

The Unique Birkebeinerrennet in Norway

March 11th through March 15th, 2026 – Guided Trip for 5 Days

Welcome to the legendary Birkebeiner Ski Race! The Birkebeinerrennet is one of the oldest and most challenging races in the Worldloppet series with 18'000 participants. This cross-country course is 54 kilometres long crosses two mountains, the track takes you through breath-taking sceneries. The start is at Rena, the finish is reached at the Birkebeiner area at Lillehammer, the famous stadium from the 1994 Olympic Games. All competitors must carry a backpack that weighs at least 3.5 kg. This backpack weight is supposed to mirror the weight of the baby who became the future King Hakon.



Specific Dates during Your Trip

You can also start your trip any day before Wednesday or stay longer after Sunday to visit Oslo or come earlier at Lillehammer! Please ask for more specific details.

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

You can take any international flight you wish. The bus departs from Oslo-Gardermoen Airport heading for Lillehammer, approximately two hours' drive. Arrival time is approximately at 18.00h. Then you can check-in and the dinner will be served.

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Starting at 7.30h in the morning, you can have breakfast at your hotel. Then you can take our bus that departs from the hotel and goes to the 1994 Lillehammer Olympic stadium for a first 10 to 15 kilometres "warm-up" ride. In the afternoon, you'll pick up your individual bibs and race packets at Hakon Hall. Then you can visit the town and especially the main street called (Storgatta). We will eat a specially prepared menu for diner. You'll want to prepare your skis for the then-current snow conditions.



Team Sandoz at the finish line



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Friday, March 13, 2026 – Preparation day or skating race

Starting at 7.30h in the morning, you can have breakfast at your hotel. Then you can take our bus that departs from the hotel and goes to Sjusjøen. During the ride, you can take a look at the last 15 to 18 kilometres of the race. You can go as far as the arrival stadium. Then you can return to the hotel, which only takes a few minutes. In the afternoon, you'll want to wax your skis. And you may wish to visit the town on your own. Dinner will be at 7 in the evening. After dinner, we'll provide you with a briefing about the next day's race.

New is a skating race on the original tracks of the Birkebeiner from Rena to Lillehammer – the (Fredags Birken). This race in the free technique has already been added to the Worldloppet Pass. The buses to the start run only five minutes from the hotel. For the skating race holds the same rules for the backpack of 3.5 kg which you have to carry with you.

Saturday, March 14, 2026 – Main race 54 km classic

The big race day. You will get up at the crack of dawn and eat as big a breakfast as you can. There will be a bus to take you from the hotel to the start of the race in Rena, which is 8:00 in the morning.

The bus will be waiting at the parking lot in Rena so if you have a later start, you can wait in the bus. All luggage can be left in the bus and will be transported back to the hotel after the race, you can walk back to the hotel by yourself. In the evening, you will have the last celebratory dinner with all of the other tour group members. By now you will have made lots of friends, to be sure.

Sunday, March 15, 2026

You will go by bus to Oslo-Gardermoen Airport or back to downtown Oslo if you've decided to extend your trip to visit this fantastic city.

Your Lodging, Hotel Scandic ****

The hotel is situated centrally in Lillehammer, 300 meters from the «Maighaugen Museum» and the Olympic Stadium and 500 meters from the main street. You have a swimming pool, a sauna, and two restaurants in the hotel. And there is a place to wax your skis.

Every room is a double with two twin beds, shower, WC and TV, plus Internet connection.



What You Get for Your Money:

- ✓ Bus transfers to and from the airport
- ✓ 4 nights in Scandic Hotel****
- ✓ 4 days and evenings of half pension with buffet breakfasts and a dinners
- ✓ The bus transfer to the course during the day of the race (Saturday)
- ✓ The bus transfer to the stadium (Tuesday) and to Sjusjoen (Friday)
- ✓ Visit to SWIX in Lillehammer
- ✓ Free use of sauna and swimming pool
- ✓ A place to wax your skis
- ✓ Full guiding and advice with Daniel Sandoz and team

Prices Birkebeiner 2026 per Person

Date	Double room	Dbl room for single use
4 days (Wednesday – Sunday) March 11 th to March 15 th 2026	Euro 1390,- / CHF 1390,-	Euro 1750,- / CHF 1750,-

What You Have to Pay For Yourself in Addition:

- ✓ Race inscription fees Birkebeinerrennet: Euro 190,- / CHF 190,-
- ✓ Race inscription fees Fredags Birken, Skating: Euro 150,- / CHF 150,-
(exclusive transfer costs for the bus to the starting area)
- ✓ Air transportation

Registration Birkebeinerrennet 2026

One form per person

First name, last name

Date of birth

Street

Town, country

Mobile phone

E-mail

Registration for:

☐ 54 km **classic** on Saturday, **14.03.2026**

☐ 54 km **skating** on Friday, **13.03.2026**

☐ I only travel with the group and don't participate at the race.

☐ Double room

☐ Double room single use

Airport, please contact us for flight details_____

Start number (BIB)

The Organization of the Birkebeinerrennet decides about your start block. Therefore we need 3 of your results during the last two winters. Worldloppet races and long races over 42 km in classic or skating. Please give us your time and rang to get the best possible start block.

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