

***From Bodø / The Coastal Route RV 17:***

From Bodø, you take the RV 80 towards Fauske, continuing along the Coastal Route, the RV 17, from Tverlandet. After passing the Sunnanbrua Bridge over the Saltstraumen, you turn left at Tuv, on to the RV 812. Continue driving along the RV 812 to Vesterli, from where you turn right on to the RV813, which will take you to Beiarn.

***From Fauske / Rognan / The E6:***

On the E6, just south of Rognan, you turn off onto the RV 812 in the direction of Misvær. At Vesterli, you turn left and on to the RV 813, which takes you to Beiarn. The first place you arrive at in the borough of Beiarn is Storjord, where you will find the charming Torgkroa Inn. From Storjord/Torgkroa you continue along the RV 813 to Moldjord and then, 200 m further on and just before you reach the Storjordbrua Bridge, you will see a signpost on the right hand side of the road leading to Molid. You turn off there and continue along the gravel road for about 2 km until you reach the stave church, which is on the right hand side.

The borough of Beiarn has a lot to offer in the way of attractions and activities. Here are a few examples:

- The Torgkroa Inn in Storjord, offering food and drink and tourist information
- The Beiarn Bygdetun Folk Museum / Nordlandsmuseet
- The Gallery Eftf. Art café in the old country shop at Tvervik
- Salmon fishing in the River Beiarelva
- Mountain walks
- Canoeing
- Caving
- Cycling
- Skiing
- And lots more...

Further information is available at the tourist information office, tel. (+47) 75 56 95 00 and at [www.beiarn.kommune.no](http://www.beiarn.kommune.no)

**We look forward to your visit.**



# Stave church in Beiarn



Magnus Stensland was born and raised in Beiarn where he worked as a joiner. He has always been interested in stave churches and was very impressed by the one in Gol, which in his opinion is Norway's finest.

He decided at an early date to build his own eleven metre tall stave church, and as a pensioner he lived out his dream: to build Norway's northernmost stave church.

He had no blueprints, just an ordinary postcard of the stave church in Gol, but that was all he needed. The stave church in the postcard was precisely 11 cm in height, which is why his church is 11 metres tall. The postcard only showed the front of the church, but this wasn't a problem for Magnus, who is a very experienced retired joiner. With a trained eye, many years of experience and a few notes on height and width, he simply calculated and built the other three sides all on his own.

And building the stave church without a blueprint wasn't the only thing he did. An enthusiastic Magnus actually attended to every little detail himself:

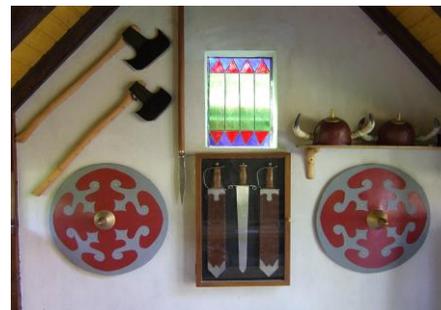
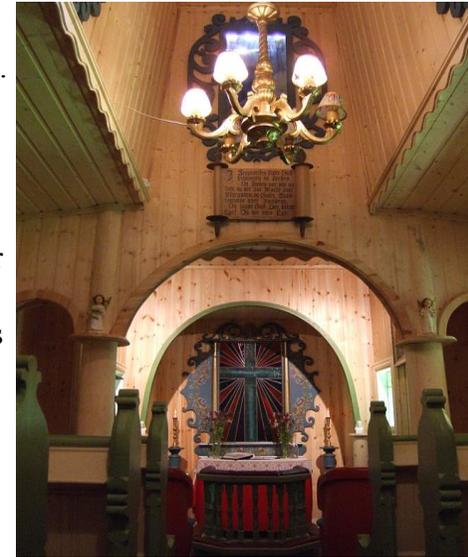
He took all the timber for the stave church from his own woods – and then made his own tools to lathe the huge logs.

On the roof there are over 10,000 shingles which he made and coated with tar in one single winter. The only assistance he had was from a crane when lifting the upper spire in place.



After three years of construction the church was finally completed in 2008, but Magnus Stensland was not satisfied with just the exterior, he also finished off the inside, too, complete with altar and pews, etc.

The Vicar had been there on a number of occasions and was very enthusiastic about Magnus Stensland's magnificent stave church. In February 2009, the Bishop approved the stave church at Savjord as a place of worship. The first wedding to take place there in May 2009, was a very special occasion for the happy couple and also, in particular, for church builder Magnus Stensland. It was he himself who made sure that the bell rang from the steeple as the couple arrived at the church in their horse and carriage, and that Mendelssohn's wedding march was played inside the church.



Magnus Stensland has also built a vestibule where his own home-made exhibition of weaponry is on display.

The entire borough of Beiarn is enthused over this impressive masterpiece and very proud of such a fantastic attraction, which is visited by a large number of tourists every year.