

NORGE NEWS

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The Sound of Silence



Emily in the church yard of Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim after our visit to the Arctic.



A kindergarten class crosses Kongens Gate (King's Street) on the way back to school after visiting the public library. In the background, the statue of Olaf Tryggvasson, king of Norway from 995-1000 and founder of the city of Trondheim in 997, stands on his pedestal.



Søt chili
DROMEDAR ORIGINAL 52,-

1 Masseløst Kaffebråk med chili og kardemomme
1 smøkke - med kaffe for 60,- du bare må ha mer...

Vi kan
RiSte
Himmelste
Kaffebråk
Rodelise
Kakerne
LusSte

A woman enjoys her lunch of fish soup at an outdoor café on Nedre (lower) Bakklandet, a street in one of the oldest residential neighborhoods in Trondheim. "Søt chili," advertised in the sign on the left edge of the photo, means "sweet chili." It's a coffee drink made with milk or cream and dried chili peppers. It costs 52 Norwegian kroner, about \$6.



A woman pushes her baby carriage through the Nidaros Cathedral church yard. Norwegian children spend considerable parts of winter days outside. Infants bundled and sleeping in carriages like this are commonly left on the sidewalk while their parents go inside for a cup of coffee unless the temperature falls below -10° Celsius, about 14° Fahrenheit.



Walking down Nedre Baklandet.



Gordon and Emily on the Gamle Bybro, the Old Town Bridge across the Nid River.

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As you've seen from the previous six newsletters in this series, we've seen as much rain as snow during our trip to Norway. Temperatures, except at Saltfjellet (previous newsletter at <https://bit.ly/2Etu9mX>) have rarely dipped below freezing.

But on our first day back in Trondheim, we had one of those idyllic winter mornings when we strolled around town in quiet punctuated only by occasional church bells and the muffled shattering of snowflakes as they hit the ground.

It reminded me of one of my favorite Simon and Garfunkel songs from 1964, when I was about in seventh or eighth grade.



Looking in the opposite direction from the previous view of Emily and Gordon into the Bakklandet neighborhood. The large flag flying at the top of the hill is at Kristiansten Festning (fortress) built in the 1680s.



The twin spires of the main administration building – called Hovedbygningen – of the Gløshaugen campus of NTNU, the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, above the Nid River. NTNU is a tuition-free public university open to students from around the world with several campuses in Trondheim plus the cities of Gjøvik and Ålesund. The university was created by the merger of several smaller schools three years ago. The campus in the Gløshaugen neighborhood is the campus of the former Norwegian Institute of Technology, founded in 1910. The oldest of the six merged institutions began as the Trondheim Academy in 1767.



Nidaros Cathedral seen from the rear across its church yard.