

Lapland Husky Adventure

7 days/6 nights/5 days with the huskies



During the 7 day husky tour we drive in the changing beautiful landscapes of the Pallas-Ylläs National Park in North-West Lapland. Your trails will go through birch, spruce and pine forests and along open moorland, and across the frozen lakes. You drive your team of Alaskan Huskies up the Lappish fells and through fairytale-like woodlands with snow covered trees with their branches bending under the heavy snow. Some parts of the National Park have been voted as one of the most beautiful landscapes in Finland.

The first night is spent at a friendly inn. Two nights are spent at a cosy holiday house by Lake Jeris and three nights at a log cabin in Madejärvi. At the camp there is also a sauna building and a tepee style "Kota" kitchen where the meals are served by an open fire. Meals are delicious Finnish home cooking. Most diets are catered for if you let us know in advance.

Sunday

Arrival at Kittilä airport. Transfer with airport taxi to the inn (approximately 45 minutes) where you will enjoy your evening meal and overnight stay. There are shared bathrooms/toilets and of course there is also a sauna.



Monday

After breakfast you will take a taxi drive to the dog yard at 10:00am where Mari and Markku will welcome you. Mari hands out the equipment and winter clothing and, after changing into safari clothes, Markku then gives everyone a basic sledge driving lesson. After rehearsing a few knots you go to meet the dogs, and then harness and team up the huskies together. The contagious enthusiasm of the dogs spreads like a virus, and there will be an adrenalin rush at the start. None of the 45 dogs want to be left behind, and you can certainly hear and feel it in the air!

You will make a short tour of 25 km. to get you into the feel of things. Tonight will be spent at a holiday house by Lake Jeris in Rauhala. In this house the group will stay over night at also on Friday so you can leave some of your stuff here.

Tuesday

Now you pack for the next 4 days. Today you will head off to the wilderness and to a cabin without electricity. The luggage is packed in the sledges and after harnessing your teams Markku will lead with his team everyone else will follow. Remember to have your hat and gloves on, and both hands on the sledge when the rope is untied! You will drive approximately 30km and have a lunch break in the woods by an open fire.



Later in the afternoon you will all arrive at the camp with dog houses in a row and a place for each dog to rest. The dogs are taken off the team and led to their houses. The sauna is heated with wood, and water is carried from the lake to the sauna, and heated for bathing, as well as for dog food. After the daily chores a Finnish evening meal is served in "Kota", with an open fire in the middle of the building.

Wednesday: After breakfast you drive your team of dogs to Lake Pallas, one of the most beautiful scenic areas in the Pallas-Ylläs National Park. Everyone is more used to the mushing and you can fully enjoy the beauty of the winter landscape. We drive approximately 40km, with a mid day break by an open fire. Return back to camp in the afternoon. All the husky routines are familiar now, the dogs getting taken care of together. Delicious dinner and sauna.

Thursday

Today we have a bit more challenging tour ahead of us. A few uphill but they are worth the effort as the scenery is so beautiful. In the evening there is the relaxing call of the warm sauna again and another delicious dinner.

Friday

After breakfast we team the dogs for the last time, and head off back towards the dog yard. After lunch in the open air, you will arrive back from the drive late afternoon. Over night stay in the holiday house by Lake Jeris where you can discuss your exciting week and look at one each others photos.

Saturday

The husky adventure is over and it is time to fly back home we hope with some wonderful memories. Airport taxi collects you from the holiday house. You can also extend your holiday until Sunday if there is energy left to go snow shoe walking, or skiing, or just looking around in Levi, a famous skiing center in Finland, 30 km from Rauhala. **Extra night full board £65 per person.**

There might be alterations to the programme due to weather changes. However these changes will not affect the quality of the tour.

Included: Transfers from and to Kittilä airport, 1 night at an inn,
3 nights at a wilderness cabin in Madejärvi
2 nights at the holiday house by Lake Jeris
Full board during the week (alcoholic beverages not included)
High quality equipment and winter clothing (sledge, sleeping bag, jacket, trousers, a hat, leather driving gloves, winter boots, woollen socks)
5 days of guided husky tours, 4-6 dogs and a sledge for each participant
Finnish guide with fluent English and German



Not included: Flights, travel insurance, alcoholic drinks, items of a personal nature.

Cost: £1375 per person

Group Size: Min 3 Max 7

2012 dates: (Sunday to Saturday) every week from 1st January to 25th March

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