

Map of the walk



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A walk around the cultural sights of Oslo

You can spend two hours, a whole day or several days visiting the best cultural attractions Oslo has to offer. Start in the neighbourhood with *Litteraturhuset* on the other side of Parkveien 25. This is your first call, after which you follow the stops on the map on the back of the booklet.

1) LITTERATURHUSET (the house of literature) is at Wergelandsveien 29 – the other side of Parkveien viewed from Coch's Pensjonat. This is Oslo's latest cultural attraction that opened in autumn 2007 to give information about Norwegian literature and to encourage reading. More information can be found in Norwegian at www.litteraturhuset.no. Open every weekday but Friday from 1000, and from 1200 on Sunday.



2) KUNSTERNESHUS is a foundation owned by Norwegian artists and is located at Wergelandsveien 17. Closed on Mondays, but open from 1100 on weekdays, 1200 at the weekend. See also www.kunsterneshus.no (in Norwegian only). As well as art exhibitions, the building also houses Arcimboldo restaurant, and its opening hours, menu and other information in Norwegian can be found at www.arcimboldo.no.



3) SLOTTSPARKEN and SLOTTET – the Palace Gardens and the Palace – are also Coch's neighbours. Surrounding the Royal Palace and its front square, the Palace Garden is Oslo's central urban park covering an area of about 50 acres. From the palace you can see straight down the main street – Karl Johansgate. www.kongehuset.no gives information in both Norwegian and English.



4) KARL JOHANSGATE is Oslo's main street leading from the Palace Gardens to Oslo railway station. Read more in English about Karl Johansgate and its history at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karl_Johans_gate.



5) NASJONALGALLERIET – the National Gallery – is part of the National Museum for Art, Architecture and Design. Here at Universitetsgaten 13 you can see a large collection of Norwegian and international works of arts. Closed on Mondays, open from 1000 other weekdays and 1100 at the weekends See also www.nasjonalmuseet.no for information in Norwegian and English



6) OSLO RÅDHUS – the City Hall – is open to the public every day from 0900. The main room is one of Norway’s most important locations for official functions, and is well known from the award ceremony for the Nobel Peace Prize every winter. Oslo Rådhus is also an art museum and has decorative art and works by renowned Norwegian artists. For more information in Norwegian visit www.radhusets-forvaltningstjeneste.oslo.kommune.no.



7) AKERSHUS FESTNING – the Castle – is beautifully situated by the sea not far from the City Hall. It houses *Hjemmefrontmuseet* (the Norwegian Resistance Museum) and *Forsvarsmuseet* (the Norwegian Armed Forces Museum). The main gate to the lovely park area is open from 0600 to 2100 all year. More information in Norwegian, English and German is given at www.mil.no/felles/ak/start.



8) AKER BRYGGE wharf is Oslo city’s contact with the fjord. Situated in the middle of Oslo, this interesting district was built in a disused shipyard. There are numerous shops and eating places. Visit www.akerbrygge.no for information in Norwegian.



9) BOAT TRIP FROM RÅDHUSBRYGGA AND VIPPETANGEN (see map). Take a trip to the islands of Hovedøya and Langøyene with boats 92 and 94 from Vippetangen, or to Bygdøy and Huk with boat 91 from Rådhusbrygga. The boats go regularly throughout the summer months. There are restaurants and kiosks at most of the places/islands. Information in Norwegian, English and German can be found at www.trafikanten.no (timetables and ferries).

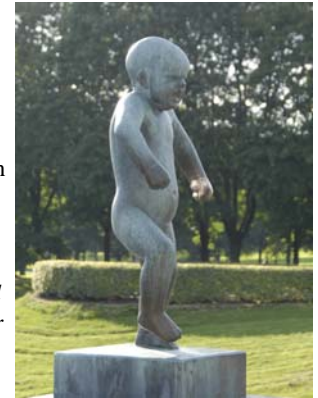


Getting hungry or thirsty? Aker Brygge has around 40 restaurants, eating places and bars. In summer there are also several outdoor restaurants where you can enjoy an open sandwich and a glass of wine in a Mediterranean atmosphere.

10) TRAM TRIP. Tram 12 goes from Aker Brygge (Vestbaneplassen) to the Vigeland Park every 15 minutes – just an eight-minute trip. Oslo Sporveier’s subway from the nearby Majorstua station takes you out to the forest or to the beaches – with no parking problems! A day card is cost-effective and can be used on buses, trams and the subway. The Oslo Pass allows free entrance to most museums and sights. Check it out at www.visitoslo.com (many languages).



11) VIGELANDSMUSEET – the Vigeland Museum at Nobelsgt. 32. Well worth a visit before you wander through the Vigeland park. It offers a broad selection of sculptures, drawings and woodcuts as well as plastic sketches and studies. You can also visit Gustav Vigeland’s apartment, which has been restored.



N.B. OPENING TIMES vary greatly from season to season and we have therefore not given them here. Check on the internet or ask in Cochs’ reception before you set off!

12) FROGNERPARKEN. The park was historically part of Frogner farm, the old Aker manor house. The farm buildings are located in the park’s southern part where the *Oslo Bymuseum* – the Oslo Museum – is also situated. The park is Oslo’s most visited attraction and also contains Frogner swimming pool, Frogner stadium and tennis courts as well as some excellent outdoor restaurants



13) MAJORSTUA is an intersection point for public transport (trams, buses and the subway). It is known for its busy centre with the urban oasis of Valkyrie square and beautiful town buildings from the 1880s and 1890s. See www.trafikanten.no



14) BOGSTADVEIEN is Oslo’s top shopping street, stretching from Majorstua to Cochs Pensjonat. One of Oslo’s fashion magazines puts it this way: “To say that Bogstadveien has everything is no exaggeration! Sensible and practical, if that’s what you want, or perhaps just pure enjoyment.” More information in Norwegian can be found at www.bogstadveien.no.



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