

## PVSC Norway Trip - March 2018 Peer Gynt Tour

### Trip outline:

Saturday March 17	Fly Boston to Oslo (via Iceland)
Sunday	Arrive in Oslo, transport to Mountain Hotel in Espedalen
Monday	Begin Peer Gynt tour. Ski to second mountain hotel in Fefor
Tuesday	Ski to Mountain Hotel in Gala
Wednesday	Day trips around Gala
Thursday	Ski to Mountain Hotel in Kvifjeil
Friday	Ski to Mountain Hotel Skeikampen
Saturday	Transport to Lillehammer after breakfast. Stay in Lillehammer
Sunday	Transport to Airport in Oslo to catch flight back to Boston, or stay for a few more days in Lillehammer or Oslo (most participants are staying two extra days)

The hotel-to-hotel route between Sunday and Friday is about 80 km; trip difficulty is similar to prior PVSC hut to huts with the AMC and Maine Huts and Trails. It will not be as difficult as the Gaspé trips. Trails are groomed and can be done on regular cross-country skis, with a light day pack. Flight includes one regular carry on, and a checked bag or up to 50lbs (which could be your ski gear).

### Cost:

\$1,400-\$1,500 (approx) for transport to and from Oslo's airport; all hotels and meals; gear transport between hotels; everyone will make their own flight arrangements (see below).

### Details

- The cost of the trip is about \$1400 (based on current exchange rate) for the land portion of the trip March 18 to 24 (transport from the airport to the first hotel; hotels on the trail for 6 nights, includes all meals (breakfast, dinner and packed lunch for the trail); all gear transport (see below) between hotels; transport to Lillehammer at the end, and then to the airport.

Rooms are double occupancy (probably not a problem for this group, as we have acclimatized to each other's snore patterns in some of the cozy huts we have stayed at).

- Each participant would make their own flight arrangements. In doing so be sure you arrive at the Oslo airport by **NO LATER THAN 1:30 PM** on March 18.
- Consider Icelandic Air, Boston to Oslo. Cost is low compared to others. The Boston flight leaves at 9:10 PM on Saturday, March 17. There is a short layover in Iceland. The airport is quite condensed and there is a very low chance of baggage being lost/delayed (definite risk if you are considering flights with multiple stops, different airlines).
- The trip will be limited to a maximum of 20. **Please confirm with Dan Cassidy or Amy.** Any potential participants should speak to Amy or myself before signing up.
- Luggage:
  - We will assume everyone will bring their own skis. If not, rentals would be available there (don't know details, but our Discover Norway colleagues could help out with this).
  - On overseas flights, airlines will generally consider ski equipment as a single piece of checked luggage. With economy, they generally allow one free checked bag, and this can be your ski bag, as well as one carry on. (PLEASE check with your airline carrier, pay attention to weight limits).
  - Since cross-country skis are light, consider consolidating your skis in a ski bag with a buddy, and your other stuff in a shared duffel.
  - On the ski tour, you will need a light pack to carry your food, beverage, and what clothes layers you may need.
  - We will consolidate the empty ski bags for the tour. Plan a single bag or duffel for the gear transport, no more than 50 lbs.
- Within 10 days of committing to the trip we will need a check for \$75.00 per person as a downpayment for the land portion of the trip. Make this payable to the Penobscot Valley Ski Club. If you sign up and cancel, we will refund \$50, provided we can find someone on the wait list to fill the spot. Send checks to me at address below.

- We will need the balance of the land cost in early February.
- Be sure your PVSC dues are paid up!!! <http://www.pvskiclub.org/become-a-member/>
- If you wish to stay in Lillehammer at the end of the trip, our Norway agency can locate a hotel for you for 1 or 2 nights . Some are considering a stopover in Iceland, or a few days in Oslo. That will be up to each individual to work out.

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