

Abstract: Commercial Travel and Hospitality in the Kings' sagas

This article deals with passages in the Kings' sagas that have to do with trade, commercial travel and hospitality as an institution. Passages concerning commercial travel do not play a major role in the Kings' sagas, but can provide information about the trade activities of Norwegians and Icelanders in the High Middle Ages. The article argues that trade and hospitality were inseparable until the High Middle Ages; merchants had to visit the emporium in the role of guest in order to have the protection of the local chieftain or lord.

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