



WW2 history in the Greater Oslo Region

Many people, even today, are faced with impossible decisions to save themselves and their loved ones. This tour tells the tales of the people who defended their country during WW2. Join this historical tour from the invasion in 1940 and the sinking of Blücher at Oscarsborg Fortress to the newly opened Grini Museum and the memorial site at Trandumskogen.

Oscarsborg Fortress is a jewel in the Oslofjord. In summer, Oscarsborg is perfect for families and for those interested in nature, culture and history. Oscarsborg Fortress Museum presents the history of the place and organizes guided tours. Akershus Fortress had been the defender of the capital Oslo/Christiania for hundred of years, but one needed a fortification south of the capital. In 1643 Oscarsborg was finished.

On the 9th of April 1940 Oscarsborg Fortress endured its first real test. The fortress delayed Hitler's attack by sinking the new heavy cruiser "Blücher". This slowed the attack, which gave the King, our Government and the Parliament sufficient time to evacuate Oslo and later on take up the fight against the occupation of Norway.

Oscarsborg is also a unique cultural arena for opera and concerts during the summer season. Spend the night at the **Oscarsborg Hotel & Resort** on the Island Kaholmen in combination with the guided tour to the fortress. Private dinner can be hosted at the fortress.

Grinimuseet tells the story of the largest German prison camp in Norway during World War II and the life of the prisoners, the guards and relatives. Almost 20 000 prisoners spent time here during the war.

The exhibitions tell about life in the camp which was characterized by fear and freedom, but also by unity and friendship among the prisoners. The audience gets to know different Grini prisoners and their personal stories: How did they experience life in Grini prison camp, and what did they do to endure it? A reconstructed room shows how the prisoners lived on the barracks.

Trandumskogen is a national monument, but also a favorite hiking and photography area near Gardemoen Airport. During World War II, executions took place in Trandumskogen. 173 Norwegians, 15 Russians and 6 Britons were executed and buried in the forest. Today, the forest is a memorial to those who lost their lives there. Your guide will share touching stories of the lives of the prisoners.

Trandumskogen also has remains from a training field for tanks, often called the tank shooting range consisting of several large walls in reinforced concrete with bullet holes. It's quite fascinating to walk through the tank track. **Trandumskogen** is next to the airport and can very well be combined with your departure transfer.



The Occupation Exhibition in Eidsvoll Open Air museum tells the story of how World War 2 affected the Eidsvoll region, and the efforts of the resistance work and daily life during the war.

The Norwegian Armed Forces Aircraft Collection is located at Gardermoen. Visit this unique collection of close to 40 historic aircrafts ranging from Norway's first of 1912 vintage to jet fighters that flew at more than twice the speed of sound. The museum, unravels the fascinating story of Norwegian military airpower in times of peace and war.

Experience the pioneering era, dramatic years of war, the tension of the Cold War and a technical progress without parallel. Try out the cockpit of a real jet fighter for that experience so seldom available to other than 'the chosen few'?

A tour to these historical sites can very well be spread over several days, combined with other highlights and cultural- and nature adventures nearby.

In Oslo you find several museums related to the war history such as the **Holocaust Center** at Bygdøy and the **Museum of Defence** at the Akershus Fortress.

Duration: 10-20 hours

Suitable for: Individuals and groups

Price: 790,- per person (with full group size)

Package includes: Guided tour, transport, entrance to museums

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Transport suggestions:

Charter bus: www.schaus.no www.viptransport.no

Rent a car: www.avis.no

Disclaimer: All requests will be subject to availability and actual prices at the time of reservation.

