

The Rauma Line



CONTRASTS IN PERFECT HARMONY



The journey you'll never forget

The Rauma Line feels almost magical as it wends its way through the lovely Romsdalen valley. Where else can you experience so many contrasts, yet still be left with a feeling of perfect harmony? Gazing out of the train's large windows, you'll see snow-covered mountain peaks on one side, with lush, grassy slopes descending to the beautiful River Rauma on the other. All the modern, comfortable trains are equipped with

a multilingual electronic commentary system to tell you about the sights you'll see during your journey.

During the summer months – from 1 June until 30 August – trains will run especially slowly through the most spectacular scenery, making stops for photographs at particularly scenic spots.

Choose the Rauma Line and we guarantee you a journey you'll never forget.



The Rauma Line – contrasts in perfect harmony

A trip on the Rauma Line gives you a unique opportunity to experience at close hand some of the most spectacular scenery Norway has to offer. Once on board the train, all you need to do is sit back, gaze through the large windows and enjoy your journey through a landscape of wild magnificence full of contrasts.

You will be rewarded with strong, clear colours enhanced through fresh, pure mountain air. You'll see views ranging from precipitous crags plunging vertically to the valley floor among majestic, jagged alpine peaks to lush, undulating hillsides climbing towards great rounded mountain plateaus

that extend into unspoiled national parks. The train will run especially slowly through the most spectacular scenery, giving you more time to marvel at the famous Trollveggen precipice, Europe's highest vertical mountain wall.

The ever-changing River Rauma is also a fascinating sight. Its beautiful, emerald-green waters will follow you, right outside the train window, for much of your trip. The river's character shifts constantly – one moment flowing gently between small beaches of white sand before transforming into a wild torrent, cascading down rapids at breakneck speed.



THE VERMAFOSSEN FALLS: *The River Rauma is at its wildest by Kylling Bridge. The waterfalls at both Slettafossen and Vermafossen, the latter with a drop of 381 metres, offer examples of enormous natural forces.*

RIVER RAUMA: *The most famous river in Romsdal is also one of Norway's most beautiful and popular salmon rivers, with salmon and trout fishing permitted along a stretch of 47 km – the perfect place to experience the excitement of fly fishing.*



TROLLVEGGEN: *Trollveggen and Trolltindene (approx. 1,800 metres above sea level) are among Europe's highest vertical drops and have been the goal of countless climbing expeditions over the years.*



ROMSDALSHORN: *This 1,554-metre peak has been a classic climb in Norwegian and international mountaineering circles for many years. In 1828 two local men, blacksmith Christian Hoel and crofter Hans Bjærmeland, became the first to reach the summit.*

Experience an exciting encounter between nature and the art of engineering

Art is really the operative word when talking about the Rauma Line. The huge difference in altitude between the railway line and the valley floor posed enormous challenges in the early 20th century when the railway was built. These challenges were solved through extraordinary engineering skills – skills that still ensure that trains can effortlessly manage the challenging climb and descent through the Romsdalen valley.



KYLLING BRIDGE: This famous railway bridge, which spans a 59-metre drop over the River Rauma, was built by local labourers with the assistance of bridge-building experts during a 10-year period from 1913 to 1922.

STAVEM TURNING TUNNEL

Here the train makes a 180-degree turn inside the mountain before continuing its descent through the Romsdalen valley.

The horseshoe-shaped tunnel took nine years to build and was completed in 1924. The tunnel was excavated from both ends, meeting in the middle with virtually no discrepancy horizontally and a vertical discrepancy of just 3-5 cm.

STUGUFLÅTEN BRIDGE

This stone bridge over the River Rauma lies north of Stuguflåten and was built by a team of 12 labourers between 1919 and 1923. **The bridge is 54 metres long and the drop from the top of the arch to the river is about 10 metres.**

KYLLING BRIDGE

This bridge has been called “a tiger’s leap in stone,” a reference to the impressive engineering skills required for its design and construction.

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1 June – 30 August 2008

For departures outside this period see nsb.no

Departures

	daily	Mon-Fri 01.06 - 14.06	Sat-Sun 01.06 - 14.06	daily	daily	daily
Åndalsnes	0913	1030	1030	1025	1347	1611
Bjorli	1017	1134	1134	1129	1451	1715
Dombås	1055					1752
To Oslo S	1513					2212
To Trondheim	1448					2100
From Oslo S	0807					1417
From Trondheim	0825					1525
Dombås	1215*					1828
Bjorli	1249	1150	1145	1150	1501	1902
Åndalsnes	1337	1257	1245	1248	1601	2002

* No photo stops on this departure

Fares:

Retail ticket prices in Norway		
Åndalsnes – Bjorli – Dombås/Dombås – Bjorli – Åndalsnes		
	One way	Return
Adult	198,-	396,-
Child 4 -15 years	99,-	198,-
Groups (min. 10 persons)	178,-	356,-

* One child travels free when accompanied by a fare-paying adult. For further information please see nsb.no. For information about luggage services for groups, see nsb.no/bagasje.



From the mountains to the fjords

The Rauma Line runs between Dombås (659 metres above sea level) and Åndalsnes (4 metres above sea level). En route, the trains stops at three stations: Lesja, Lesjaverk and Bjorli. Dombås is a charming mountain village on the borders of eastern and northwestern Norway. From here you can continue your journey by train to either Trondheim or Oslo. Åndalsnes is beautifully situated by the Romsdal Fjord, at the foot of the Romsdal Alps. As well as hosting various activities and festivals, Åndalsnes is an important transport hub. Here you will find bus connections to Molde, Ålesund, Trollstigen and Geiranger. Spend a little time in Åndalsnes – visit the train chapel, hike in the mountains, kayak along the river, take a fjord cruise or marvel at the “Troll’s Path” – the impressive mountain road known as Trollstigen.





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