

## **Combi package with the Birkebeiner and the Reistadløpet**

**18.03 to 29.03.2020 (wednesday – wednesday)**

Combine Norway's two most beautiful races with the unique Birkebeiner in Lillehammer and the spectacular Reistadløpet in the north of the country in Bardufoss.

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 km long crosses two mountains, the track takes you through breathtaking 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.

From the south of the country, your trip continues northwards with a unique experience and as a bonus a little taste of something new with the Reistadløpet! You will not get tired of the contrast of the landscapes and the beauty of the natural sites crossed during this adventure with an Arctic taste.

This is a popular race. There were more than 1,300 participants in 2019. Many of this same group waits every year for the last weekend in March to participate in this classic-style Nordic race. It goes from Setermoen to Bardufoss, or 50km (there is a 34km option) for 1,700 meters of net climbing, mainly based in two big mountain passes. The Reistadløpet race became part of the Visma Classic circuit three years ago. It remains the most difficult with the most spectators.



**Specific Dates During Your Trip 18.03.-29.03.2020:**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

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

**Thursday, March 19, 2020**

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 kilometers "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.

**Friday, March 20, 2020**

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 Sjusjoen. During the ride, you can take a look at the last 15 to 18 kilometers 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.



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**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

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 22 until Wednesday March 25, 2020**

Breakfast then transfer with our shuttle to Nordsetter located 20 km above Lillehammer. You will stay 3 days on the high plateaus in a hotel with half board. The network of trails (more than 350 km) that you know from the Saturday Birkebeiner is perfectly prepared in classic style and skating!

Transfer by taxi on Wednesday morning to Lillehammer station and then by train to Oslo Gardamoen airport (approximately 1.5 hours and not included in the arrangement) which arrives directly under the airport. Fly to Bardufoss and then transfer by bus to Setermoen (about 30 minutes) where the Reistadløpet will depart on Saturday. Checking into your rooms and first meal in your hotel.



**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>:**

You will have a buffet breakfast at the hotel and then you can spec out the course either on skate skis or classic skis. You will look over the start of the race. The place where you will pick up your race bibs is only 200 meters from your hotel. Setermoen is a little town with very few services. For that reason, the noon day lunch will be something you will do on your own at your hotel. The afternoon is for rest and for preparing your gear. You will eat together in the hotel each evening. On Friday, just before dinner, you will go to obtain your race bibs.

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>:**

It is up to you to decide on the 34km or the 50km race. In either case, you will have an experience of a lifetime that you will never forget. The morning of the race, you will be offered a copious breakfast. Each of you will decide when to leave for the race. There is a 10:00 start for women and a 10:30 start for men. At the end of the race in Bardufoss, there will be buses to take you back to your hotel in Setermoen, plus you will be able to partake in the after-race festivities and meal. This evening is your last dinner with the group in your hotel.

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>:**

You will be taken by bus to the airport in Bardufoss, where you will take your plane back home.



**Because there is so much climbing, we need to make sure that you have good kick wax!**

### **Your Accommodation at Lillehammer, 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.



### **Your Accommodation at Nordseter, Fjellstue Hotel**

The Fjellstue hotel complex in Nordseter includes a main building with double rooms, a restaurant, a bar and a sauna. The double rooms are single in a Norwegian style with shower and toilet while the chalets have two bedrooms (1 double bed for one of the bedrooms and 1 bunk beds for the second bedroom plus 1 loft) a lounge, a kitchen as well as a bathroom complete the offer. The traditional sauna and meals are served in the main building.



### **Your Accommodation at Setermoen:**

You will be in the hotel Bardu at Setermoen, where there is room for about 50 guests. Each bedroom, whether a single or double, has its own bathroom with its own shower and toilet. There's a writing desk, a TV, and a telephone. The race start is just 200 meters away from your hotel as is the place where you pick up your bibs. All meals will be served in the restaurant of the hotel on the ground floor.





**Date: March 18 to March 29, 2020**

**What You Get for Your Money:**

**Birkebeiner:**

- ✓ 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
- ✓ The bus transfer to the stadium (Tuesday) and to Sjusjoen (Friday)
- ✓ Free use of sauna and swimming pool
- ✓ A place to wax your skis
- ✓ Full guiding and advice with Daniel Sandoz

**Nordsetter:**

- ✓ Taxi transfers from Lillehammer to Nordsetter (Sunday morning)
- ✓ 3 nights in Nordsetter Fjellstue Hotel in double room
- ✓ 3 days and evenings of half pension with buffet breakfasts and a dinners
- ✓ 3 lunch package from the breakfast buffet
- ✓ Taxi Transfers from Nordsetter Hotel to Lillehammer Station (Wednesday morning)

**Reistadlopet:**

- ✓ Transfer by bus from the Bardufoss Airport to your hotel at Setermoen
- ✓ 4 nights in the hotel at Setermoen in a standard double room (or individual room if you ask ahead of time)
- ✓ 4 breakfasts
- ✓ 4 dinners
- ✓ 2 buffet lunches
- ✓ Coffee and tea available at all times during the day

Price per person in a double room: CHF 2880,- / Euro 2420,-

Price per person in a single room: CHF 3640,- / Euro 3050,-

**What is not included in the price:**

- ✓ You will be responsible for your own airfare to and from the airport in Oslo. We can help you with getting the best price through our travel agency.
- ✓ The sign-up fee to obtain your race bib for the Birkebeiner and the Reistadlopet



## Registration for package Birkebeiner and Reistadlopet 2020

Please fill out this sign-up form for each person

**Date : 18.-29.03.2020**

First Name, Last Name

Birth Date

Address

Postal Code and Town

Telephone

Email

Nationality

Worldloppet Pass number

Sign-up for:

Birkebeiner, 21.03.2020  Birkebeiner, 20.03.2020 (FT/CT)

Reistadlopet, 28.03.2020

I'm coming on the trip, but not partaking in the race.

double-  single

I want to pay for a cancellation insurance policy:  yes  no

Departure Airport: \_\_\_\_\_

### Start number (BIB)

The Organization of the Birkebeinerrennet and Reistadlopet 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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Signature

**Please return your filled-out registration via email to the address shown below:**

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