



Nordic skiing for Novices/Improvers 2022

Dates: 19th-26th February 2022

2022 – The Reset: If everyone behaves themselves and does the right Covid things then we should resume our fun and frolics in the snows of Norway! After a 2 year absence we plan to run this trip for novices and improvers in on/off piste cross country skiing Norwegian style. We should have enough instructors and guides to ensure everyone gets gliding.

Covid?: If Covid intervenes any deposits paid will be returned. I've no idea what Covid practices will be in place in February 2022 but needless to say we will abide by them.

Classic Adventure ethos: Our trips are characterised by like minded folk who enjoy healthy exercise, having the craic, enjoy learning new skills and meeting nice people. There is no room for divas, drama queens or perfectionists. The emphasis is on wholesome activity, great natural settings and lots of laughs along the way.

We are not a full blown company with our eye on the bottom line. We are in it to enjoy the experience of cross country skiing with you and have adventures that bring back great memories for you and the next time we meet.

We provide the organisation, skills and experience. You bring the enthusiasm, curiosity and energy.

Location: Hovringen is a delightful hamlet situated on the edge of the Rondane national park. It is at 1000m elevation and the surrounding fells go up to 2000m so there are lots of good track and off-piste potential in the area.

Activities:

Week 1 19-26th Feb 2022 will suit those new to cross country skiing and those wishing to extend their developing skills. We will use the gentle slopes around the hotel to learn the skills required to ski confidently in the surrounding countryside and fells around Hovringen. We have the opportunity to split the group to cater for different skills and abilities. The groups will be led by experienced, qualified guides.

Travel: To get to Hovringen we take a train direct from Oslo Airport travelling north through Lillehammer towards the valleys of the Rondane and the small

town of Otta. We will travel by private bus from Otta direct to Hovringen. We return to Oslo airport by the same means.

Accommodation: We will be staying in a very comfortable hotel (<https://www.hovringenhotell.no/en/home/>) with full board in en-suite double or single rooms (where available). There is a large dining area and large lounges to relax in.

Catering: The hotel provides a full breakfast - Norway style, packed lunch and thermos and a 2 course evening meal. There is a bar for refreshments!

Equipment: All ski equipment can be provided including skis, waxes, poles and boots. This is an additional cost.

Logistics: There is a train direct from Oslo airport to Otta on the Trondheim line therefore no need to go into Oslo centre. The plan is to rendezvous at Otta at an agreed time on the 20th February and take a private taxi to the Hotel.

Flights: SAS and Norwegian fly direct from various UK airports to Oslo Gardemoen airport. Other airlines like KLM also fly to Oslo but not direct from the UK. So there should be no problem getting there

Included in cost: Accommodation and food at lodge, teaching and guiding services.

Not included: Flights to Oslo Gardemoen airport. Train travel to Otta town centre and bus to the hotel. Any overnight accommodation en-route and any food prior to arrival at the hotel. Ski equipment is additional at a cost of around £50 for the week. Holiday insurance is not included.

Cost: £750 based upon a minimum of 6 participants using shared double/twin rooms. There is a single room supplement if they are available.

Deposit: To secure a place please send a deposit of £200 before 30th November 2021.

Bank details: Sort code: 11-00-73
Account number: 00225503

Touring week after: We plan to be in the Rondane area the following week, 26th Feb to 5th March for a hut to hut tour. Those capable of travelling up to 20kms through mountainous terrain, carrying a large rucksack for up to 8 hours per day and keep a smile on their face are welcome to be considered for inclusion!

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