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## Vendela

"Oslo is great for skiing, hiking, and biking.

But I also like to see the art at the Nasjonalgalleriet"

(47-22-20-04-04; www.nasjonalgalleriet.no).

"I was born in Sweden, but I have been living in Norway for the past two years and consider it my home. I have a great house in Oslo, similar to what you might see in the Hamptons, in New York. My favorite hotel in town is the

Continental, where you'll find the landmark Theatercafeen and the hip

restaurant Lipp" (47-22-82-40-00; hotel-continental .no; doubles, \$189-\$334). >> "I hang out with friends at the café/furniture store called R.O.O.M. They have great cappuccino and Swedish baked goods" (1 Ris Skolevei; 47-22-13-64-00). >> "I also like Frogner Park, which is sort of like New York's Central Park. Many up-and-coming artists exhibit their work in the sculpture garden. Nearby, the restaurant Madserud Gård has incredible food—I love the duck salad—and it's kid-friendly, so it's a perfect place to take my four- and six-year-old daughters" (47-22-54-54-22; prix fixe, \$85).

How Swede it is: Vendela and all things Nordic get a warm reception at New York's Scandinavia House; the works of native sculptor Gustav Vigeland (inset) in Oslo's Frogner Park.

