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Many bikers love to explore new places to ride, and for many, Norway is a country well worth visiting. A new small one-man company has been established, focusing on simplicity and one-to-one relationships.

Living in the southern part of Norway in the small town of Grimstad, Bjarne Kristensen is managing the business. He has been touring all across Norway for many years, mostly in the southern part up to Trondheim. A couple of years ago, he tells us he and his wife toured all the way up to the North Cape. This took 16 days, driving approximately 400 km pr. day. The trip was fantastic he says, with nice weather almost the entire time.



Even though going up north is breathtaking, it is very far for most rides. Especially if you first have to ride from central Europa to get to Norway in the first place.

Therefor he has concentrated on guiding tours in the southern part. He is quick to tell us that the southern part of the country is just as breathtaking. On the picture to the left one can see the famous Trollstigen (Troll ladder). This is a place that makes you understand why Norwegians believed in trolls in the old days. There are many other sites in this country that also makes you wonder.....!!

Bjarne is eager to keep the administration of his business as low as possible. It is first and foremost the riding experience and a genuine interest of letting more people be a part of it that drives him.

Therefore, all participants must come with their own bikes, and meet up in Grimstad. All hotels including breakfast and all ferries and fuel will be taken care of by Bjarne. This is included in the price for joining.

He is not the kind of guide that finds it intriguing to live in a small tent along the road, so all over-nights will be in good hotels. He is telling us that the limit will be 8 bikes. Any more than that makes it difficult to control the group and be sure everybody is safe.



As one can see in the pictures this trip is not for the most fainthearted or the freshest new beginners. Therefore, Bjarne has made a set of requirements to be able to join, but these requirements are just common sense for most bikers going on an adventure. There will be steep narrow roads, long tunnels sometimes with poor illumination. But it will all be worth it he promises.

The trip will also take the participants through the Lærdal Tunnel. This is the world's longest tunnel made for normal traffic, and is 24.509 meters long. Inside there are three big "halls" illuminated with a special blue light meant to give a sense of daylight. It is possible to stop in these halls, and he plans to do that. It's an experience, he says.

The route will also go through Geiranger (backdrop for the movie *The Wave*) and Rjukan with its old heavy water plant (backdrop for the war movie *Heroes of Telemark*).

There is no doubt that Bjarne has a lot to show the riders, and for those that want to just drive and enjoy the scenery not worrying about all the logistics associated with a 5 days' trip, this is a good idea.

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