

Welcome to Tvedestrand - the time is on your side

- We would like to welcome you to a stay in Tvedestrand, our beautiful community by the sea with many sights.

The people of Tvedestrand like to call their town "the dimple of southern Norway". In the summer the harbour area is crowded, and you`ll find restaurants, cafes, pubs and shops. The old town hall is located by the harbour.

Tvedestrand is characterized as an idyllic little town with whitepainted houses which climb up the slopes, narrow streets, a popular harbour for many summer holiday tourists.

The town is buildt around Nes Ironworks. Many old houses are well preserved.

Visit [Næs jernverksmuseum](#) and you will experience the exiting history of the iron..

In the summer there are many events

- Regatta
- Annual coastal heritage week (for further information: <http://www.kystkulturuka.no/>)
- Gospelfestival (for further information: <http://www.sgospel.no/>)

Tvedestrand is a booktown (for further information: <http://www.bokbyen-skagerrak.no/>).

Places to see:

About 16 square km of the area in the community is coastline. It means that Tvedestrand is an eldorado, specially in the summer. Places like Lyngør, Borøya and Sandøya is worth visiting. Lyngør is one of the places in Norway that has most sunny days.

Lyngør has been elected the best preserved village of Europe. The village on the ocean has architecture from the illustrious days of the tall ships. The arrival of the steamboats put a stop to Lyngør`s period of glory; the jobs dissapeared and so did most of the inhabitants. The houses mostly remained in the families as summer cottages. Lyngør consists of several islands. During the year the population is about 100, but in the summer months up to ten times more. There are no cars in Lyngør - only narrow walkingpaths. From the quay at Gjeving you may go by boat to Lyngør.

Gjeving is characterized by cottage hamlets and international tourism. At the centre of Gjeving tou will find Gjeving and Lyngørfjorden marina. Here life pulsates from early spring until late autumn. The new cottage hamlets og the holiday centre has been designed by architects with the intention of combining contemporary needs and opportunities with the coastal architecture of bygone days. Here you may sit on the edge of the quay and enjoy Sørlandet, the South Coast, as much as you like, or hire a boat and make a trip to the wonderful skerries.

The **Sandøya** island belongs to the municipality of Tvedestrand. On the island there is a vigorous local community with a shop, school. Boatbuilder and active designer craftsmen. The island has a regular service from the Hagefjordbrygga quay on Borøya, which is connected to the mainland, there is only a short boat trip across to Sandøya.

If you come by boat to Tvedestrand, you should take some time for a visit to the idyllic **Furuøya** island. Here you can experience the atmosphere of the former holiday paradise of the wealthy Smith family, and at the same time potter about in idyllic roads and footpaths through an old, restored cultural landscape. The island has special vegetation and is a lovely area for walking

Nes Ironworks museum is a unique technical-industrial cultural monument. Here you will find an ironworks almost intact as it was in 17th century. The ironworks at Nes had roots at the Barbu Ironworks, which was

established in Arendal in 1573. In 1665 the technical equipment was moved to Nes. Visit [Næs jernverksmuseum](#)

The **Storelva** river, which flows past Nes Ironworks, is one of the Southern Coast's best salmon and sea trout rivers.

For those who are interested in **golf** there is an eighteen-hole golf course at Nes Verk, neighbour to the Nes Ironworks museum.

Tvedestrand in brief:

Location:	Southern Norway, part of the Aust-Agder county. Arendal, the county capital, 20 minutes by car/bus.
Size:	216,6 square kilometres with 162 islands (16 square km) and a coastline 214 km long
Community center:	Tvedestrand
Accessibility:	Boat from Denmark to Larvik or Kristiansand, 1 ½ hour by car/bus to Tvedestrand, Possible to fly via Oslo to Torp or Kjevik airport, 1 ½ hour by car/bus to Tvedestrand, Train from Oslo to Gjerstad - bus to Tvedestrand
Population:	5.920 (January 1 st , 2003)
Bosettingsmønster:	About 70 % of the population lives outside the community center
Holidayhouses:	About 2000 holiday houses in the community
Main industries:	wooden industry (kitchens, windows, stairs, furniture....), engineering industry
Employment:	About 46% of the employees are working outside the community
Language spoken:	Norwegian (English widely spoken)
Local administration:	Tvedestrand community Box 38 4901 Tvedestrand Norway Visiting address: Tjennaveien 30 E-mail: postmottak@tvedestrand.kommune.no
City Council:	The city council consists of 25 elected representatives. It is chaired by the Mayor, and members are elected for a four-year period. It makes decisions on major issues concerning the community budget, the development of the community and the services provided to the citizens.
Distances:	
* Larvik	120 km (harbour, direct searoute from Fredrikshavn in Denmark)
* Sandefjord	150 km (harbour, direct searoute from Strømstad in Sweden)

* Risør	23 km
* Stavanger	360 km
* Oslo	250 km
* E18	0,1 km (main road from Oslo/Kristiansand)
* Arendal	24 km
* Kristiansand	90 km (harbour, direct searoute from Hirtshals in Denmark)
* Kjevik airport	92 km (Kristiansand)
* Torp airport	128 km (Sandefjord)