga. The area attracts big crowds on sunny summer days, and in winter cold water swimming and sauna are popular activities.



- ✓ [Oslo Fjord Sauna](#), Oslo's latest floating sauna, is an architect-designed sauna raft docked close to the Opera House.
- ✓ [KOK Oslo](#) (9) is a sauna boat with space for ten people located at Langkaia across from the Opera House. It offers a warm, wood-fired sauna, refreshing ice baths and trips in the inner Oslo Fjord – all year round (except July). Planning to open another sauna boat in 2019...
- ✓ [SALT](#) (9) is a nomadic art project on Langkaia in Oslo, overlooking the Opera House. Experience concerts, art, sauna sessions, cold water pools, their driftwood

- **Intility Arena** is Vålerenga football club's new stadium at Valle Hovin in Oslo. It opened in September 2017 and includes a kindergarten and an upper secondary school.
- **Nuart RAD:** A pilot project in areas adjacent to the Akerselva river, stretching 8,2km through the centre of Oslo. The project is part of Oslo Municipality's five-year action plan for street art, which promotes graffiti and street art as part of contemporary art in public spaces. See also: [VisitOSLO's guide to urban art](#)
- **Vision of the Fjords:** Enjoy a spectacular 5h Christmas cruise on the Oslo Fjord with the eco-friendly sightseeing boat *Vision of The Fjords*. From Jan – Apr 2019 the boat will offer 1,5h sightseeing tours on the inner Oslo Fjord, and if everything goes to plan, Oslo will get its first full-electric sightseeing boat from June 2019, *Legacy of the Fjords*. And speaking of which, [the public Nesodden ferries](#) travelling from Aker brygge will also turn full-electric in 2019.

Coming in 2019

- **Kulturstedet:** The Norwegian College of Dance has already moved into the buildings of this former margarine factory located in the Tøyen area. The property is currently undergoing extensive renovation work, but will evolve into a new cultural institution for music and performing arts in Oslo East, scheduled for completion in Autumn 2019.

Coming in 2020

The Fjord City is a programme to renew Oslo's waterfront. The plans cover 10 kilometres from east to west of Oslo's city centre, where shipyards, ports and highways have given way to museums, art venues, office spaces, apartments and public parks.

Oslo's new opera house, the Barcode high-rises and Tjuvholmen with the Astrup Fearnley Museum have already been built here, and in 2020 three new iconic buildings are scheduled to open:

- **[The new Munch Museum](#)**
 - ✓ [The Museum Island](#) outside the new Munch Museum incl. [Tracey Emin's sculpture "The Mother"](#)
- **[The new National Museum](#)**
- **[The new Deichman library](#)** (Oslo Public library)
- **[Klimahuset:](#)** The Climate House is a project by the University of Oslo. This building will open inside the Botanical Gardens in the Tøyen area. The house will provide spaces for research-based exhibitions, lectures, films, debates and experiences related to climate and climate change.

HOTELS

Coming soon:

- **[Clarion hotel The Hub](#)** (formerly known as Clarion Hotel Royal Christiania): Opens in March 2019 opposite Oslo Central Station. Will be the largest hotel in Norway, with **Norway's largest rooftop farm!**
- **[Amerikalinjen:](#)** Neighbouring the Opera House and the Oslo Central Station, this architectural landmark turned boutique hotel will open in March 2019 in the original 1919 offices of the Norwegian America Line, responsible for ferrying hopeful Norwegians across the Atlantic Ocean to the land of opportunity.
- **[Clarion Hotel Oslo](#)** opens in Bjørvika next to the Opera House.
- **[The Well Resort:](#)** The largest spa in the Nordic region is planning to open a resort hotel in 2019/2020.

Newly opened:

- **Thon Hotel Storo:** Opened September 5th 2018 in the Storo neighbourhood, with shopping, cinemas, cafés and the Akerselva river just outside its doorsteps.
- **Hotel Verdandi Oslo:** new 3* boutique hotel in the city centre. The name Verdandi is an old Norse word for “present time/happening”, chosen to remind us to live in the moment!

RESTAURANTS, BARS AND CULTURAL VENUES

- **The Good Knight:** Norway is home to Magnus Carlsen, the world's number one chess player. Only natural then that Oslo finally got its first chess bar in Nov 2018. One week after opening, the Good Knight had already [generated considerable buzz](#) (link to article on nytimes.com, 21.11.18, “The Magnus effect: Norway Falls Hard for Chess”).
- **Katla:** [Opened August 28th](#) 2018 to rave reviews.
- **Mangelsgården:** cosy restaurant and wine bar with a nostalgic Northern European kitchen (by Henrik Henriksen). Opened October 2018.
- **Hrimnir:** Nordic take on Japanese ramen, with local, seasonal and organic and wild ingredients. Currently building a restaurant in Maridalsveien 9 (by Vulkan), scheduled to open primo 2019.
- **Oslo Street Food:** a new street food market is due to open in the historic Torggata Bad in central Oslo this winter.
- **Rest:** Fine Dining Restaurant using leftover food, opened Nov 21st in Kirkegata, central Oslo.
- **Vega:** a new independent stage for film & theatre. Opened Nov 3rd by the Akerselva river, close to Vulkan.
- **Mikkeller:** Danish Mikkeller, one of the most cutting edge microbreweries in the world, has opened its first bar in Norway, Henry & Sally's, in Bernt Ankers gate (near Youngstorget) in Oslo. Opened Nov 17th 2018.
- **Skatten:** The new third space in Oslo. Opened in August 2018. Located in Tøyen, just by the metro station. Open from early morning 'til late night with concerts, seminars, dj sessions and fairs.
- **Couch:** Norway's first Italian aperitivo lounge, opened August 2018 in Grünerløkka.
- **Edda:** casual restaurant with New Nordic cuisine located in the Barcode area behind the Opera House. Opened June 1st 2018.
- **Bar Albatross:** Wine, cocktails and snacks, opened in June 2018 in Torshovgata 5.
- **Feber Oslo:** Delicious cocktails meet soul music at this funky new bar in the bazaar halls at Youngstorget. Opened June 2018.
- **Prindsen hage** boule&bar: Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere in this backyard oasis in Storgata 36.
- **Bruket Oslo:** café, bar and culture venue in Landbrukskvartalet, an up-and-coming agricultural district in Grønland/Oslo east (opened in April 2018). You'll also find other interesting projects within food, environment, urban development, tech, culture and music here, such as [Greenhouse Oslo](#), a coworking, kitchen and event space.
- **Røverstaden:** Oslo's coolest new concert venue [opened January 2018 in Vika](#), near Aker brygge. Its three floors are dedicated to film, design, art, food and drinks, as well as a concert venue (Klubben).
- **FYR Bistronomi:** One of the best new restaurants in Oslo last year according to foodie [Anders Husa](#). Opened June 2017 in Hegdehaugsveien high street near Majorstuen.
- ***ISM:** Hedonism+humanism=*ISM. Enjoy unique cocktails and quality wines with a clear conscience. (Opened December 2017.)
- **Topphem:** New Nordic bistro at Solli plass by the Royal Palace. Menu mainly based on locally, seasonal, organic and biodynamic produce. Bokbacka's little sister opened in September 2017 to rave reviews.



- **Vippa food hall:** a hip food hall located inside an old depo on Oslo's waterfront (image above left).
- **Brygg Oslo:** One of Oslo's newest beer breweries, with hundreds of beers on tap and in bottle. You can also enjoy cocktails, coffee and food and play ping pong and petanque. Centrally located in Storgata 5-7 (opened August 2017).
- **Gressholmen kro:** Cafe and restaurant on the island of Gressholmen (image above right). Video: [Table Tales – Gressholmen in the Oslo Fjord](#)
- **Handwerk Botaniske:** a café/bistro in an old manor inside the Botanical Garden. Seasonal dishes and organic bakery. Thursday dinner served every week from 4-6.30 pm (180 NOK).
- **Andre til høyre** («Second to the right»): Possibly Oslo's coolest cocktail bar. It looks like a retro apartment, so if you're wondering whether you've walked into a private house party, you're in the right place. Located on the 1st floor in Youngsgate 19 - above [Håndslag](#) pub/butcher (håndslag=agreement handshake)
- In April 2017 **Kulturhuset** ("The Culture House") moved into new and bigger premises, filled with debates, concerts, dancing, bars, lectures, games, coffee, an open co-working space and food around the clock.
- **Radegast** Wine Bar at Nedre Foss Gård in the [Vulkan](#) neighbourhood, one of Oslo's most interesting new city developments projects.
- **Haralds Vaffel** in Torggata: Jonathan started selling waffles from his apartment window and pretty soon his unconventional recipes had made the waffle cool again. See [video](#).
- **Erlík Kaffe:** coffee shop with a big heart – in the heart of Oslo. The street newspaper =Oslo's coffee shop in Akersgata 32 gives people from the streets the opportunity to get job training and paid work – and serves very good coffee from Solberg & Hansen! (Opened June 2017.)
- **Einer** – Nordic grill restaurant.
- **Ben Reddik** – Lebanese restaurant by Henrik Henriksen.
- **Cantina** – Mexican street food restaurant.
- **Bygdøy Alle 3** – New restaurant, bar & café located at the same address as Oslo's former Michelin starred restaurant *Bagatelle*.
- **MESH:** Café and bar with a cosy courtyard and good choices for breakfast, lunch or early dinner. MESH also has a selection of beer and wine, and a few special cocktails. The café is connected to the MESH startup community, and is a good place to work, with free wifi and several power sockets for your gadgets.
- **Bar Boman:** Hotel Continental's refurbished lobby bar is a stylish lounge for hotel guests and a vibrant bar for Oslo's residents and visitors.



SHOPPING

- **Promenaden:** With Promaden shopping district, Oslo has gotten its very own high-end shopping area right in the heart of the city.
- **Paleet:** Stylish shopping gallery with high-end fashion and lifestyle shops, bars, cafés and restaurants situated on Oslo's main street, Karl Johans gate.

TRENDS

- **Urban sauna culture** has taken Oslo by storm, and the Oslo harbour now boasts several options for sauna sessions followed by refreshing dips in the fjord. See also our video: "[Oslo – Cool in the Winter](#)".
- **New Nordic cuisine:** A feast of flavours awaits in Oslo, the [capital of fresh ingredients](#).
- [Oslo is Scandinavia's new coffee mecca](#) – [Explore Oslo's coffee scene](#)
- **Urban beekeeping and rooftop farming** can be found all over the city, on top of buildings like [Vulkan](#), [Scandic Vulkan](#), [Barcode](#) (Beecode), [Vippa Oslo](#), [Bruket](#), [Vega](#) (opening soon) ... Oslo has in fact created the world's first highway to protect endangered bees. The bee highway aims to give the endangered pollinators a safe passage through the city, aided by flower-filled cemeteries, rooftop gardens, parks and balconies. See also: [ByBi](#) (Oslo's urban beekeeping society)
- Oslo is the [Electric Vehicle Capital of the World](#). **Norway's biggest EV charging facilities** can of course be found here, beneath [Akershus fortress](#) and at [Vulkan](#) (in addition to charging points along the streets).
- [Norway's first electric aircraft](#) was tested at Oslo airport on June 18th 2018 (see [video](#)).



Recommended reads

- [New New Nordic Cuisine Takes Hold in Oslo](#) (The New York Times, 29.5.18)
- [Oslo: The New Capital of Scandi Cool](#) (Condé Nast Traveller, 22.11.17)
- Check out the [latest press results](#) about Oslo.

Watch our latest video(s) from Oslo!

- **The Proud Experience:** When three young Europeans; Kadir, Anna and Klára, was invited to take part in Oslo Pride - Norway's largest celebration of love, freedom and diversity, it was **Oslove** at first sight!
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