

# Norwegian Border Safari

## 8 days / 7 nights



This tour leads you right into the magnificent landscape of the Norwegian-Swedish border mountains. It includes a three day introductory course in dog sledding that will teach you the essentials on handling the dogs and sled, on harnessing and care of your assigned dogs and in building a good rapport with your team. After the introductory course you are prepared to go on a two day overnight safari with a total length of up to 100 km and one night accommodation in a basic but very cosy cabin in the mountains. Experience endless vast plains in the highlands and enjoy many spectacular views. Prepare yourself for an experience of your life time!

### Day 1, Saturday

To get to the lodge you can take a taxi or a coach from Oslo-Gardermoen Airport. The coach will take you to Trysil where you will be met by a driver from the Husky Farm. You will then be taken to the lodge for a warm welcome. The Husky Farm where your dog-sledding tours will start from is situated just a few kilometres outside the village of Ljørdalen in the hills. Transfer between Husky Farm and Lodge is about 15 minutes.

### Day 2, Sunday

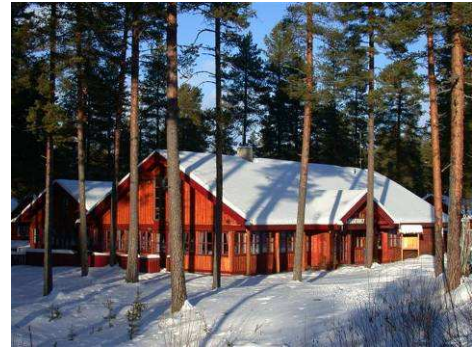
Today you will receive a comprehensive introduction into dog sledding and you will be able to familiarize yourself with the dogs. You will learn their names and all about training, harnessing and handling of the dogs and the sled. Soon you will be able to harness the dogs by yourself and to drive your "own" dog sled on a short tour.

### Day 3 and 4, Monday and Tuesday

In the next two days our experienced guides will give you a great insight into the world of dog sledding. Slowly you will become a "team" with your assigned dogs and you will find that it is the dogs themselves and the special relationship with the dogs you develop over the days that becomes the greatest of your experiences. Step by step the length and level of the tours will be increased. Accompanied by our guides you will drive your "own" sled with 4 - 6 huskies on prepared trails through the Norwegian winter wonderland. Our guides are always there to help you. On Tuesday evening optional possibility to join an evening horse sleigh tour lit by torches (approx. EUR 49 per person, min. 2 passengers).



- Full board: 7 x breakfast, 7 x lunch packages, 7 x dinner. Lunch packages must be prepared by the guests themselves at breakfast.
- Equipment: thermo overall, thermo shoes (please advise size at time of booking), sleeping bag during safari
- Sled with a team 4-6 dogs per each guest
- Musher certificate
- Transfers and tours as per itinerary
- Well experienced English speaking guides



### Accommodation:

**The Lodge:** You stay at the cosy lodge, nestled amongst lush forest right at the banks of the Ljøra river and built out of wood and glass. The Lodge consists of 10 free-standing cottages (double houses) with 2 private apartments each and a central building with reception, a cosy restaurant with fireplace, bar and billiard table. There is also a centrally located complimentary sauna. The spacious apartments (double house half) of approx. 63 m<sup>2</sup> are furnished in typical Norwegian style and offer private entrance, 2 bedrooms, bathroom (shower, WC), a cosy living area, TV, fully equipped kitchenette and an open gallery. Apartments are serviced once per week. **Booking of single rooms:** 2 single rooms share an apartment (double house half). Each guest has his own private bedroom. **No single supplement!**



**Mountain Cabin:** During the two day overnight safari you stay in a cosy but very basic mountain cabin without running water and electricity. The cabin has one spacious room with a wood-burning stove. There is no separate bedroom and you will sleep in your sleeping bag on mattresses.

### Please note:

- Level: easy / moderate. The length and level of the dog sledding tours will be adjusted to the skills of the group. The tours are suitable for everyone who has a reasonable level of fitness. An average level of fitness is required as dog-sledding can be quite exhausting for the musher himself depending on the weather and snow conditions. It might be necessary to assist the dogs when climbing up a hill.
- This tour requires a sense of team spirit and your willingness to give a hand during the harnessing of the dogs. Together many things can be done easier and faster and while assisting each other you easily get to know your co-travellers and make new friends. On the two day overnight tour you are on a "genuine" safari. That means that you will be responsible for your assigned dogs and need to assist your guide in feeding and care of the dogs.
- The meals during the overnight safari will be simpler than during the rest of your stay as the food has to be carried on the sleds and has to be prepared on the wood-burning stove by the participants.
- Please advise body weight and age at time of booking.
- Children & minimum age: Minimum age for steering an own sled is 18 years. 16 years if accompanied by an adult. This tour is not suitable for children under the age of 16 years.
- Itinerary and touring content are subject to change due to weather conditions and skills of the group.

