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Canoe tour on floating tracks, 6 days (optionally up to 12 days)

Guided canoe tour along old floating tracks at the foot of the Blefjell range in Telemark, Norway. An outdoor adventure; pure nature and floating culture experience!



What	Guidet canoe tour
When	June-October, calendar week 26-36 +40, 41. Monday 12 a.m. – Saturday 3 p.m. Arrival and introduction on Sunday before departure.
Where	Bergskog 3652 Hovin i Telemark Norway
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Participants	2-12 participants (swimmers) with and without paddling experience

Dates:

From June to October, calendar weeks 26-36, 40, 41 or on request. Departure on Mondays at 12 a.m., return on Saturdays at 3 p.m. Arrival and compulsory introduction to canoe paddling and paddling in flowing waters on Sunday before departure.

Description:



On this guided tour, after an introduction to canoe paddling, we follow old waterways and listen to their floating tales. Many times we will come upon well-aged relics from the floating period. We will, for example, stay overnight at or in a little floating hut respectively, visit the floating tunnel, come across waterfalls, make a trip to the "Tinnsjøstig" in the "Raua" canyon and to fjord-like Tinnsjø. With a little luck we will see beavers, elks, cranes and other animals. On our tour we use canoe carts to circumvent waterfalls and connect different waters. We travel about 8 km every day and have enough time to enjoy the many nice swimming and resting spots for fishing, taking pictures or making one's own trip to islands and holms.

We will sleep in tents. However, during two nights we will use a simple floating hut with an oven and outhouse as a cosy shelter on our tour. We will cook our meals together. Provisions and cooking equipment are included in the tour price. Culinary surprises from your side are also welcome, whether a recent catch from your rod or a speciality from your supermarket...

Arrival: Kul Turstasjon in Hovin i Telemark at Fv 364 is both our point of departure and destination. The price includes a stay in your tent/campervan at Kul Turstasjon the night before departure on and after return from the tour.

People who would like to arrive several days before departure (by car) or stay longer can also pre-book for Kul Turstasjon at a competitive extra price or pre-book for other accommodation in huts or at a camping site through us. **Arriving by plane** to Oslo (Torp, Rygge or Gardermoen) and continuing to Kongsberg by bus/train, where you will be picked up at our pick-up rate, is also possible on request.

Itinerary:

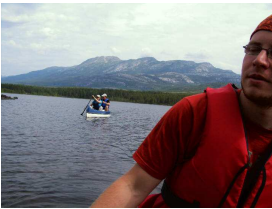
Sunday: Arrival to Hovin with overnight stay; a compulsory introduction to canoe paddling on lakes and flowing waters as well as packing equipment and provisions in the evening.



Day 1: Departure at 12 a.m.; we travel by car to the entry point at the River Bjørvassåi, slight white water, cat. I. We paddle along the Bjørvassåi to Lake Sandvatn and at the north beach we will take our first swimming break. At the 100-year-old Mælebru stone bridge we will use the canoe cart to circumvent a waterfall. Less than 500 meters onwards we will launch the canoes into the next water with islands and holms. Finally we reach this day's destination, Holkåstogo floating hut, after crossing a river with white water, cat. I-II.



Day 2: Taking our day provisions for the day from the floating hut we paddle to the Reisjå Dam and go hiking at the floating monument, visiting floating tunnels, waterfalls, the Raua Canyon and Lake Tinnsjø, Europe's third deepest lake. Those who wish can continue hiking above the lakeside to heavenly Sandvika Bay. We will return along the same (marked) path and paddle, some earlier, others later, back to Holkåstue, where we will spend the second night.



Day 3: After paddling on briefly, we leave the Raua waters and cross the Tjåga waters using the canoe cart. During the comfortable drive we enjoy the landscape of lakes with its numerous islands, holms, bays and ancient small canals serving as connecting routes, all against the steady backdrop of the Blefjell mountain area. At one of the holms or islands we will erect our camp for our overnight stay.



Day 4: We continue paddling to the end of the Tjåga waters and make our way along paths and through the woods to the Fulldøla waters, just like the Vikings used to, but using the canoe cart. At our destination a reward is waiting for us: everybody can "take over" their own island for the last nights. Alternatively, we look for the nicest island camping site and spend an enjoyable evening together...



Day 5: We will stay on big Lake Follsjå for two nights, so everybody can enjoy this beautiful lake with islands and sandy bays their own way. Those who like can discover the pearls of the lake with the tour guide...



Day 6: On the last day we will go on a final half day paddling tour across the big lake lying in front of us. We return to a shore that is connected to a road. From there we are picked up around 2 p.m. to return to Kul Turstasjon. *(Alternatively an extension of the floating itinerary almost as far as to the coast across Tinneelva, white water cat. I and II, Heddalvatn, Norsjø with a tour guide by up to almost one additional week is possible. Please ask us if you are interested!)*

Either direct **departure on Saturday** or an additional overnight stay until Sunday at Kul Turstasjon's camp. (Please pre-book huts).



Equipment: clothing suitable for canoeing and swimming, sturdy shoes/sandals that can also be worn in the water, rainwear, sun protection / hat, sleeping pad/airbed, sleeping bag, a set of camping crockery, if necessary a tent and protection against insects (there are very few mosquitos here). Canoes, vests, barrels (30 l per person), provisions, cooking equipment and other tour equipment are provided. Equipment that you are possibly lacking, e. g. a tent, can also be rented at Kul Turstasjon. A packing list and a questionnaire on provisions are sent to all participants upon booking. We recommend contracting a travel health insurance.

Tour price includes:

- overnight stay before departure and after return in one's own tent / camper van (overnight stay in hut at extra charge)
- provisions for all meals during the days of the tour
- overnight stays in floating huts or, if applicable, charge for tents
- local transfers
- complete canoeing and cooking equipment for the tour
- locally experienced tour guide and introduction to canoeing

Maximum tour prices (see discount rules), Norwegian kroner:

Person	(Canoe tour, 2-5 days)	Canoe tour, 6 days	Canoe tour with one's own tent, 6 days	(Canoe tour, 7-12 days)
Teenagers/students 16-26 years	prices on request	kr. 2190,-	kr. 1990,-	prices on request
other adults	prices on request	kr. 2890,-	kr. 2590,-	prices on request
Families/children	prices on request	prices on request	prices on request	prices on request

1 Euro = kr. 8,- +/- 0,5 (kr. = Norwegian kroner) Other / current currency conversions may apply; please look on the internet.

Discounts: For all participants it is worth promoting the tour to friends and acquaintances as the following discount rules apply to the tour price:

4 participants (part.) 5 % discount each (!); 5-6 part. 10%; 7-9 part. 15%; 10-12 part. 20% discount. Participants bringing a canoe of their own get an extra discount; please contact us if this applies to you.

Additional services (please, see our price list, canoe rental): renting out equipment (e.g. sleeping bags, sleeping pads, etc.); accommodation in camping huts for additional overnight stays before departure and after arrival or extension of the stay respectively; transfer of participants from/to Kongsverg for kr.1,-/km/person (Kongsberg-Hovin 60 km = kr.60,-/person).

Going on the tour and booking: General terms and conditions of Hovinheia Kul Turstasjon apply. Booking a tour and / or an overnight stay as a new customer, you are required to pay 50% of the tour price in advance, which simultaneously constitutes your booking. The remaining maximum amount of 50% (depending on the discount or no. of participants respectively) is to be paid locally before the service commences. Cancellations can be made up to one week before the tour starts at a charge of 20% of the paid deposit. Easy booking by email: guide@kulturstasjon.com.

Wishing all participants an eventful and safe trip!

God tur!

Martin Dietrichs