



## Where?

You will find our Guest House on the sunny Southeast coast of Norway, on the small island of Sandøya.

Maries Gjestehus is situated in the middle of the 2.5-mile long car-free island paradise.

## Maries Gjestehus

A beautifully restored congregation house with high ceilings, this light and airy space is both harmonious and peaceful.

From the spacious terrace, which overlooks a small lake, you can read a book, enjoy a meal, or do whatever you need to relax.

In the restoration process we preserved as much as possible.

We re-used and redesigned old furniture, and only lovely smelling linseed-based, non-toxic paints and oils were used inside the house.

## Bed

We have 7 rooms, all with a simple, yet serene interior.

There are 4 double rooms, one twin room and two single rooms.

The tower rooms are more spacious and secluded.

The Vetle Lid Larssen room has a romantic feeling with its four poster bed.

Further up in the tower is the Arne Næss room, with windows in all directions of the sky. This room also has its own little terrace.

In addition we have a cosy mezzanine, which is the favoured sleeping spot by many children.

## **Books**

The rooms are named after different writers, among those the English nature poet John Clare, as well as the philosopher and founder of Deep Ecology, Arne Næss. Each room also have accompanying books.

You can also find inspiring books around the guest house, books on the environment, architecture, design, crazy re-design, philosophy, poetry, as well as novels. Many of which are written in English.

## **Bread**

Maries Gjestehus is run bed and breakfast style.

We serve a delicious breakfast with homemade rye and spelt bread, jams, organic eggs and cheese as well as tea and Fairtrade coffee.

The modern kitchen is spacious and well equipped, and on the terrace you will find a barbeque free for you to use.

We can also serve dinner on demand, and offer homemade vegetarian and catch of the day meals.

If weather permits, our café is open every Saturday in the high summer season. (July – mid Aug.)

## **Sandøya**

We offer bikes for hire, or maybe you want to explore the island by foot? There are wonderful walking paths, and some seriously amazing swimming spots. A name such as Paradise Bay says it all we think!

Why not go fishing in a traditional Norwegian wooden boat, and bring back some real good food for dinner?

Ten minutes walk away is the grocery store, as well as a seaside pub. The pub sits right by the water, and here you can enjoy a waffle with your coffee, or perhaps a pizza with some wine or beer.

You can also visit the artists in their workshops. - On Sandøya there is a ceramicist, a graphic artist, a knitwear designer and two glass blowers.

Or perhaps you just want to relax and enjoy the peace and quiet?  
...Try our hammocks for a siesta amongst the trees!

### **Around...**

- Close by is the *Book Town of Tvedestrand*, an unaltered traditional seaside village with small bookshops and charming cafés.
- Forty mins further West is *Risør*, the town of the artists.
- Forty mins further east is *Arendal*, a multicultural place and home of two fantastic festivals; Canal Street (jazz festival) and Hovefestivalen (international rock festival)

### **Prices**

From NOK 400,- to 700,- pr room, breakfast included.

Bring your family or friends along! We offer very reasonable package deals if renting the whole house for a week or a weekend.

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**Welcome to our island paradise!**