

Bjørn's ambition is to wear the yellow jersey in cycling's most prestigious event – the Tour de France.

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Bjørn's grandmother was French.

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Bjørn has been Norway's Under 18 national road race champion.

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Bjørn's father had the opportunity to ride professionally when he was in his early 20s but decided instead to focus on his career in medicine.

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When he was young Bjørn visited France with his mother and father. They stayed in a hotel because his father was at a seminar. Bjørn remembers hating the food and thought all the adults he met were unfriendly.

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Bjørn went to the Norwegian College of Elite Sport (Norges Toppidrettsgymnas/ NTG) in Bærum (near Oslo).

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Alcohol is much cheaper in France than it is in Norway.

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Bjørn recently read the autobiography of a Tour de France winner. He wrote that the most significant thing he did as a young rider was to compete in the tough culture of the French professional road racing circuit.

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In mid-winter, daylight hours in the south of France are 9 hours, whereas in Oslo they are less than 6.

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Bjørn's father was recently diagnosed with lung cancer

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Bjørn's father recently presented Bjørn with a scrapbook containing all of the newspaper clippings and pictures from when he had been a competitive cyclist.

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Bjørn's mother and father recently gave Bjørn a photograph that showed him as a toddler on his first bike. On the back his father had written: "*Carpe diem! Love, Mom and Dad.*"

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Bjørn took part in the Gran Fondo Stelvio in Italy last June, but he really struggled with the unusually hot conditions.

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Bjørn struggles with juggling the demands of his full-time academic studies with his commitment to cycle training.

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Bjørn has been offered the chance to ride professionally for French cycle team FDJ.

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Bjørn currently lives at home with his parents and his fifteen-year-old younger brother.

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Bjørn is taking his girlfriend to Paris for a long weekend break to celebrate her birthday.

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Bjørn has told his girlfriend that he has something he needs to talk to her about.

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Bjørn recently took time to talk at length with his mother about his father's condition and to express gratitude to her for everything they had both done for him.

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Bjørn's mother is named Marie-Christine.

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You can win a gold medal at the Olympic Games for BMX and mountain biking.

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Bjørn is studying Sports Science at a University in Oslo.

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There hasn't been a French winner of the Tour de France since Bernard Hinault in 1985.

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Bjørn's first bike was blue.

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Bjørn Larsen is 20 years old.

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Bjørn currently receives coaching and financial support through the state-funded elite athlete development program.

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