

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

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Bjorn's grandmother was French.

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

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

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

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Alcohol is much cheaper in France than in Norway.

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Bjorn 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. In Oslo, they are less than 6.

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Bjorn's father was recently diagnosed with lung cancer.

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

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Bjorn currently lives at home with his parents and his 15-year-old younger brother.

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

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

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

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Bjorn's mother and father recently gave Bjorn a photograph that showed him as a toddler on his first bike. On the back his father had written - "Carpe diem – love Mum and Dad".

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

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

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Bjorn recently took time to talk at length with his mother about his father and to express gratitude to her for all they, as parents, had done for him.

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Bjorn's mother is called 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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Bjorn is studying Sports Science at 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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Bjorn's first bike was blue.

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Bjorn Larsen is 20 years old.

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Bjorn currently receives coaching and financial support through the state funded elite athlete development programme.

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