

ARCTIC ADVENTURE

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Forward

THE ROAD TRIP

The trip planned was a little more difficult in certain areas than the “America Dream Challenge 2007” as we would pass through countries that have different road rules, speeds, currencies and one of the most difficult variations the different languages. However a large majority speak English but some don't.

The trip took us from our house in Mansfield, through the Channel tunnel, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Finland and then finally into Norway to the Nordkapp (Northern Cape) and then south down Norway then back home on the Bergen to Newcastle Ferry a staggering 4436 riding miles in 17 days including ferry crossings etc.

On this road trip we took our own bike a Harley Davidson Ultra Classic Electra Glide so the ride would be a little easier as the bike had all the additions to make the ride easier (Cruise Control, Highway Pegs and a better seat than the stock one supplied originally with the bike).

Our accommodation over the 16 days varied from Hotels, Camping, Wooden Cabins and Cabin on the ferry so it was a varied trip with various levels of comfort. We also took with us some food (Cup-a-Soups, paste & sauce just in case we could not find something to eat).

NORDKAPP

Magerøya's most famous point, after which it is named, is Nordkapp (North Cape). This 307 m high cliff is usually referred to as the northernmost point of Europe. The North Cape first became famous when the English explorer Richard Chancellor rounded it in 1553 while attempting to find a sea route through the Northeast Passage.



Nordkapp is a Norwegianized form of the English name North Cape from 1553 (the old Norse name of the cape was Knyskanes). The original name of the municipality was Kjølvik, after a fishing village with the same name. But the village was totally destroyed by the Germans in 1944 - and it never recovered. As a consequence of this the municipality changed the name to Nordkapp in 1950.

The Road Trip

This year's Challenging route was through Europe with a final destination of Nordkapp (North Cape) which is the furthest Northern point in Europe and is inside the Arctic Circle so it should be cool.

The idea of the trip was to ride as much of the trip as possible to Nordkapp without the use of ferries etc., so the only time we would use other transport was through the channel tunnel. The final part of the trip would be a leisurely ride through Norway to Bergen and a ferry home.

This trip did not have any major sights like the ones visited on the “America Dream Challenge in 2007” but it would have some stunning scenery and landmarks such as the Little Mermaid, Fjords and Nordkapp.



Who Are We

Jonathan (Joth)

I have been riding since October 2006, In the first year of riding motorcycles we rode all the way across America in the “America Dream Challenge 2007” with Beth and my brother Adam,. This year we decided to ride to NordKapp and go to the “end of the world” well as far as Europe is concerned anyway !

Shortly after purchasing my motorbike in 2006, I joined HOG and Peak Riders Chapter in Chesterfield (www.peakriders.co.uk) where I attended quite a few of their daily and weekend ride outs and Rallies as well as a couple of trips to Germany and Belgium. I am now the Assistant Director and Editor for the Chapter.



Beth

Beth has been on the back of Joth’s bike for most of the miles he has done, but not always totally awake ! However Beth thoroughly enjoys biking and when even she hears the Harley start she is there in her biker gear ready to jump on the back of the bike to see where they end up.



Planning

This years road trip required slightly different planning and equipment testing than the America Dream Challenge 2007 as we were taking our own bikes and we would be spending a few nights under the stars ‘camping’.The bike was serviced and new tyres fitted which made sure the bike was ready for the 4000 to 4500 mile trip. The route was planned and as there are not that many roads in Sweden & Norway the route planning was pretty straight forward. I still loaded the sat nav with the route as a guide just in case.

The camping equipment had to be tested as I have not been camping for some time and I wanted to know how we would get on, so we went for a weekend in Wales, me with my son Oliver and Adam with his son Scott.The weather was not favourable, it was windy (60mph) and rainy so the camping equipment would get a real test. I had purchased a new stove which is dual fuel so we could refill it with unleaded petrol when we stopped for fuel for the bike. Tthis



turned out to be a very wise purchase as we did not see many gas canisters for sale when we were on the road trip. We cooked up beefburgers, sausages and beans for tea and bacon for breakfast, which cooked very fast on the stove.

The trip home via the Ponderosa and the Horseshoe Pass was just as bad with debris strung all over the road and a large branch falling just in front of us which we just managed to squeeze past. The bike and the camping equipment did the job so we could leave home on the trip with confidence in the equipment.

Day 01 Visiting Relatives Saturday 2nd-August-2008

Our first day was quite a leisurely day, We left home at 10:45am and stopped off at the motorway services to re-fuel, have a bacon butty and tea stop. Beth did finally take off her helmet later in the trip.



Beth at Toddington Services

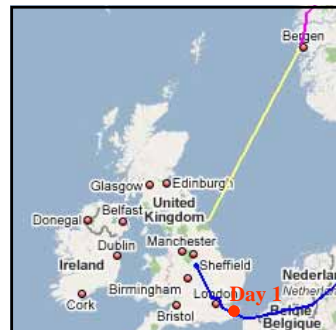
We finally made it to Beth's sisters in Ashford, Kent, by 15:45 pm where we stayed the night.

We had a Chinese takeaway and a few beers with them and a good night's sleep ready for the next few days when we needed to travel 300-400 miles each day through Europe and Sweden to have more time in Norway as the roads will be slower and to see the sights.

Summary

Daily Distance:	:	204 Miles
Time Travelling	:	5 Hours
Average Speed	:	40 mph
Country	:	England

Weather Morning	:	
Weather Afternoon	:	



Day 02 Into Europe Sunday 3rd-August-2008

We had to be at the Euro Tunnel crossing by 10:50am as this was the last check in time so we left Beth's sister's early as we do not rush anywhere and we arrived in plenty of time and got on a slightly earlier train.



Beth & Joth Inside the Euro Tunnel Carriage.

We arrived in France to a wet and rainy reception at 12.15pm and travelled 400 miles through France, Belgium, Netherlands and Germany where we passed Osnabruck during the afternoon. We went here with the Chapter (Peak Riders) for a few days in May.



We stayed the night in a Motel so we could dry out our clothes and have a good nights sleep in a bed, I chained the bike to a post just for a bit of added security and we went for a drink in the Services cafe.

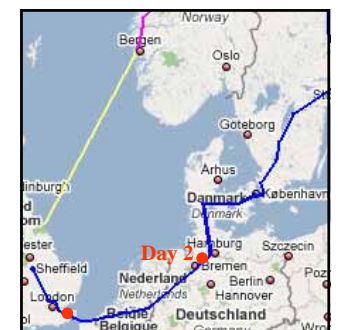


Motel Germany

Summary

Daily Distance:	:	405 Miles
Time Travelling	:	9 Hours
Average Speed	:	45 mph
Country	:	France, Belgium Netherlands & Germany

Weather Morning	:	
Weather Afternoon	:	



Day 3 Little Mermaid Monday 4th-August-2008

Last night it threw it down and the thunder and lightning kept me awake. Its the usual thing, while there's plenty of time to sleep you can't get a minutes sleep and when you get to sleep, before you know it its time to get up and you could sleep in all morning. Its just the way it is !!. So we got up and left at 8:30am after a bacon butty at the services.

We decided to add a little bit to the route. We were originally going to nip into Denmark and catch the ferry, but why go by boat when you can ride, so we went all the way up Denmark and across avoiding the ferry. This was all ok but I had not brought any Dutch Krona so thankfully the tolls for the bridges could be payed for by VISA.

We stopped every 100-150 miles for a cuppa and finally arrived at the dealer in Copenhagen at 3.45pm where Beth had a tee shirt and I got a sweater, which I lived in for the next 13 days. Then it was on to see the Absalon Statue and Little Mermaid which luckily was in one piece as it is sometimes vandalised. This was Beth's favourite part of the trip up to yet but there was still plenty of travelling to be done.



Beth at the Little Mermaid in Copenhagen

After a few photos it was time to find a hotel so we decided to cross the Oresund bridge. You start off in a tunnel then emerge onto an island in the middle of the sea and finish the crossing by bridge into Sweden where we found an Ibis hotel in Malmo which is in the South of Sweden. The hotel had an underground secure car park to put the bike in over night.

Summary

Daily Distance:	:	439.5 Miles
Time Travelling	:	9 Hours
Average Speed	:	49 mph
Country	:	Germany, Denmark and Sweden
Weather Morning	:	Scattered
Weather Afternoon	:	Scattered



Day 4 Near Miss Tuesday 5th-August-2008

We had breakfast and left the Ibis hotel at 10.00am and headed towards Stockholm. The weather was cloudy but no rain at last. On the way we saw various modern art sculptures and full size aircraft at the side of the road.

We had a near miss with a large bird which looked a like a Kestrel, as we ducked, and it did a barrel roll past our helmet visors.

At 1 ish the rain came again just as we were passing our first big fiord so we could not film any of it, However the sight was amazing as the dark blue water was masked by the dark green tree line the tops of which were cloaked in mist and steam rising from landscape.

We stopped for fuel and Beth saw some chocolates in the shape of animals so I purchased some for us 'our first Swedish Chocolate.'



View of the E04



Fuel Stop on E04

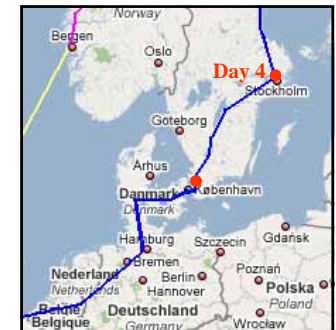


Swiss Chocolate

We arrived in Stockholm around 6.00pm and selected the Ibis hotel from the sat nav and pressed go. We finally ended up at a housing estate ? 'just another sat nav moment ?' so we tried again and arrived at the hotel for a quick shower and a meal in the restaurant and a good nights sleep.

Summary

Daily Distance:	:	426 Miles
Time Travelling	:	8 Hours
Average Speed	:	53 mph
Country	:	Sweden
Weather Morning	:	Cloudy
Weather Afternoon	:	Cold & Rain



Day 5 Panic Over Wednesday 6th-August-2008

We left the Ibis hotel at 10.00am and headed towards the Harley Davidson Dealer in Stockholm where we arrived at the dealer at 10.30am but it did not open until 11.00am, 'they even get a better lie in than me,' so we set up or stools and waited outside. We purchased another shirt for me, a memento for Beth and some presents (only small ones as space on the bike is at a premium).



Waiting at the dealer in Stockholm

We stopped for petrol and also had a drink stop and on returning to the bike there was fluid dripping from the bike into a black puddle on the floor. I could not tell where it was coming from. I took off the panniers and seat and after examination we found it to be petrol that had come down the overflow as the bike was leaning over on the stand a little more than usual as it was on a slight slope. The petrol had mixed with the dirt and oil in the overflow pipe and on the bike as we had been riding for 4 days in the rain and with the oil on the floor, it looked some what suspect. So panic over, the bike back together, we moved on.



Suspect fluid





During the day we had been riding up the side of the Gulf of Bothnia and we set up camp over looking a fjord called Storsjon. After setting up the tent and having a mug of tea and a cup-a-soup with bread and a Toblerone to finish off for dessert, there was plenty of time for another cup of tea for Beth.

Camping at Fjord 'Storsjon'

Summary

Daily Distance: : 324.5 Miles
Time Travelling : 8.5 Hours
Average Speed : 38 mph
Country : Sweden

Weather Morning : 
Weather Afternoon : 



Day 6 Our Antlered Friends Thursday 7th-August-2008

We are making good progress as we are very close to the Finland border. As we were travelling North through Sweden we sampled some of Swedens fast food which is called 'Frasses'. We both had a cheese burger and a tea of course for Beth.



We saw three of our antlered friends today at the side of the road. We are not sure if they are reindeer or elk but we took a photo of them so we can identify them later.

Antlered Friend



We are now about 100 miles inside the Arctic Circle and the weather tonight is great with a really nice sun set. We are camping again tonight at the side of a Fjord and have finished tea which was beans, sausage, bread and a Toblerone for dessert.



The campsite is about 370 miles south of NordKapp so we should be there tomorrow or Friday which leaves us plenty of time to explore Norway on our return leg of the journey.

Summary

Daily Distance: : 418 Miles
Time Travelling : 10 Hours
Average Speed : 42 mph
Country : Sweden

Weather Morning : 
Weather Afternoon :  Showers



Day 7 Midnight Sun Friday 8th-August-2008

We packed up the tent and called in the campsite cafe for a couple of cups of tea for the road, So, with the tea stop before we even got on the road, it was 10.30am and we could push on for 150 miles before we need to stop again for fuel. We left Sweden and rode through Finland where we came across reindeer wandering around the side of the road and when you got close to them they decide to cross the road in front of us instead of going into the forest for cover? .

In the middle of the afternoon we crossed the border into Norway where the customs officer asked if we had anything to declare "Tobacco, Alcohol etc. I replied "No just 2 Mars bars we had bought earlier. He replied "They don't count" and after a chat we moved on. Luckily he had a sense of humour.



Travelling through Norway we saw herds of deer, vast mountain ranges, fjords and waterfalls cascading down the side of the mountains. Around 8.00pm we arrived at the tunnels that would lead us to the Island of Magerøya where NordKapp is located. We found a hotel called "Hotell View" which overlooks the Barents Sea and we unpacked the bike and had a cup of tea. It is day light 24 hours a day here which is known as "The midnight sun" as, during certain months, the sun is visible 24 hours a day.



View From the Hotel'Sea View'

Summary

Daily Distance: : 388 Miles
Time Travelling : 10 hrs 15 mins
Average Speed : 38 mph
Country : Sweden Finland Norway

Weather Morning : 
Weather Afternoon :  Light Shower



Day 8 End of the World Saturday 9th-August-2008

We arrived at Nordkapp 71° 10' 21" North at 11.00am. The roads and scenery riding here were spectacular. The weather was great sunny and a clearish sky but a mysterious cold chill in the wind that feels like a winter's morning in August ?. The Barents Sea is deep blue colour with greeny brown cliffs and a bright blue sky the view is just stunning.





Joth & Beth at NordKapp (inset Children of the Earth & The Globe)

After a look around the visitors centre, which did not take me long and a movie of the NordKapp through its four seasons in the visitors theatre, we had a cup of tea and a home made brownie and did some last souvenir shopping in the visitors centre 'only small things as there is not a lot of room on the bike'. Then it was time to meander our way down Norway to Bergen for the ferry.

It has taken 2516 miles (4049.9 km) and it was well worth the ride. The scenery was breath taking. We have got about 1900 miles to go in 8 days so we have less than 240 miles a day to do, so we can take it easy now.

Summary

Daily Distance: : 227.6 Miles
Time Travelling : 9 hrs
Average Speed : 25 mph
Country : Norway

Weather Morning : 
Weather Afternoon :  Cold



Day 9 Waterfalls Sunday 10th-August-2008

After a rainy night camping we left Langfjordbotn at 9.30am The roads were twisting and winding around the fjords and waterfalls were cascading down the sides of the mountains. The mountain tops still had some pockets of snow on them and the sky was still partly cloudy with a few spots of rain.



Waterfalls (View from the E6, We go through the tunnel at the bottom of the picture later)

It is a strange environment to ride in as the sun is out and you can feel the heat on your face but at the same time the wind has an eerie chill. The miles went by very quickly through Germany & Sweden as the limits were 130 km/h (80mph) but in Norway the speed limits are slower around 60km/h (37mph) so progress is slow but the scenery keeps you occupied as it is stunning.

We are staying the night at Narvik in a hotel 'just so I can charge the camera batteries and my PDA not for luxury !'.

Summary

Daily Distance: : 281 Miles
Time Travelling : 7 hrs 30 mins
Average Speed : 38 mph
Country : Norway

Weather Morning : ☁ Light Showers

Weather Afternoon : ☁ Light Showers



Day 10 Arctic Circle 66° 33' N Monday 11th-August-2008

The hotel last night was a little run down and it was the most expensive one (approx £130) we have stayed at. It is a ski resort hotel "so we will not be going skiing in a hurry". The shower was cool but the food was reasonable. We have stayed at some really nice hotels, cabins and camp sites so we are getting used to nice places with stunning views. As we continue south the views remain stunning and the roads seem to be getting twistier (it would have been good for Adams BMW). We got to the Skarberget to Bognes ferry which is about a 20min crossing. We arrived at the Arctic Centre 66° 33' North at 3.30pm and had a hot waffle with strawberries on top and a cup of tea for Beth of course.



Arctic Circle Centre

After a few photos and souvenir shopping we left and arrived at a cabin located at Dalsgrenda (a couple of km south of Mo I Rana) which overlooks the Ranafjord. The cabin was great, they are warm, have power, a hot ring for boiling Beth's tea, a coffee machine, 2 bunk beds and a balcony which is six feet from the edge of the fjord where the view is breath taking. Beth has purchased the most expensive muffin in history and is feeding it to a very tame seagull while we are sat out on the balcony with a cup of tea watching the sun go down.

Summary

Daily Distance: : 285 Miles
Time Travelling : 8 hrs
Average Speed : 38 mph
Country : Norway

Weather Morning : ☁ Light Showers

Weather Afternoon : ☁ Light Showers



Day 11 Lots of Pine Trees Tuesday 12th-August-2008

We set out this morning at 9.30am and quickly entered a forest of pine trees. One hundred miles later we were still in the same forest with just a glimpse of slow flowing rivers and mountain peaks. The roads over here are a cross between A and B roads that we find in England and the speed is between 50 and 70 kph (30 - 45 mph) and occasionally you can get up to 90kph (55 mph) but you have to look out for deer, cows and sheep which seem to like standing in the roads.

After 150 miles of riding we stopped to refuel, I am filling "Zena" our Harley with unleaded 98 fuel which seems to make the bike run better and we can ride for more miles between stops. Most of the filling stations have a fast food counter where you can buy hot dogs with bacon wrapped around the sausage and hot drinks which are very welcome during the road trip.

200 miles went by, the forest cleared and once again we could see the fjords, rivers and mountains. At 4.15pm we were getting tired as we had been on the road for 11 days and the 264 miles today making a total of 3664 miles was quite enough so we found a cabin about 35 miles north of Trondheim where we had a cup of tea and spaghetti bolognese.





Pine Trees (for 150 miles)

Summary

Daily Distance: : 264 Miles
Time Travelling : 6 hrs 45 mins
Average Speed : 39 mph
Country : Norway

Weather Morning :   Scattered

Weather Afternoon :   Showers



Day 12 Head in the Clouds Wednesday 13th-August-2008

We packed up our sleeping bags, pillows & cooking gear and departed from the cabin at 10.00am after a cup of tea for Beth of course and we headed towards the Harley Davidson dealer at Trondheim where Beth had a coffee and I had a Maryland cookie or three or more and more Beth got another top and I got a Chapter pin for the collection. A few days earlier a bolt had dropped off Zena's fairing so I purchased one from the dealer and fitted it "She is ready to be ridden long and hard again". After leaving the dealer we went over the top of the mountains where the landscape went from green fir trees to barren rocky landscapes where in the valleys below, you could see the low level clouds floating "We had our head in the clouds" you could say.









Riding in the Clouds (along the E6)

Later we stopped at a Co-op (these are a chain of small shops you find throughout Norway) to buy some boil-in-the-bag rice and sweet and sour sauce for tonight's meal and some bacon for breakfast. Can't wait for a bacon butty or two as the last one was quite a few days ago. We rode south on the E6 as far as Otta where we turned west along the 15 where the workmen had dug up the road. (When they dig up a road they literally dig it up and sometimes they are not passable). On this occasion we had a diversion through a wide unmade forest path, so a bumpy and sludgy 2 miles was the only way. After leaving the forest we rejoined the 15 and made our way through Lom where there are a couple of museums and a fantastic fast flowing river and water fall which we stopped and photographed. Leaving Otta we followed a river which flowed into Fjords which were light blue and clear and we finally ended up in Bismo where we found a cabin for tonight.

Summary

Daily Distance: : 241 Miles
Time Travelling : 8 hrs
Average Speed : 30 mph
Country : Norway

Weather Morning :   

Weather Afternoon :   



Day 13 Road to Bergen Thursday 14th-August-2008

A late start this morning as we had two cups of tea and the bacon butties, You can't rush these things, You have to savour the moment as it may be our last butties for some time. The weather was wet and the cloud cover was low so we could not see a lot in the morning but later in the afternoon it cleared up, the sun came out and the views returned. We caught the second ferry which took across Sognefjorden.




Ferry Crossing at Sognefjorden (Inset view from ferry)


We stopped for a beefburger in the afternoon which cost £10 each. Most things over here are approximately twice the price than in the UK but if you buy ingredients and cook yourself it is about the same.

We rode down the last road of our planned route and we found a hotel in Bergen which is part of a chain called Thon which had a secure car park, Generally hotels in Norway do not have car parks, people just park on the road or in public car parks so hopefully "Xena" would be safe for the next few days.

Summary

Daily Distance: : 265 Miles
Time Travelling : 8 hrs 30 mins
Average Speed : 31 mph
Country : Norway

Weather Morning :  Hard

Weather Afternoon :  Warm



Day 14 Bike Night Meet Friday 15th-August-2008

We have had a lazy morning enjoying the comfort of a hotel. After breakfast we had a sit down and watched a bit of the BBC World News and caught up on what has been happening the last 2 weeks, with another cuppa of course.

About 11.45 we had a ride to the Bergen Harley Davidson Dealer where we both purchased a tee shirt and a Chapter pin for my collection. The dealer also gave me (free of charge) one of his dealer pins. One day I will get around to buying a jacket or something to put them all on. We got talking to the dealer to see if there was a ride out tomorrow but he told us that there was not one but come back at dinner time tomorrow. He also told us that they have a bike meet at 9.00pm in the fish market in Bergen so we will find it tonight and have a chat to other riders.


In the afternoon we went to the aquarium centre for a look around and they had penguins, sea lions, alligators and various cold water and tropical fish. Beth got a souvenir coin for her collection.




We arrived back at the hotel at 5.00pm and got changed for dinner, We both had a pasta and chicken dish and Beth had a wine. You cant drink alcohol over here and drive as the limit is so low half a pint is risky so it was water for me, anyway I don't drink when I am on the bike. 9.00pm came and we rode down into Bergen where the bikers were meeting and Beth had a coffee and we chatted to a few people. There was a busker keeping us entertained and he was quite a good singer. There was a member of the Bergen Chapter there and he had received a text letting him know there is a ride tomorrow. The dealer had spoken to the road captains and they put on a ride for us so we will be going up to the dealer again to join in the ride. He told us that they have tea and waffles before they leave, yum yum, we will be there early.

Summary

Daily Distance: : 36 Miles
Time Travelling : N/A
Average Speed : N/A
Country : Norway (Bergen)

Weather Morning : 

Weather Afternoon : 



Day 15 Chapter Ride Saturday 16th-August-2008

We left the hotel at 11.30am to fill up with fuel and get to the dealers, When we got to the dealers there were around 15 bikes waiting that had come for the ride. As the ride was not going until 2pm so we had time for a cup of tea, some waffles the dealer had provided and a chat. I also had time to check my tyre pressures, The front was ok, on checking the back the pressure was ok but on removing the pressure gauge the valve failed and the tyre went down. The sales guy found a valve and we changed the inners of the valve and re-inflated the tyre and everything was ok 'what a relief as we are catching the ferry tomorrow'.

The ride left at 2pm. We travelled about 35 miles and stopped for an ice cream after riding down scenic lanes. It took nearly an hour as the speed limits are really low and the lanes were twisty. I caught the bottom of the bike a couple of times around the hair pin bends. After refreshments we rode on to see the house of the Norwegian Composer Ole Bull. His house looked like a fairy tale building on a large island which he owned, but now the government own it and it is now a tourist attraction. The ride ended in Bergen where we parked up the bikes and looked around the fish market. Then we said our good byes and departed to the hotel. What a great day they put on for us.



We locked up the bike in the hotel car park and got ready for our evening meal. I had to have a beefburger and Beth had a Chicken wrap.

Summary

Daily Distance: : 80 Miles
Time Travelling : N/A
Average Speed : N/A
Country : Norway (Bergen)

Weather Morning :

Weather Afternoon :



Day 16 Ferry to the UK Sunday 17th-August-2008

We were up at the crack of dawn (6:00am) to have a shower and get the bike ready to get to the ferry terminal for 7:00 ish. We boarded the ferry, secured the bike and went to our room. As a treat we had booked a commodore cabin which had a double bed, TV, fridge, windows, free drinks, fruit etc. etc. a real luxury at the end of the trip.

After changing we went up to the commodore lounge which had free tea for the whole journey which Beth loved and internet access which was a bit hit and miss. The ferry home was the most expensive single purchase we made as it included Lunch, Dinner and Breakfast the next morning.

The ferry left on time and we should be in Newcastle by about 11:30am on Monday so time for eating & drinking until we can't move !!!!.



Bergen to Newcastle Ferry (Bergen in cloud in the distance)

Summary

Daily Distance: : 2 Miles
Time Travelling : N/A
Average Speed : N/A
Country : Ferry Bergen to Newcastle

Weather Morning :

Weather Afternoon : N/A



Day 17 Homeward Bound Monday 17th-August-2008

We arrived in Newcastle at 11:30am and made our way through the tunnel (which cost 20p) and down the A1, A1 to M1 link and got off the M1 at junction 29 arriving home at 2:15pm. The kids and Beth’s Mum were waiting for us with a cup of tea.

The whole trip was fantastic, riding in the Arctic Circle is amazing, the scenery was stunning, people we met on route were friendly and the camp sites, cabins and hotels made a nice mixture to sample all the facilities that were on offer and keep the trip budget under control.

We covered 4436.6 miles from leaving our house to returning and it rained at different levels every day except one but whenever we got to a sight of interest it seemed to clear up and the sun came out.

A couple of things I forgot to mention are the “Moose” song, when ever there was a Moose or reindeer sign Beth would sing her song “There’s a moose a loose about this house and she never once played conkers on the back of the bike. It was either the bouncy roads or the scenery was just amazing and kept her totally awake.





I hope you enjoyed reading about the adventure, I have produced the usual DVD which accompanies this book as we did for the America Dream Challenge and hopefully Adam will be back riding with us on next year’s ride.

Joth, Beth & Zena.

Summary

Daily Distance: : 150 Miles
 Time Travelling : 3 hrs
 Average Speed : 50 mph
 Country : England

Weather Morning : 
 Weather Afternoon : 



Mileage Summary

DAY	MILES	TOTAL	LOCATION
DAY 1	204 Miles	204 Miles	Kent
DAY 2	405 Miles	609 Miles	Germany
DAY 3	440 Miles	1049 Miles	Copenhagen
DAY 4	426 Miles	1475 Miles	Sweden
DAY 5	324 Miles	1799 Miles	Stockholm
DAY 6	418 Miles	2217 Miles	Sweden
DAY 7	388 Miles	2605 Miles	Finland
DAY 8	227 Miles	2832 Miles	Nordkapp
DAY 9	281 Miles	3113 Miles	Norway
DAY 10	285 Miles	3398 Miles	Arctic Centre
DAY 11	264 Miles	3662 Miles	Norway
DAY 12	241 Miles	3903 Miles	Trondheim
DAY 13	265 Miles	4168 Miles	Bergen
DAY 14	36 Miles	4204 Miles	Bergen
DAY 15	80 Miles	4284 Miles	Bergen
DAY 16	4 Miles	4288 Miles	Ferry Home
DAY 17	150 Miles	4436 Miles	Back Home

Packing List

Description	Joth	Beth	Common
Passport	✓	✓	
Driving License	✓		
Currency	✓		
Credit Cards	✓		
Motorbike DOCS (Insurance/Registration / Breakdown)	✓		
Personal Accident Docs / Numbers	✓		
Maps / GPS (Garmin Zumo 550)	✓		
Mobile Phone / Charger & EU adapter	✓		
Pen / Note Book	✓		
Video Camera / Charger & Tapes	✓		
Digital Still Camera / Charger / Tripod	✓		
Warning Triangle/Bulbs/Hi Vis Jackets	✓	✓	✓
Spare Relay/Bolts/Cable Ties & Tools	✓		
Water Proofs & Boot Covers	✓	✓	
Summer & Winter Gloves	✓	✓	
Buff	✓	✓	
Ear Plugs	✓	✓	
Glasses / Sun Glasses / Contact Lenses	✓	✓	
Medication / Sun Cream etc.	✓	✓	
Tooth Brush / Paste / Deodorant etc.	✓	✓	
Clothes Socks/ Pants/Trousers/Shirts/Jumper	✓	✓	
Shoes	✓	✓	

Description	Joth	Beth	Common
Tent / Hammer / Peg Puller			✓
Sleeping Bags	✓	✓	
Thermorest Ground Sheets	✓	✓	
Travel Pillows	✓	✓	
Dual Fuel Stove & Lighter / Matches			✓
Pans			✓
Cooking Utensils			✓
Plate / Bowl / Cup	✓	✓	
Cutlery (knife, Fork & Spoon)	✓	✓	
Travel Tripod Chairs	✓	✓	
First Aid Kit			✓
Tool Kit			✓
Spare Spark Plug / Bolts / Tape / Ties			✓
Screen Cleaning Cloths			✓
Swiss Army Knife			✓
Dried / Boil in the Bag Food			✓
Water	✓		
Orange		✓	

Financial

Travel Cost Description	Joth	Beth	Common
Euro Tunnel			49.00
DFDS Seaways Bergen-Newcastle			456.00
AA Travel Insurance			66.00
Tolls / Fjord Ferry Crossings			48.00
Entrance Fees(Nordkapp/Sea Centre)			70.00
Daily Cost Description	Accom	Fuel	Food
Day 01 (Beths Sisters)	Free	29.00	15.00
Day 02 (Motel / Packed Lunch)	37.00	44.00	6.00
Day 03 (Hotel & Meal at Hotel)	97.00	53.00	28.00
Day 04 (Hotel & Meal at Hotel)	85.00	65.00	51.00
Day 05 (Camp Site)	11.00	43.00	From Uk
Day 06 (Camp Site)	13.00	49.00	27.00
Day 07 (Hotel Nordkapp)	90.00	22.00	2.00
Day 08 (Camp Site)	5.00	33.00	34.00
Day 09 (Hotel Inc Breakfast)	132.00	27.00	12.00
Day 10 (Cabin)	50.00	46.00	18.00
Day 11 (Cabin)	35.00	30.00	16.00
Day 12 (Cabin)	30.00	29.00	29.00
Day 13 (Hotel BB & Inc Parking)	142.00	29.00	26.00
Day 14 (Hotel BB & Inc Parking)	142.00	0.00	52.00
Day 15 (Hotel BB & Inc Parking)	142.00	10.00	32.00
Day 16 (Ferry Crossing)	Included	Above	DFDS
Day 17	BackHome	19.00	4.00

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Re usable Cost Description	Joth	Beth	Common
Tent (Lichfield Apache 3 (2000))			35.00
Sleeping Bag (Lamina 35) 1 Deg C	69.00	69.00	
Prolite Thermarest Ground Sheet	73.00	73.00	
Travel Pillows	3.00	3.00	
Colmans Duel Fuel Stove			50.00
Sauce Pan Travel Set			10.00
Knife Fork & Spoon Set	4.00	4.00	
Tripod Stool	4.00	4.00	
Mosquito Coils			4.00
Mosquito Repellent			6.00
Europe Road Atlas			11.00
Michelin Sweden Map (753)			5.00
Michelin Norway Map (752)			5.00
Sundry Items (Souvenirs/ Presents)			50.00
Adventure Totals			
Travel Costs			689.00
Accommodation			1,011.00
Fuel			528.00
Food			352.00
Camping Equipment (Re useable)			401.00
Maps / Sundry Items			71.00
Totals			3,002.00

Planned Route (without detours / sightseeing)

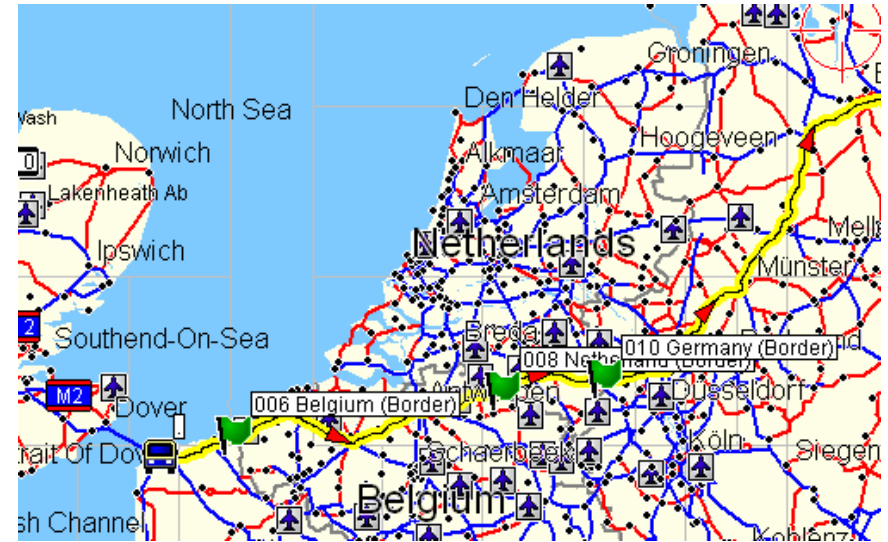
Home to Channel Tunnel Crossing (236 miles 380 km) (Total 236 miles 380 km)



Directions	Miles	km
000 Start	0	0
Leave Mansfield on the A611 to the M1 (South)		
Left on to the M1 South		
001 * Fuel GB M1	101	163
M1 South		
Take exit 6A to the left onto M25 towards M20/Dartford Tunnel		
Take the M25 ramp to the left towards M11/M20/Dartford		
Keep right onto M25 towards M11/Dartford Tunnel/Stansted Airport		
Keep right onto M25 towards M23/Chelmsford/Dartford Tunnel//M20		
Keep right onto M25 towards M20/M23/Channel Tnl/Dover/		
Take exit 3 to the left onto M20 towards Channel Tunnel/Dover		
Keep right onto M20 towards Ashford/Channel Tunnel/Dover		
Keep right onto M20 towards Ashford/Channel Tunnel/Dover		
Take exit 9 to the left onto A20 towards A28/Ashford/Canterbury		
002 * Fuel GB Ashford	204	328
003 Beths Sisters (Overnigh Stay)	206	332
Take the M20 ramp to the left towards Channel Tnl/Dover		
Take exit 11A to the left towards Channel Tunnel		
004 Folkestone/Channel Tunnel	236	380

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France to Germany (Border) (200 miles 322 km) (Total 436 miles 702 km)



Directions	Miles	km
005 Coquelles/Terminal France	236	380
Take E40 towards Brugge		
006 Belgium (Border)	257	414
Continue on E40 towards Gent		
Take E17 to Antwerp		
007 * Fuel Belgium	336	541
Continue on E17 towards Antwerp		
Take E34 towards Eindhoven		
008 Netherland (Border)	389	626
Take A67 / (EU E34) to Eindhoven		
009 * Fuel Netherlands	426	686
010 Germany (Border)	436	702

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Germany (Border) to Copenhagen (558 miles 898 km) (Total 994 miles 1600 km)



Directions	Miles	km
010 Germany (Border)	436	702
Take A40 / (EU E34) to Eindhoven		
Take A2 / (EU E34)		
Take A43 towards Munster		
Take A1 / (EU E37) towards Osnabruck		
011 * Fuel Germany	567	912
Take A1 / (EU E37) past Bremen to Hamburg		
Take A261 towards Hamburg		
Take A7 (EU E45) towards Flensburg		
012 * Fuel Germany	701	1128
Continue on A7 (EU E45) towards Flensburg		
013 * Fuel Germany	839	1350
Take E20 East towards Odense and Copenhagen		
014 Denmark (Border)	848	1365
015 * Fuel Denmark	945	1521
Continue on E20 East towards Copenhagen		
016 * Fuel Denmark	988	1590
017 Little Mermaid Copenhagen	994	1600

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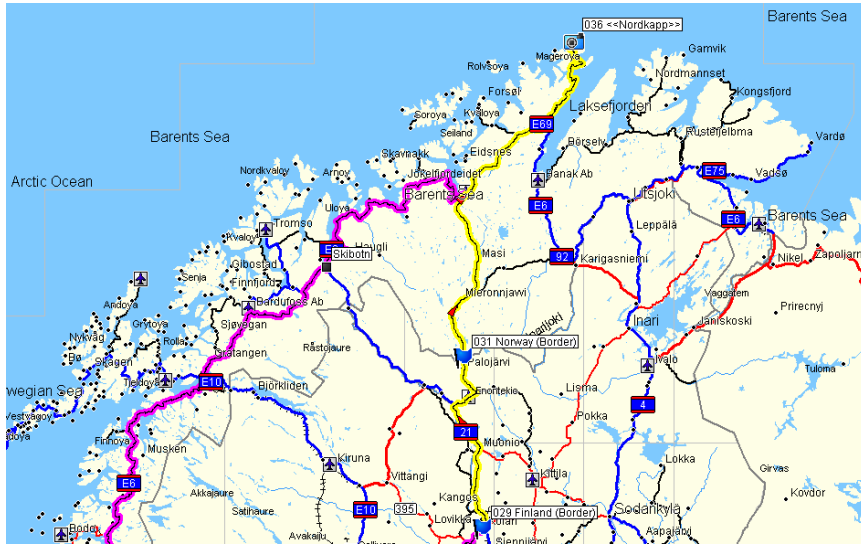
Copenhagen to Finland (Border) (1117 miles 1797 km) (Total 2111 miles 3397 km)



Directions	Miles	km
017 Little Mermaid Copenhagen	994	1600
017A Bridge / Tunnel to Sweden		
Take E20/E06 over the Bridge / Tunnel Into Sweden		
018 Sweden (Border)	1012	1629
Continue on E20/E06		
Turn onto E04		
019 * Fuel Sweden	1077	1733
020 * Fuel Sweden	1133	1823
021 * Fuel Sweden	1260	2028
022 * Fuel Sweden	1396	2247
023 Harley Davidson City Stockholme	1406	2263
Continue on the E04		
024 * Fuel Sweden	1527	2457
025 * Fuel Sweden	1670	2688
026 * Fuel Sweden	1801	2898
027 * Fuel Sweden	1935	3114
Turn onto E10		
028 * Fuel Sweden	2021	3252
Turn onto 392 then 403		
029 Finland (Border)	2111	3397

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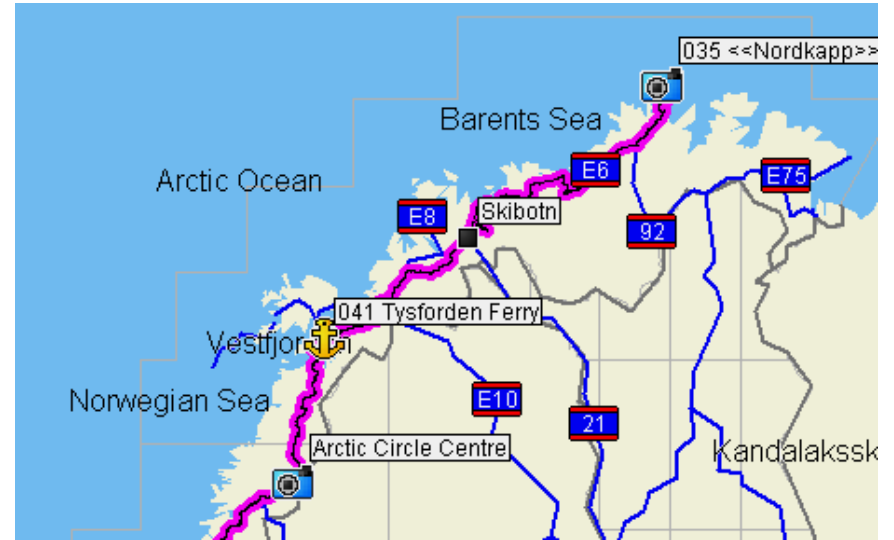
Finland (Border) to Nord Kapp (376 miles 605 km) (Total 2487 miles 4002 km)



Directions	Miles	km
029 Finland (Border)	2111	3397
Turn onto the E8 (North)		
030 * Fuel Finland	2161	3478
Turn Onto the 93 towards Enontekio		
031 Norway (Border)	2231	3590
Continue on the 93		
032 * Fuel Norway	2259	3636
Continue on the 93		
033 * Fuel Norway (Alta)	2342	3769
Turn onto the E6		
034a * Fuel Norway	2392	3850
034b * Fuel Norway	2407	3874
Continue on E6 to Nord Kapp		
Turn onto the 69		
036 <<Nordkapp>>	2487	4002

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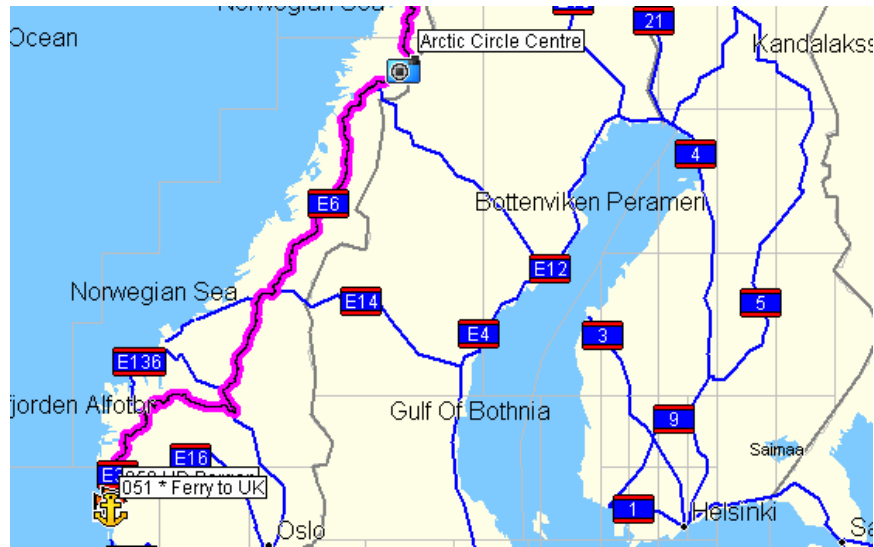
Nord Kapp to Bergen Ferry (1461 miles 2351 km) (Total 3948 miles 6353 km)



Directions	Miles	km
035 <<Nordkapp>>	2487	4002
Take E69 (South)		
036 * Fuel Norway	2506	4033
Continue on E69 (South)		
Turn onto the E6 (Alta then Trondheim)		
037 * Fuel Norway	2631	4234
038 * Fuel Norway	2771	4460
039 Skibotn (Way Point)	2812	4525
040 * Fuel Norway	2849	4585
041 * Fuel Norway	2952	4751
042 Tysfjorden Ferry	2999	4826
043 * Fuel Norway	3068	4937
044 Polar Circle Centre	3165	5094

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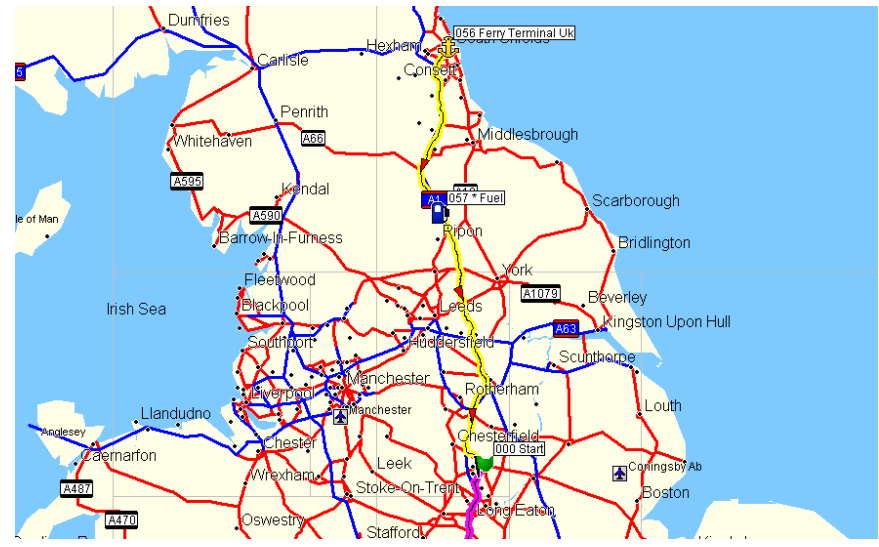
Nord Kapp to Bergen Ferry (1461 miles 2351 km) (Total 3948 miles 6353 km)



Directions	Miles	km
044 Polar Circle Centre	3165	5094
045 * Fuel Norway	3213	5171
046 * Fuel Norway	3297	5306
047 * Fuel Norway	3440	5536
048 HD Trondheim	3515	5657
049 * Fuel Norway	3587	5773
Turn onto the 15		
050 * Fuel Norway	3688	5935
Turn onto the E39		
Turn onto the 5		
051 Rasteplass Waypoint	3825	6156
052 * Fuel Norway	3828	6161
Turn onto the E39		
053 * Fuel Norway	3931	6326
054 HD Bergen	3941	6342
Turn onto the E16		
055 * Ferry to UK	3948	6354







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Ferry UK back to Start (150 miles 241 km) (Total 4098 miles 6595 km)



Directions	Miles	km
056 Ferry Terminal Uk	3948	6354
Take A194(M)		
Turn onto the A1 (South)		
057 * Fuel	4008	6450
Continue on A1 (South)		
Turn onto the M18		
Turn onto the M1 (South)		
Exit Junction 29 and Take A617 to Mansfield		
000 Arrive back at the Start	4098	6595
Detours / Sight Seeing etc. (338 Miles)	4436	7140

Languages

	England = Petrol Belgium = Auto Benzin Germany = Auto Benzin Denmark = Auto Benzin Sweden = Blyfri Bensin Norway = Bensin
	England = Hotel Belgium = Hotel Germany = Hotel Denmark = Hotellet Sweden = Hotell Norway = Hotellet
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	England = Cash Machine (ATM) Belgium = l'argent comptant usiner Germany = Kassenmaschine Denmark = rede pengeapparat Sweden = Bank Norway = beholdninger apparat
	England = Police Belgium = Polis Germany = Polizei Denmark = politi, politiet Sweden = Bevaka / kontrollera / vpolis Norway = Politi
	England = First Aid / Hospital Belgium = premiers secours / l'hospital Germany = Erste Hilfe / Krankenhaus Denmark = Forst ophjaelpe / hospitalet Sweden = for det forsta hjalp / sjukhus Norway = for det forste hjelp / gjestfrihet

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**Nordkapp Visitors Centre
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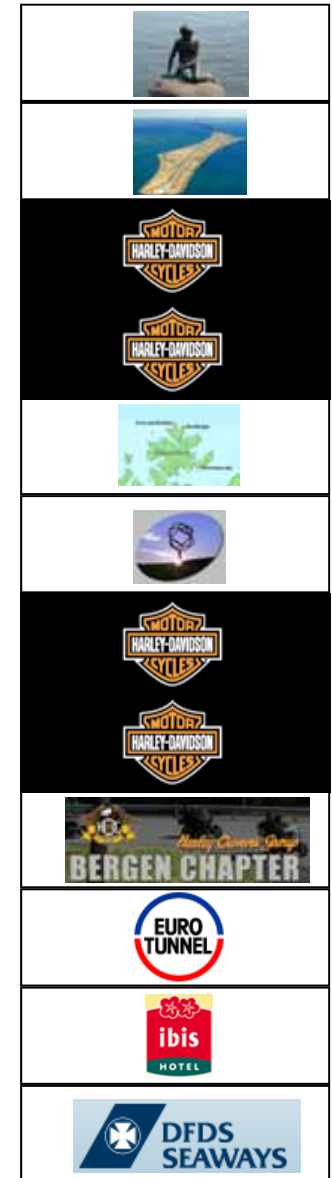
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Euro Tunnel**
<http://www.eurotunnel.com/ukcp3main>

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<http://www.ibishotel.com>

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