



## On bicycle by the Arctic Ocean - Northern Norway

### Daily programme:

#### Day 1: Arrival Lakselv

We meet together at the hotel for a late dinner. **A Midnight's trip:** We will go out on a 3-hour fjordrafting-trip, and will pay a visit to a flock of petrified trolls, but before that we will visit Reinøya, an island wrapped in legends. We will have a coffee break there and explore some caves. **Accomodation:** Lakselv Hotel.

#### Day 2: Bicycle trip: Lakselv – Børselv 40 km

We will cycle up north along the eastern coast of the Porsangerfjord, through a rocky landscape. It is a comfortable terrain for cycling though, with low hills all the way. We will make a longer break after 20 km, where we will walk down to Roddenes, an area where we will find the old shoreline from 10 000 years ago, now on dry land. We will have lunch here. We will continue to Børselv where there is a Kvenvillage. A museum about this people - descendants of Finnish immigrants - is under construction.

**Evening trip:** We will take a trip in the evening down to the fjord where we will find a large scenery consisting basically of calcium.

**Accomodation:** Bungalåven, Børselv

#### Day 3: Bicycle trip: Børselv – Kunes 50 km

The day commences on a plain but we will encounter a slight hill after approx. 10 km. Before we climb that, however, we will park our bicycles and take a short trip down into an enticing canyon where the water has dug itself a gulch through the calcium. The name is Silffar Canyon, named after a Sami sacrificial site nearby. The course continues across the mountain plateaux and we can enjoy the good standard of the road, giving us plenty of splendid views across the wide expanse of Finnmarksvidda. **Accomodation:** Kunes Handel

**Day 4: Day of activities on Laksefjordvidda.**

We will be transported up onto the mountain plateau where we will set up a lavvo (Sami traditional tent) - camp for the night. During the day we will explore the nature using canoes and small rubber rafts. The local guide will tell us about the geology and fauna. We will enjoy a better meal based on local culinary traditions. We will spend the night on the plateau in the lavvo.

**Day 5: Bicycle trip: Laksefjordvidda – Ifjordfjellet 45 km**

The day will commence with a better breakfast on the plateau before we will ride down from the mountain on our bicycles (If anyone feels for a shower after a day and a night on the plateau, this will be arranged in Kunes). Down by the main road, we will take a break at the Adamsfossen falls. The falls have been forced into pipelines, producing electricity, but the area still has an amazing view across the fjord. Down by the beach, one can see the ruins of ancient dwellings. We will continue the trip through a wild scenery. By the Friarfjord we will make a brief visit to an old slate quarry. Up to a few years ago, it produced slates of an oily kind. From here, we will continue to Ifjord, where we will begin the climb up to the mountains. Again, we will spend the night in lavvo and the fresh mountain brook will have to be our wash basin!

**Day 6: Bicycle trip: Ifjordfjellet – Austertana 66 + 10 km**

This day, we continue across the mountain plateau which will take us through an undulating landscape. At the end of this, our wheels will gain speed as the road falls down towards the fjord through some neckbreaking curves. During some kilometres we can feel the smell of salt water, before we will go uphill and inland again. After a little while we will roll downhill again before entering a comfortable plain which leads us to one of the best salmon-rivers in the world - the Tana. Maybe we can have a coffee at my uncle's and aunt's place in Rustefjebma, not far from the river itself? We will continue downstream along the wide river, before we will be ferried across the traditional way. The last few kilometres to Austertana is a fairly easy distance. **Accommodation:** Ildtoppen Inn.

**Day 7: Bicycle trip: Austertana – Kongsfjord 61 km**

This day's trip commences across flat terrain through the village, before we go uphill again. When we reach approx. 300 above sea level, we can enjoy the rolling plateaux towards the ocean. We will have lunch in the mountains and after that, we can enjoy the ride downhill towards the Kongsfjord Valley, which is a recreational area for people living in this region. Soon we will smell the breeze from the salty sea - and then the Arctic Ocean will appear in front of us. We will follow the fjord towards the village of Kongsfjord where we will stop by a local café to refresh ourselves with a cup before we take the trip to Veines and the inn. **Evening trip:** A walk to the coastal fortress of Veines. **Accommodation:** Kongsfjord Inn.

**Day 8: Bicycle trip: Kongsfjord – Kjølnes 27 km**

The distance this day will be short. We will enjoy the wild and beautiful coast towards Berlevåg. If there is rough weather out on the ocean, this distance will surely be enough, because then we will perhaps be forced to seek shelter during lunch. But it is exactly in such weather this moonlike landscape is the most fabulous experience! The road cuts through rough cliffs, interspersed with beautiful, white beaches. We will also stop by a couple of historical sites.

**Accommodation:** Kjølnes Lighthouse.

**Day 9:**

We will enjoy a good breakfast out by the open sea before we will ride the last 6 kilometres to Berlevåg. Here we will visit the local museum and have a small lunch in town. Then we will continue past the airport up to Tanahorn. In the afternoon we will have a better dinner by Fjæra Barbeque.

**Departure from Berlevåg:**

Northbound: Departure (the coastal liner Hurtigruten) 22.45. Arrival Kirkenes 10.00 (the next day). In Kirkenes you can continue your holiday by visiting the Russian border and the Pasvik Valley. There is a direct flight to Oslo from Kirkenes.

Southbound: Departure Hurtigruten 22.30. Arrival Honningsvåg (North Cape) 06.15. Arrival Tromsø. 23.45 (the next day).

You will also have the possibilities to continue with Hurtigruten down south, all the way to Bergen. From Honningsvåg there are buses for Lakselv and flights via Tromsø to Oslo.

It is also possible to leave Berlevåg by plane or by bus.

No return trips is included in the price, but I will gladly be of assistance with suggestions of trips to other places in Finnmark. Send me a request, please.

**Included in the price is:**

All accommodations and all activities mentioned in the programme, accompanying car transporting the luggage, all meals and local guide service.

**What is not included is:**

Flights to and from, other return travel, beverages, bicycle rental, service on own bicycle.