



Meet the People - Svinøya Rorbuer

Svinøya Rorbuer and Børsen Spiseri are owned by Ola Skjeseth (above left). Ola was born and brought up on the Lofoten Islands and, during his early years, worked in the islands' vital fishing industry. Fortunately for us he has now been welcoming guests to his fishermen's rorbus on Svinøya for more than 20 years and his knowledge of the islands, and pretty much everyone who lives on them, is phenomenal. Ola loves the Lofotens and is happiest when he is outside surfing, sailing, skiing or climbing – most of the photos we have of Ola are of him perched on the side of a snowy mountain somewhere! He is ably assisted by his right-hand man, Anders Løvik (second from left), who develops products, does the 'books', handles IT, greets guests and in between manages the odd mountain climb, football game and experimental cooking Fest in his own kitchen. Fellow 'Lofoteners' Synnøve Nilsen (second from right) and Anders Alsвик (right) keep a watchful eye on all day to day proceedings and join Ola and Anders in the photo above, which was taken in the atmospheric former general store from 1828 and which is now the reception area for Svinøya.