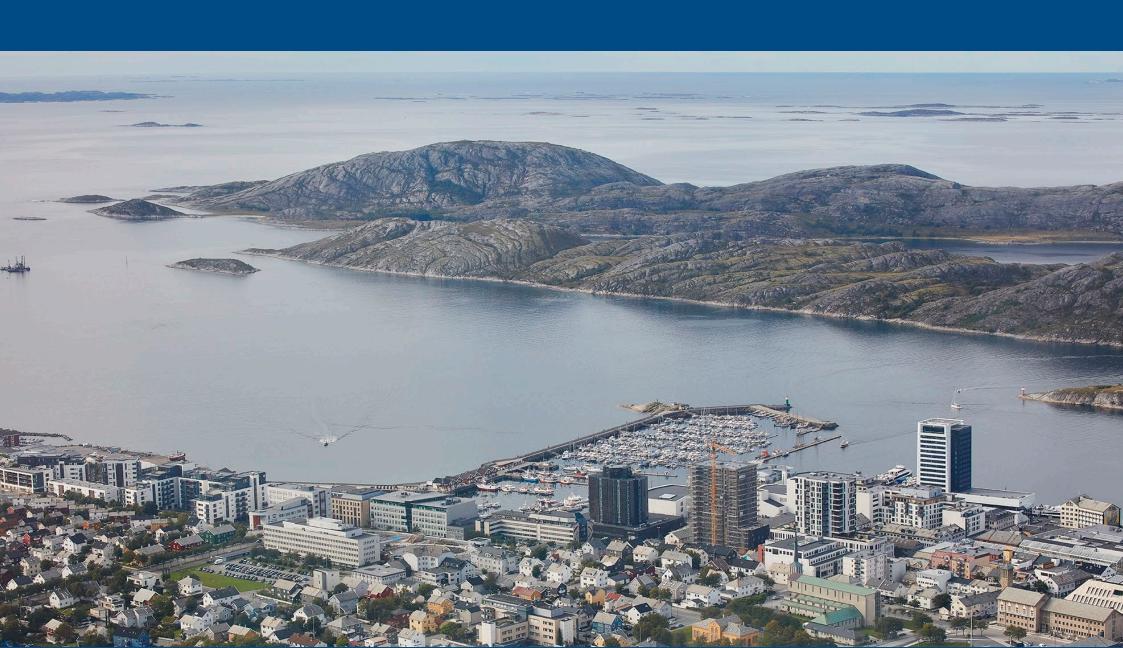


ARCTIC MARCH CONGRESS 2024 CULTURAL PROGRAMME



CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Welcome to Bodø, 2024 European Capital of Culture, a city just above the Arctic Circle. It can seem shy in promoting itself but has plenty to show visitors who want to experience culture and nature, sometimes busting with life and other times quietly calm and comforting. It is a city that rebuilds itself repeatedly, both in an urban and cultural sense. You notice this in its eclectic

architecture, lively food scene and unique cultural institutions, from small privately-owned galleries to significant national museums. In this guide, I have curated a lot of hidden gems for you. Some will be experienced on the main stage during opening and award ceremonies, some are included as separate "sessions" during the congress, and the rest are for you to explore on your own - complete with directions linked in the location address. I hope you will enjoy my hometown!



Marta Anna Løvberg, local artist and Communication Advisor at Nordland Research Institute.

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CULTURAL PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY 2024

15:30 - 17:00 EXHIBITION OPENING: ARCTIC STORYWORLDS: FROZEN MATTERS

The International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA) invites you to the *Arctic StoryWorlds: Frozen Matters* exhibition opening at Siggeruds Galleri. Curated by Olga Zaslavskaya, Vera Kuklina, and Tatiana Degai, the exhibition is a journey into the heart of the Arctic environment, using storytelling as a medium to convey the intricate tapestry of this region.

StoryWorlds hints at a multi-layered, interconnected universe of narratives that may illuminate various facets of Arctic life, from its Indigenous cultures to the extraordinary biodiversity in this frozen realm. The phrase "Frozen Matters" goes beyond simply acknowledging the Arctic's cold conditions; it intends to delve deeply into the pivotal elements that define this unique environment. Using "Matters," the project declares its commitment to exploring and highlighting the significance of the Arctic. This exploration extends beyond the physical attributes of frozen landscapes to encompass environmental dynamics, cultural richness, scientific exploration, and even symbolic interpretations that might arise from the stark beauty of the Arctic.

The Arctic StoryWorlds: Frozen Matters project is a collaborative undertaking, bringing together scholars' expertise, artists' creativity, and Indigenous knowledge-holders' wisdom. This collective effort is a dynamic process that unfolds through various means, including art-science convergence meetings, immersive field studies, arts-based collaborations, talking circles, and crafty storytelling.

This exhibition will be open between 29 May and 8 June 2024.

Location: Siggeruds Galleri, Professor Schyttes gate 3 (city centre)

Admission: Free

12:00 - 16:00 EXHIBITION: GULLEVAŠ/GOLGOLAŠ

Gullevaš/Golgolaš is an exhibition featuring works by eight artists from Sápmi who explore ideas about home, belonging, identity and exclusion. The exhibition in Bodø Art Society brings together traditional duodji (Sámi crafts), painting, textiles, installations,

films and sound art, all with a distinctive approach to materiality, architecture, reuse and improvisation. The participating artists are Elina Waage Mikalsen, Katarina Spik Skum, Anders Sunna, Matti Aikio, Olof Marsja, Sigbjørn Skåden, Ken Are Bongo and Joar Nango. Curated by Helga-Marie Nordby.

This is a collaborative project between Bodø Art Society and Bodø City
Museum/Nordlandsmuseet and puts Sámi art and architecture on the map during
Bodø 2024.

Location: Bodø Kunstforening (Art Society)
Moloveien 10 (city centre)

Admission: Free

Katarina Spik Skum, Häjmmabájkke? My home? (2024)



OPEN ALL DAY, GIRJEGUMPI-AMFI

Girjegumpi is a project that combines archives, art and research. The artist and architect Joar Nango initiated it as a platform for investigating and discussing Sámi architecture. What is Sámi architecture? What can Sámi architecture be? When is architecture an oppressive exercise of power? The name Girjegumpi combines two North Sámi words. A gumpi is a portable cabin on sled-runners, usually transported by a snowmobile. Girji means book. Girjegumpi consists of a library, an archive and the construction that preserves and transports them. Since 2018, Girjegumpi has travelled throughout Norway and abroad: to Helsinki, KIASMA in 2022, and the Venice Biennial of Architecture in 2023. During the congress, you will be able to see the outdoor part of the project, an amfi just outside of the Bodø City Museum. The indoor part will open on 19 June, but we recommend you take a walk, see the Amfi, and view the Girjegumpi world.

Girjegumpi is a nomadic project that changes in relation to whatever situation and context it is in; it develops dynamically through collaborating with artists, architects, professionals and institutions. Several artists contributing to Girjegumpi are also represented in the group exhibition Gullevaš/Golgolaš at Bodø Art Society.

This is a collaborative project between Bodø Art Society and Bodø City Museum/Nordlandsmuseet and puts Sámi art and architecture on the map during Bodø 2024.

Location: Outside of Bodø City Museum, Prinsens gate 116 (city centre)

Admission: Free

THURSDAY 30 MAY 2024

09:00 - 17:30 EXHIBITION: NEW GENRE ARCTIC ART AND ART EDUCATION

This session exhibition (4.3.1) is a collection of individual artworks by artists and documentation of art education activities, such as community art or documentation of art participatory projects. Curated by Timo Jokela, University of Lapland.

The exhibition is a collaboration within the UArctic / Arctic Sustainable Art and Design network and showcases artworks from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Greenland, Denmark, Scotland, Alaska, and France.

Location: Foyaer 5th floor at Stormen Concert Hall, Storgata 1B (city centre)

Admission: Included in the Arctic Congress Bodø 2024 registration fee.

10:00 - 17:00 EXHIBITION: ARCTIC STORYWORLDS: FROZEN MATTERS

Location: Siggeruds Galleri, Professor Schyttes gate 3 (city centre)

Admission: Free

11:00 – 12:00 GUIDED TOUR OF THE EXHIBITION ARCTIC STORYWORLDS: FROZEN MATTERS

Location: Siggeruds Galleri, Professor Schyttes gate 3 (city centre)

Admission: Free

12:00 - 16:00 EXHIBITION: GULLEVAŠ/GOLGOLAŠ

Location: Bodø Kunstforening (Art Society), Moloveien 10 (city centre)

Admission: Free

13:30 - 14:30 OPENING CEREMONY

Experience a performance by FRYD, a Bodø-based dance studio, learn about our local Sámi culture from Árran, the national Lule Sámi centre, and listen to a performance by Trygve Misvær, a local Sámi singer, accompanied by Andrej Stepanov, the accordion player.

Location: Store sal at Stormen Concert Hall, Storgata 1B (city centre)

Admission: Included in the Arctic Congress Bodø 2024 registration fee.

15:30 - 16:00 POP-UP STRING CONCERT

Performance by pupils from Bodø Culture School and members of the Nordland Music Festival's mentor programme, *Spire*. They will fill the foyaer with light and beautiful music from a small string orchestra.

Location: Foyaer 2nd floor at Stormen Concert Hall, Storgata 1B (city centre)

Admission: Included in the Arctic Congress Bodø 2024 registration fee.

16:00 - 17:00 GUIDED TOUR OF THE EXHIBITION NEW GENRE ARCTIC ART AND ART EDUCATION

Location: Foyaer 5th floor at Stormen Concert Hall, Storgata 1B (city centre)

Admission: included in the Arctic Congress Bodø 2024 registration fee.

18:00 - 20:00 THEME EVENING: SUSTAINABLE AVIATION

A presentation on the status, challenges, and solutions within sustainable aviation by Norwegian experts. Electric planes, drone taxis, and other solutions for the Arctic are just some of the keywords that will be discussed.

You will also have a chance to wander around the 10,000-square-meter museum, filled with exciting military and civil aviation history and the interactive exhibition «How to Become a Pilot.»

Location: Norwegian Aviation Museum, Børtindgata 35B

How to get there: Take a bus nr 1 (Bjørndalslia) or 2 (Universitetet) from <u>Bodø Senter</u> to <u>City Nord</u> and <u>take a 600m walk</u>. You can also walk from the city centre; it is around a 2km long walk, depending on the starting point.

Admission: included in the Arctic Congress Bodø 2024 registration fee. This event requires registration via Confetti.

OPEN ALL DAY, GIRJEGUMPI-AMFI

Location: Outside of Bodø City Museum, Prinsens gate 116 (city centre)

Admission: Free

FRIDAY 31 MAY 2024

09:00 - 18:15 EXHIBITION: NEW GENRE ARCTIC ART AND ART EDUCATION

Location: Foyaer 5th floor at Stormen Concert Hall, Storgata 1B (city centre)

Admission: included in the Arctic Congress Bodø 2024 registration fee.

10:00 - 17:00 EXHIBITION: ARCTIC STORYWORLDS: FROZEN MATTERS

Location: Siggeruds Galleri, Professor Schyttes gate 3 (city centre)

Admission: Free

11:30 - 12:30 ELDERS TALKS: LIVE INTERVIEW

Four Alaska Native Elders will share their stories to contextualise findings from a community-based participatory study conducted during the last 16 years, exploring what it means to "age in a good way" among Alaska Native Elders. The Elders will 1) discuss the importance of past, present, and future generations in Alaska Native wellbeing; 2) voice the challenges with maintaining a subsistence lifestyle due to changing climate and policy; 3) share how the community comes together to support one another during challenging times; and 4) highlight the role of organised groups, such as the Alaska Native Brotherhood, in addressing steps to improve the wellbeing of Alaska Native people. The audience will get the chance to engage in a question round.

Location: Foyaer 2nd floor at Stormen Concert Hall, Storgata 1B (city centre)

Admission: included in the Arctic Congress Bodø 2024 registration fee.

12:00 - 16:00 EXHIBITION: GULLEVAŠ/GOLGOLAŠ

Location: Bodø Kunstforening (Art Society), Moloveien 10 (city centre)

Admission: Free

13:30 - 14:30 GUIDED TOUR OF EXHIBITION NEW GENRE ARCTIC ART AND ART EDUCATION

Location: Foyaer 5th floor at Stormen Concert Hall, Storgata 1B (city centre)

Admission: included in the Arctic Congress Bodø 2024 registration fee.

13:30 - 14:00 IN ARCTIC RHYTHMS: A MELODY OF CHANGE

A three-decade journey as an eyewitness to the profound transformations in the Arctic is shared by Hilde Falun Strøm, an explorer, polar ambassador and citizen scientist. Through her intimate encounters with the region's wildlife, glaciers, and sea

ice, she offers a deeply personal perspective on the Arctic's evolving landscape. With heartfelt storytelling, she unveils the tales of resilience, adaptation, and loss in a captivating exploration of the Arctic's past, present, and future.

Location: Sal 1, Fram Cinema, Storgata 8 (city centre)

Admission: included in the Arctic Congress Bodø 2024 registration fee.

14:00 - 15:00 CINEMA SCREENING: MUNKHA

Presentation of the cartoon *Munkha* by Tundra Animation, presented by Stanislav Ksenofontov:

In the snowy heart of Sakha Republic, Northeast Siberia, a little girl, Nyukku, embarks on her first Munkha, the Sakha traditional ice fishing. She believes that her "magic" mittens will help her catch many fish. Through this experience, guided by her father's wisdom, Nyukku learns a valuable lesson: true magic lies in the strength of family bonds and mutual support. Munkha is an important traditional practice transferred from generation to generation for centuries and a food source for the entire community, social cohesion, and cultural well-being.

The screening is a part of StoryWorlds: Frozen Matters exhibition.

Location: Sal 1, Fram Cinema, Storgata 8 (city centre)

Admission: included in the Arctic Congress Bodø 2024 registration fee.

15:00 – 16:00 GUIDED TOUR OF THE EXHIBITION ARCTIC STORYWORLDS: FROZEN MATTERS

Location: Siggeruds Galleri, Professor Schyttes gate 3 (city centre)

Admission: Free

OPEN ALL DAY, GIRJEGUMPI-AMFI

Location: Outside of Bodø City Museum, Prinsens gate 116 (city centre)

Admission: Free

SATURDAY 1 JUNE 2024

09:00 - 17:00 EXHIBITION: NEW GENRE ARCTIC ART AND ART EDUCATION

Location: Foyaer 5th floor at Stormen Concert Hall, Storgata 1B (city centre)

Admission: included in the Arctic Congress Bodø 2024 registration fee.

11:00 - 15:00 EXHIBITION: ARCTIC STORYWORLDS: FROZEN MATTERS

Location: Siggeruds Galleri, Professor Schyttes gate 3 (city centre)

Admission: Free

12:00 - 16:00 EXHIBITION: GULLEVAŠ/GOLGOLAŠ

Location: Bodø Kunstforening (Art Society), Moloveien 10 (city centre)

Admission: Free

12:00 - 16:00 EXHIBITION: VORTEX

An exhibition, Virvel (Vortex), by artist Morten Torgersrud, is in collaboration with the Lofoten International Art Festival (LIAF), the exhibition space NOUA, and the Borderland Museum. The exhibition consists of photographs from Torgersrud's immediate surroundings in Kirkenes, alongside a selection of photos by Ellisif Wessel from 1890–1920.

As a self-taught photographer, the revolutionary communist socialite woman Ellisif Wessel documented the multicultural life on the border with Russia amid the progress of industrialisation. When Torgersrud places Wessel's landscape photography side-by-side with found images and his photographs, it's as if the fluid transitions between the family album, archival materials and the viewfinders of the two photographers create a new, overriding subject. Wessel's photographs of waterfalls, rivers, trees, ice caps, coastlines and mountain ranges were taken in an era where industrialisation gained severe momentum and defined a border area characterised by continuous negotiation and displacement.

Curator: Kjersti Solbakken/LIAF (NO)

Location: NŌUA, Storgata 56, entry from Tordenskjolds gate (city centre)

Admission: Free



Photo: Morten Torgesrud

14:00 – 15:00 GUIDED TOUR OF THE EXHIBITION ARCTIC STORYWORLDS: FROZEN MATTERS

Location: Siggeruds Galleri, Professor Schyttes gate 3 (city centre)

Admission: Free

15:30 - 16:30 GUIDED TOUR OF EXHIBITION NEW GENRE ARCTIC ART AND ART EDUCATION

Location: Foyaer 5th floor at Stormen Concert Hall, Storgata 1B (city centre)

Admission: included in the Arctic Congress Bodø 2024 registration fee.

18:30 - 19:30 AWARD CEREMONY

During the congress' Award Ceremony, you will experience a live performance by Åsmund Moen, a solo percussionist from Arctic Philharmonic in Bodø -the world's northernmost professional orchestra.

Location: Store sal at Stormen Concert Hall, Storgata 1B (city centre)

Admission: Included in the Arctic Congress Bodø 2024 registration fee.

OPEN ALL DAY, GIRJEGUMPI-AMFI

Location: Outside of Bodø City Museum, Prinsens gate 116 (city centre)

Admission: Free

SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024

12:00 - 16:00 EXHIBITION: VORTEX

Location: NŌUA, Storgata 56, entry from Tordenskjolds gate (city centre)

Admission: Free

12:00 - 16:00 EXHIBITION: GULLEVAŠ/GOLGOLAŠ

Location: Bodø Kunstforening (Art Society), Moloveien 10 (city centre)

Admission: Free

OPEN ALL DAY, GIRJEGUMPI-AMFI

Location: Outside of Bodø City Museum, Prinsens gate 116 (city centre)

Admission: Free

DIY CULTURAL WALKS

FIVE MUST-SEE CULTURAL SPOTS IN BODØ

THE JEKT TRADE MUSEUM

Explore the captivating maritime heritage of four centuries at the <u>Jekt Trade Museum</u>, awarded as Norway's best museum in 2024. With the towering presence of the jekt *Anna Karoline* at the centre stage of the exhibition, the museum offers close experiences and reflections with this ship and other historical artefacts. You will learn about the hardships and life on board, the significance of the Norwegian dried fish trade, power and powerlessness, profit and fish– all while enclosed by the smell of tar and dried fish.

The museum is surrounded by the Bodøsjøen Open-Air Museum, which features old, beautiful buildings that depict the life of a fisherman's family.

From June 1st, the museum will welcome you to the temporary exhibition "Coastal Women." The exhibition explores the central role of women in



Photo: The Jekt Trade Museum

the fishing-farming community and how they also played a significant role in the economy. You will be introduced to three main elements: textiles, flossed bedrugs, and tools.

Location: The Jekt Trade Museum, Kvernhusveien 26

How to get there: Take a bus nr 2 (Universitetet) from <u>Bodø Senter</u> to <u>Bodøgård</u> and <u>walk for approx. 600m</u>.

Admission: 150 NOK (between 29 May and 3 June 2024 you will get a 20% discount with the Arctic Congress badge)

Opening hours:

May: Monday Closed Tuesday – Friday 11:00 – 16:00 Saturday and Sunday 11:00 – 17:00 From 1st of June: Monday – Wednesday 11:00 – 17:00 Thursday 11:00 – 20:00 Friday – Sunday 11:00 – 17:00



Photo: The Jekt Trade Museum

EXHIBITION: TOWARDS THE NORTH/FROM THE NORTH

The exhibition consists of two separate but thematically related exhibitions.

Towards the North: Peder Balke (1804–1887) was the first Norwegian artist to depict Northern Norway with a characteristic expression. His original motifs and unique technique aroused interest across national borders, and he is today represented at several major museums nationally and internationally.

FROM THE NORTH – Øiesvold collection: A rare insight into the earliest printed documentation from the northern regions. Join us on the journey through Terje Øiesvold's collection of books and prints about the Northern Cape's pictorial history from 1550–1850.

Location: Bodøgaard, Skeiddalen 2A

How to get there: Take a bus nr 2 (Universitetet) from <u>Bodø Senter</u> to <u>Bodøgård</u> and walk for approx. 40m.

Admission: Free

Opening hours:

Tuesdays-Saturdays: 12:00 - 16:00

Mondays: Closed

STREET ART IN BODØ

Did you know there is a lot of great street art in the centre of Bodø? In 2016, the street art festival *UpNorth* left its mark on Bodø's buildings, and you can see almost all of the artworks on a short walk in the city centre. <u>Just follow a map on Visit Bodø's official website</u>. In addition, you will find several smaller graffiti works around the city - just look carefully!





Photo: Dan Mariner/Visit Bodø Photo: Marta Anna Løvberg

NATIONAL NORWEGIAN AVIATION MUSEUM

At the <u>National Norwegian Aviation Museum</u>, you will find 10,000 square meters filled with exciting military and civil aviation history and the interactive exhibition «How to become a pilot».

Location: Norwegian Aviation Museum, Børtindgata 35B

How to get there: Take a bus nr 1 (Bjørndalslia) or 2 (Universitetet) from <u>Bodø Senter</u> to <u>City Nord</u> and <u>take a 600m walk</u>. You can also walk from the city centre; it is around a 2km long walk.

Admission: 175 NOK

Between 28 May and 4 June 2024, you can buy discounted tickets for you and your family at https://www.luftfartsmuseum.no/billetter-og-booking with the code: ARCCONG24.

Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: Saturday - Sunday: 10:00 - 16:00 11:00 - 17:00



Photo: National Norwegian Aviation Museum

SIGGERUDS GALLERI

Siggeruds Galleri is one of Northern Norway's most prominent galleries. It boasts an impressive array of paintings and other artworks by renowned Norwegian artists. Through collaborations with artists such as Sverre Bjertnæs, Eva Harr, Frank Brunner, Gunn Vottestad, and Bjørg Thorhallsdottir, to mention a few, the gallery promises a captivating journey through the vibrant tapestry of Norwegian artistry.

You can explore their sales exhibition in two main rooms. From 29 May until 8 June, the *Arctic StoryWorlds: Frozen Matters* exhibition, which is part of the Arctic Congress Bodø 2024 official programme, is in the basement room.

Location: <u>Siggeruds Galleri, Professor Schyttes gate 3</u> (city centre)

Admission: Free

Opening hours:



Photo: Siggeruds Galleri

Monday - Friday: Saturday - Sunday: 10:00 - 17:00 11:00 - 15:00

OTHER GEMS WORTH VISITING

GUNDERSONS

Gundersons is a Bodø-based illustration studio and poster shop owned by the brothers Robin and Rudi Gundersen. With backgrounds from the Norwegian School of Creative Studies and several years of freelance missions, Gundersons has acquired a broad expertise in illustration, graphic design, and branding.

In their gallery store, you will find art prints and postcards with different motives, especially from Bodø and Northern Norway.

Location: Gundersons, Dronningens gate 13 (city centre)

Opening hours:

Monday – Friday: Saturday: 10:00 – 17:00 11:00 – 15:00

E.A. FRANTZEN

This vibrant gallery features local and Norwegian artists and an art supplies store. If you are looking for a small art souvenir from Bodø, this is where to find it.

Location: E.A. Frantzen, Sjøgata 22 (city centre)

Opening hours:

Monday – Friday: Saturday: 10:00 – 17:00 11:00 – 15:00

LÅVEN

Låven ("the Barn") is a hidden local gem a 10-minute walk from the city centre. This charming little house has a gallery and a framing workshop. The gallery showcases artworks and handicrafts made by local artists. Låven also offers a virtual reality room to explore artworks not physically present in the barn.

Location: Låven, Jordbruksveien 1

Opening hours:

Monday – Friday: Saturday: 11:00 – 16:00 11:00 – 15:00

HUSFLIDEN

Since Husfliden started in 1902, many things have changed, but the store has kept many handcraft techniques and traditions alive. In addition to the Norwegian national costume, the *bunad*, the store has a selection of gifts, clothes, and handcrafts with a more modern look.

Location: Husfliden, Storgata 23 (city centre)

Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: Saturday: 09:30 - 16:30 10:00 - 15:00

BODØ'S OLDEST GOLDSMITH

Opal Gullsmed is Bodø's oldest goldsmith and jewellery store, with roots from 1915. Since then, the family-owned business has been a visible part of the city centre and is now run by the fourth generation. To honour local nature, they produce a series of jewellery depicting herrings, *Saltstraumen* (the strongest tidal current in the world), *Mjelle* (pink beach in Bodø), and *Keiservarden* (The "Emperor's peak" in Bodø) – a genuine local and exclusive souvenir.

Location: Opal Gullsmed, Professor Schyttes gate 2A (city centre)

Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: Saturday: 09:30 - 17:00 10:00 - 15:00

NORWEGIAN SALMON LEATHER DESIGN

Studio EBN was founded in 2013 and creates exclusive, handcrafted bags and accessories in sustainable Nordic salmon leather. The leather is characterised by its refined texture and smooth finish and is durable and robust. It is a by-product of the food industry that would otherwise not be used.

Location: Studio EBN, Storgata 8, entrance from Professor Schyttes gate (city centre)

Opening hours:

Monday – Friday: Saturday: 10:00 – 15:30 11:00 – 15:00

INSTAGRAM WORTHY SPOTS IN BODØ



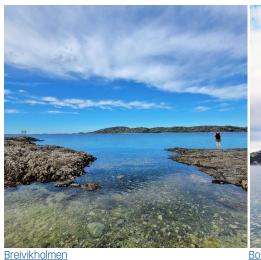


View from the Molo

View from the Rundholmen



View from the Bodøsjøen Open-Air Museum



Bodø Harbour











Backyard in Bodø city centre

Bodø city centre



View from the 17th floor at Scandic Havet Hotel



View from Nyholmen



View from <u>Linken</u>

