



Under the mysterious layers of sand, a meter of cultural layers dating from the Viking age (900-990 AD) has appeared. These are layers the archaeologists are particularly excited to excavate.

It is very likely that Trondheim's early history will have to be rewritten as these layers may well prove that there was a Viking settlement here at a much earlier date than previously believed.

#### The excavation will finish by the Summer

Work on the site will continue this Spring and archaeological investigations will be carried out by personnel from The Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research (NIKU). The cost of this historic excavation is approximately 21 million NOK and is financed by the Directorate for Cultural Heritage.

 [The church was surrounded by a later graveyard filled with burials, including a number of child burials placed close beside the altar base. \(Photo: NIKU\)](#) [8]

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