



# NORWAY FOR PILGRIMS

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## SYNOPSIS

When thinking of pilgrimage routes, St. James' Way to Santiago de Compostela in Spain comes to most people's minds. But it is now completely "overrun" and so more and more pilgrims are looking for an alternative route. And there is one: namely, Pilgrimsleden (The pilgrim's route), also known as St. Olav's Way or The Old King's Road. The main route is approximately 640 kilometres (400 miles) long. It starts in Oslo and heads north to Trondheim where the impressive Gothic church, Nidaros Cathedral, was once an important pilgrimage destination in the Middle Ages. At the time of the Reformation in Protestant Norway about 500 years ago, it fell into oblivion, but it has now regained its fame as a result of the growing popularity of pilgrimages. In 2010, the European Commission ranked St. Olav's Way equal to St. James' Way, which is much better-known. As a result, St. Olav's Way will become very popular and famous in the near future. The 53-minute film follows the pilgrimage...

## CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Reinhard Kungel · DOP Reinhard Kungel

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ORIGINAL TITLE

PILGERN AUF NORWEGISCH

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Adventure, Travelling, Religion

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

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