

Direct budget airline routes from France to Norway only fly in the summer. A standard return ticket from Paris to Norway at Christmas costs over €350 (2015).

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Bjorn's girlfriend drives a Citroën.

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

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Bjorn has enrolled on a beginners French language course.

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Bjorn 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 tax payer.

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Bjorn 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, mostly in the winter months.

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

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

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Bjorn receives funding of €15,000 per annum as part of the National Elite Athlete Development Programme. This would be guaranteed for the next two years if he remains part of that programme.

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

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**Bjorn's course
tutor at University
had been a
professional skier
but his career was
cut very short
through injury.**

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

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