

Direct budget airline routes from France to Norway fly only in the summer. A standard return ticket from Oslo to Paris can cost €350 in winter holiday months.

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Bjørn's girlfriend drives a Citroën.

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The FDJ cycle team would pay Bjørn a starting salary of €25,000 and would provide free accommodation for him.

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Bjørn has enrolled on a beginner's French language course.

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Bjørn has no real fixed monthly outgoings at the moment. If he moved to France he would need to buy food and pay for transport. He would also become a French taxpayer.

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Bjørn would have a full-time commitment to the professional cycle team. Opportunities to return to Norway would be limited to just a few weeks each year and mainly in the winter months.

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Bjørn's biggest rival in the Norwegian Young Rider Development Program is the son of the senior coach.

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Bjørn doesn't know anyone in France, although there are other international young riders on the FDJ team.

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Bjørn receives funding of €15,000 per year as part of the National Elite Athlete Development Program. This would be guaranteed for the next two years if he remains part of that program.

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Bjørn has never spent more than 3 weeks away from home before.

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Bjørn's course tutor at University has been a professional skier, but his career was cut short through injury.

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Bjørn enjoys meeting his friends in the evenings to play football or watch movies.

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