

## THE VESTERÅLEN MUSEUM

The **Vesterålen Museum** is located in Melbo Mansion (Hovedgård), 500 m up from the ferry in Melbu town centre, and 16 km from Stokmarknes, which has an airport and is port of call for the Hurtigrute ships. The museum was established in 1924. With its magnificent park and surrounding gardens Melbo Mansion seems like a royal palace in a fairy tale setting. From this estate, industrial pioneer Christian Frederiksen ran his businesses, which at their most numbered 40 different industrial enterprises. The mansion manifests the key role played by the squires in the 1800s and 1900s, and has been restored and returned to its former glory around the turn of the last century.

### Exhibitions and other offerings for the general public

This is a substantial farming estate from the 1800s and 1900s, where visitors can see beautiful murals by Gunnar Berg, art nouveau and beautiful interior furnishings. The basic exhibition "On the Threshold of Our Time" tells us of social upheaval in Vesterålen at the turn of the last century. Guided tours of Melbo Mansion are recommended. There are art exhibitions in the mansion and at Gallery Rødgården during the Summer Melbu Festival, in addition to other temporary exhibitions at other times of the year. The museum shop is stocked with a wealth of literature and also includes a web shop.

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### Opening times

Summer season:  
mid June to mid August, 11.00 - 17.00  
Otherwise:  
Monday - Friday, 09.00 - 15.00  
Guided tours by prior arrangement.

