

Guesthouse Manager

About the Farm

Fokhol Gård is a biodynamic farm located in Stange Vestbygd, 11 km south of Hamar, in a fertile agricultural district on the sunny side of Lake Mjøsa.

Fokhol is owned by a foundation of common utility, whose aims are connected to biodynamic farming, as well as pedagogical activities and research. The board of the foundation has given the responsibility for the ongoing work, and for the creation of new activities, to a group of people.

This group of people is a young team of 6 adults with their 3 children. Just as the farm is very broadly positioned with animal husbandry, vegetable and arable farming, farm shop and guest house, the core group does also come from different backgrounds, with different previous experiences. They started to take on this project of transforming the farm into its new phase in February 2022.



The guesthouse is located in the center of the farm and there is a beautiful view from all the windows. The house has its very own charm. On the one hand, this comes from the time when the guesthouse was still a retirement home for the municipality of Stange. On the other hand, Fokhol Gard is primarily a farming business, so there's always something going on around.

The simple guesthouse is a bit stuck in time, the style hasn't changed much in the last decades, since it hasn't been used much.

In February 2022 the new team took over the management and is slowly awakening the house from its hibernation and filling it with life and people.

But there is still a lot of work ahead of us and therefore we are looking for a person or a family to join our group and take on the project of guiding the guesthouse into the future, together with us.

Job description:

We are looking for a guest house manager, Full time position Mai-August
Start: earliest 1. of February 2023; latest 1. Mai 2023

We offer:

- young and dynamic team
- living opportunity at the farm
- long term perspective in the team
- development of new ideas (host seminars, create a culinary experience for visitors, host tourist, create a farm holiday experience for families)
- fresh, organic and high-quality products
- a professional and certified kitchen
- the combination with a cooking position (see job offer 'Chef')
- help from volunteers/students during high season

Your tasks:

- responsible for the daily management of the guesthouse (15 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms)
this includes:
 - preparing and cleaning rooms
 - cleaning the common areas (stairways, bathrooms, seminar room, dining area)
 - washing sheets and towels

- coordination of bookings
- communication with guests
- Check-in & Check-out, writing bills, bookkeeping

Additional:

- renovation
- advertising
- development of new areas in and around the house

We expect:

- education or experience as a hotelier/ housekeeping; or high motivation in managing a guesthouse
- clean and thorough way of working
- joy at efficient and effective workflows
- good communication skills and teamwork
- willingness to work on weekends during the high season
- the motivation to teach and work with volunteers
- appreciation of working with sustainable and organic products (organic cleaning supplies)
- reliability
- language skills: English, Norwegian (or the motivation to learn it)
- awareness of the seasonality of tourism and seminars

Please send us a meaningful application including salary expectations and the earliest possible starting date to fokhol@fokhol.no. We are open to developing the job together with you, to meet yours and our needs and wishes. A combination with the job offer 'chef/cook' is possible, also posted on our website www.fokhol.no
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