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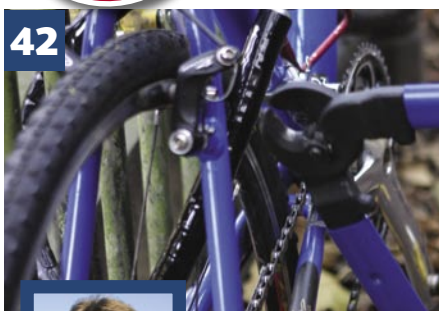
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FROM THE EDITOR

DAN JOYCE

Panniers off eBay: £20. Cheap tent: £30. Return ferry ticket: £50. Cycle tour of a lifetime? Priceless. There are some things, as the advert says, that money can't buy. For everything else... there's bodge and make do. It's easy to put off that longed-for cycle tour because of the twin hurdles of time and money – and the lack of 'proper' kit the latter implies.

Here I can only echo Al Humphreys (p34) in saying: just go. Unless you're a Polar explorer, it won't be a matter of life and death. The tour you have with the bike, equipment and accommodation you can afford right now might not be quite as perfect as it could be, but it will be a million times better than not having the tour at all. Experiences you get while touring, however near or far, really can be priceless.

I did my first cycle tour – a week in Ireland on the spur of the moment – on a shabby five-speed sports bicycle dragged from the shed where it was decaying. Touring equipment comprised a cheap rack (£10) and some shapeless all-in-one nylon panniers (£15). Cycling gear? Cut-off jeans and a T-shirt. I wouldn't tour that way now, 20 years later, but I'm eternally glad I did then. By the second day I'd fallen in love with cycling. Two months later I had an overdraft, a shiny new bike, and a ferry ticket to Norway...



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