

Inari Lapland Safari

7 days in North East Finland

This tour leads you through the most spectacular places in the Inari County, which is half the size of Switzerland. Enjoy the forest, the splendour and vastness of Lake Inari and the treeless heights of the Muotka-Vaara wilderness area. This adventure is suitable for you if you have driven a dog team before or if you are experienced in outdoors living and enjoy a challenge.



Day 1

Arrival in Ivalo. We will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your accommodation, a small friendly family hotel in Ivalo / Inari.

Day 2

After breakfast at the hotel we pick you up and take you to our kennel in Ivalo. We will briefly instruct you on the basics how to drive a dog team, we load our sleds and then we are ready to go. Today we have a 35km to 45km drive ahead of us. We follow the Ivalojoeki, one of the gold rivers in this area and continue through the Hammastunturi area which is hilly with lots of forest. Our first overnight place is at Rautujärvi, where we sleep in a small very basic, but beautifully situated cabin and / or tent (depending on group size and if other people are using the cabin).



Day 3

Today we follow the trail through the forest and over Lake Hammas towards Inari, a small Sami village. This trail goes through real reindeer country so there is a good chance to meet some of Lapland's most famous inhabitants. It is a 40km trip and the day ends at Juutuuajoki where we spend the night in a simple cabin with sauna.

Day 4

Today, weather permitting, we try to reach to highest point of the Otsamo fjell. On a clear day you'll have a beautiful view over Lake Inari. The Otsamo fjell was a holy place for the Sami people. At the end of the day we return to the Juutua river where we spend the night.

Day 5

Through the forest we make our way towards Lake Inari, the largest Lake in Finnish Lapland, more than 1000 square km with over 3300 islands. After about 35km we arrive at our last overnight place on this tour. Here we sleep in a wilderness cabin with sauna on the Petäjäsaari island.

Day 6

An early start on our last day of the tour. We follow Lake Inari further down south towards Ivalo, connect to the Ivalo river, passing the small village of Koppelo with its old wooden houses and then enter the forest again for the last 10 kilometres of our trip. Total distance today about 40km. In the late afternoon we arrive back at the kennels. Transfer to your hotel.

Day 7

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight home.



Group size: no minimum, maximum 5 persons

2010 dates:

24 Jan to 30 Jan	1 Feb to 7 Feb	14 Feb to 20 Feb
22 Feb to 28 Feb	7 Mar to 13 Mar	15 Mar to 21 Mar
28 Mar to 3 Apr		

Cost: £1375 per person

Single Sup: £65

Includes: all transfers, 2 overnights in a hotel, 4 overnights in wilderness cabins/shelters/tent, winter overall, mittens, hat, boots, sleeping bag and of course your own team of huskies.

Not included: flights, insurance, alcoholic beverages, meals on the day of arrival