



# HOSPITALITY

## Interdisciplinary perspectives and storytelling

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# Pietro Querinis Story



Historien om Querina bind 1. Kunstverk av Franco Fortunato, utstilligen «Historien om Querina». ([viaquerinissima.net/pietro-querinis-story/](http://viaquerinissima.net/pietro-querinis-story/))

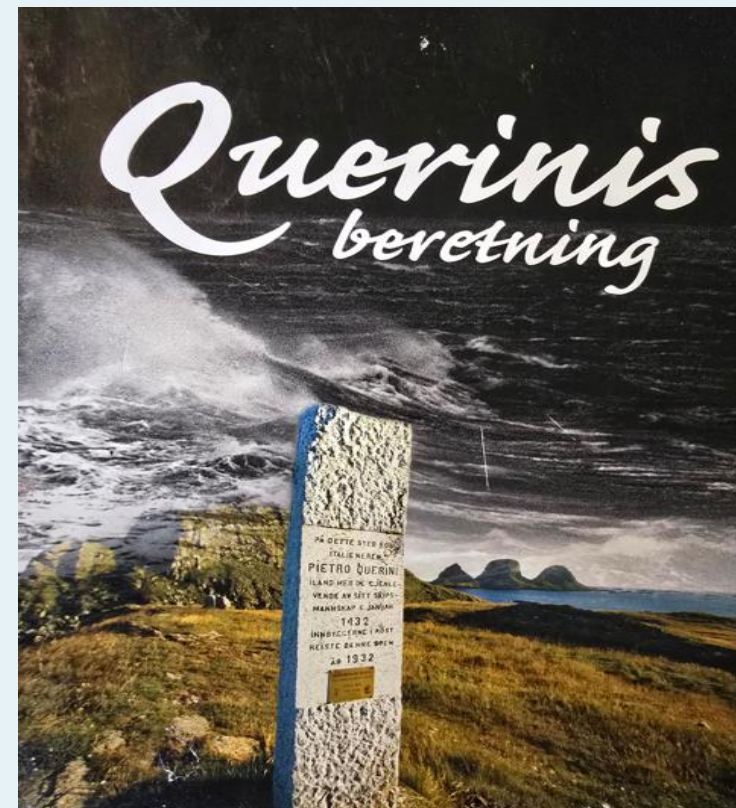
# The Journey







Pietro Querinis beretning, to manuskriptkopier: en i Biblioteca Apostolica i Vatikanmuseet, Roma, den andre i Biblioteca Marciana i Venezia. Skipsoffiserers beretning i Biblioteca Nazionale, Firenze.



Teksten i heftet er fra boka "I paradisets første krets". Marie L. Aalen har oversatt fra en utgave publisert i Venezia 1881

# Via Querinissima

<https://Via Querinissima.net>

- Based on the travel route of Pietro Querini and his crew,
- the longstanding collaboration between the Veneto region and Nordland is expanding to include regions and countries along the travel route: Sandrigo (It), Cadiz (Es), Crete (Hellas) Västergötland (S), Nord Universitet etc. Honorary members: Vatikan library, English Heritage, Querini Stampalia, Marciana Library. Løddøse museum etc.
- The project manager at Nordland County Municipality is Stefano Agnoletto. The certification of Via Querinissima as a European Cultural Route is underway, will hopefully receive such status within the current year.



# Cultural routes of the Council of Europe

- Certified by the Council of Europe, there are currently around 50 such European Cultural Routes. Note: This should not be confused with UNESCO World Heritage or similar designations, nor is it affiliated with the EU.
- The Council of Europe is an intergovernmental organization consisting of 46 European countries, with the aim of promoting human rights, democracy, and the rule of law in Europe. Norway was one of the ten founding countries of the Council of Europe on May 5, 1949, with the desire to foster dialogue and peace.

Launched by the Council of Europe in 1987, the **Cultural Routes** demonstrate, by means of a **journey through space and time**, how the heritage of the **different countries and cultures** of Europe contributes to a **shared and living cultural heritage**.

**Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe**  
Itinéraires culturels du Conseil de l'Europe

NEW BRANDING BROCHURES  
OF THE CULTURAL ROUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE  
PROGRAMME

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Explore all the Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe

 Santiago de Compostela Pilgrim Routes	 The Hansa	 Viking Route	 Via Francigena
 Routes of El legado andalusí	 Phoenicians' Route	 Iron Route in the Pyrenees	 European Mozart Ways
 Santander Pilgrim Routes	 St. James' Way	 European Capitals of Culture	 European Capitals of Culture

# Via Querinissima and Libraries

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- Cultural routes certified by the Council of Europe are intended to promote the Council's fundamental principles: human rights, democracy, cultural diversity and identity, dialogue, and mutual exchange across borders. These values align with the foundational principles, objectives, and legislation of the Norwegian Library system, making it natural for Libraries to engage in the Via Querinissima project.
- It is on this basis that the Nordland County Library, also as a formal partner in Via Querinissima, will contribute to developing a Library network along the cultural route, focusing on the theme of **hospitality** while also enhancing knowledge of Norwegian coastal history and cultural heritage.



# 2023/2024: Anchoring

- **Via Querinissima presentation at The County Library Meeting September 2023**
- **The Querini Opera from Røst** ([www.querini.no/operaen](http://www.querini.no/operaen)) in Bodø and in Venice. Participation at the Querini Conference in Venice, October 2023, presentation of the Hospitality Symposium.
- **Nordland County Library** became a formal partner, represented in Via Q's General Assembly.
- **All public libraries (41) in Nordland** received Pietro Querini's account.
- **Nordland County Library produced and published 3 webinars.**
- **15 public libraries:** One-hour performance (song and play) about Querini and his dramatic journey.
- **Online resources** developed.
- **The idea of the Hospitality Symposium** presented in various contexts.

# 2025/2026

- Developing a traveling exhibition of the old maps in collaboration with the National Library of Norway.
- Developing the concept of «Querini-days» at public Libraries
- Developing the Hospitality Symposium

# Hospitality Symposium

We invite academics and artists along Via Querinissima to explore, illuminate, discuss, and debate the theme of hospitality. Raising awareness, exploring, and highlighting variations on the theme, both synchronically and diachronically, will contribute to an understanding of the significance of hospitality as a universal human trait—in current, relevant, and qualified ways.

- Human rights, such as freedom of expression and democracy, will be recurring themes. Contributions will be documented, preserved for posterity, and disseminated.
- The Hospitality Symposium will be open and free to all.
- **The first symposium will be held from July 3-5, 2026, in Bodø and at Røst.**



# Hospitality Symposium

## **A Multidisciplinary, Cross-Artistic and International Symposium**

- Multidisciplinary Working Group
- Reference Group
- International Invitations

# Hospitality Symposium

- Lectures, Conversations, Debates
- Art and Culture
- Guided Walks on Røst, Boat Trip to Sandøya and Skomvær
- Jektefart Museum, North-Norwegian Art Museum, Stormen Library
- Feast

# Hospitality Symposium

- First Symposium in 2026 in Røst/Bodø.
- Then Every Other Year Along Via Querinissima
- Development of a Library Network Related to the Theme of Hospitality



# Thank you for listening!

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## Overskrift

- Noen ord om foredraget