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Product Manual 2008

The Rauma Line

An unforgettable travel experience



NSB and Raumabanen Åndalsnes AS have spent four years developing a completely new sightseeing experience for tourists travelling on the Rauma Line. For the first time since the railway was built, all departures along the Rauma Line during the summer will operate as sightseeing services, travelling at a leisurely pace and with multilingual commentaries on all trains.

Beginning in 2008, enjoyment of the railway's spectacular scenery will be our main priority. All trains have comfortable seats and large windows providing outstanding views of attractions such as the Trollveggen precipice, Kylling Bridge and the turning tunnel at Stavem. There are also delightful views of the River Rauma, famous for its salmon, which flows beside the train tracks through the Romsdalen valley.

For companies providing sightseeing experiences for tourists, the main benefits of this concept will be a more market-oriented timetable, higher capacity and commentaries in Norwegian, English and German.

All the ingredients are now in place for tourists to experience the spectacular scenery along the Rauma Line, either as part of a round trip or as a return trip for groups visiting Åndalsnes as part of a fjord cruise.

Welcome to our new sightseeing experience on the Rauma Line!

Sightseeing in focus on the Rauma Line from 2008



The beginning of June 2008 will see the launch of a completely new sightseeing concept on the Rauma Line. All departures during the summer season will be operated as sightseeing services, regardless of destination or time of day. Our priorities will be travel at a leisurely pace, provision of an interesting and entertaining spoken commentary and close contact with the area's spectacular scenery. Unlike previously, when the principal goal was to travel as quickly as possible between Åndalsnes and Dombås, our priority now is to offer an authentic experience of nature in unspoiled and beautiful surroundings.

- **Summer season:** The 2008 summer season starts on Sunday, 1 June. The final day of the season is Saturday, 30 August.
- **Spoken commentary:** Commentaries in Norwegian, English and German will be available on all departures during the summer season.

- **Journey times:** Our increased emphasis on sightseeing along the Rauma Line means that the travel time during the summer season between Åndalsnes and Bjorli will be approximately one hour. The travel time between Åndalsnes and Dombås will be one hour 40 minutes. Services to and from Dombås will connect with trains to and from Trondheim and Oslo.
- **Slowdowns and photo stops:** From 1 June to 30 August, most trains will run at a more leisurely speed through the most spectacular scenery, making stops for photographs at particularly scenic locations.
- **Vegetation clearance:** During the last four years, the Rauma Line has been clearing vegetation from beside the track in order to enhance the view. We are now stepping up this initiative so that our passengers will be able to enjoy even better views.
- **Bjorli Station:** Restroom facilities at Bjorli Station are being upgraded and the bus parking area adjacent to the platform is being greatly enlarged.

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, which is 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 is constantly shifting – one moment flowing gently between small beaches of white sand before transforming into a wild torrent, cascading down rapids at breakneck speed.



The train crosses the river over Kylling Bridge – Norway’s finest railway bridge. While the train rolls slowly over the bridge, you’ll be able to admire the impressive architecture and look down into the gorge where, 59 metres below, the River Rauma rushes through what is perhaps its most dramatic stretch. The train wends its way through jagged mountains and steep valleys, sometimes through places that seem scarcely accessible. In some places the valleys are so steep that the track has to run around huge hairpin bends, using both sides of the valley, in order to complete its ascent or descent. The railway, with its amazing bridges and impressive turning tunnels is a truly awesome feat of civil engineering. It’s not difficult to see why it took 12 years from the start of construction until King Haakon officially opened the railway in 1924.

The Rauma Line runs between **Åndalsnes** (4 metres above sea-level) and **Dombås** (659 metres above sea-level). From Åndalsnes there are bus connections to Molde and Ålesund. From Dombås you can take the train to Trondheim or Oslo.



The Rauma Line in figures:

Change in altitude: 657 metres.

Length: 114 km.

Tunnels: Four, including the 1,340-metre turning tunnel at Stavem.





Coffee vending machine Snack vending machine Toilet/Disabled toilet/
Baby changing facilities Wheelchair lift



Carriage layout (Type 93)

Trains on the Rauma Line



All trains on the Rauma Line are modern and extremely comfortable. Air-conditioning ensures a pleasant journey and large windows encourage you to enjoy the beautiful views. A multilingual electronic system provides a commentary during the journey. Most trains have two carriages, with a combined capacity of 146 seats, although some have a single carriage (73 seats) or three carriages (219 seats). All trains are equipped with toilets, a wheelchair lift and vending machines for beverages and snacks (Norwegian coins required).

Timetable and fares 1 June – 30 August 2008

Departures

	daily	Mon-Fri 01.06 - 14.06	Sat-Sun 01.06 - 14.06	daily 15.06 - 30.08	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	1148	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.



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