

# **Kings Trail Expedition (South)**

**from Abisko to Nikkaulokta, Sweden**



You travel with a mountain guide, heading south, on the Kings Trail in Swedish Lapland, driving your own sledge with 4 to 6 dogs. You help out with food preparation, dish washing, and wood chopping, building a fire and fetching water. During the expedition you'll reach the high alpine areas in this remote mountain area of Sweden.

**Departures: 28<sup>th</sup> Feb to 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 2010**

## **Day 1 Sunday:**

Arriving at Kiruna airport you need to take a bus or train to Abisko, about 1 hr 30 mins north. There you will be met and transferred to your accommodation, a simple hostel, where you will be able to make yourself at home. First you get to know the dogs and during dinner you will be told about your tour with "traveller of the cold" the Siberian husky.

## **Day 2 Monday:**

Today you will be taught how to get the dogs into their harnesses and to get them all in front of your sledge. The start is always a bit frustrating for both the dogs and drivers. Once you are on your way and the biggest commotion is under control the dogs will fall into a nice pace. Now the



only sound you hear is the sledge against the snow and the breathing sounds of the dogs. After only 8km we will reach a high alpine area. Then there are 9km left to the hut in the Korsavagge valley. Here we stop for lunch. During the afternoon we travel back to Abisko to enjoy a sauna followed by a welcome dinner.

### **Day 3 Tuesday:**

Today we travel to Alesjaure. After 16km we leave the National Park and after a steep slope we enter a big U shaped valley. We then have 18km to go to the huts. Here you once again can enjoy a mountain sauna.

### **Day 4 Wednesday:**

Today we travel to the highest point of the 'Kings Trail', the Tjåktjapass. Here we stop for our lunch. After lunch we go down on the other side of the pass towards Sälka. Here we stay for two nights.

### **Day 5 Thursday:**

Today we will do a one day tour to one of the nicest places in this area. We go to the Nallo hut. Here we take our lunch before we go back to Sälka.



### **Day 6 Friday:**

Today we will see a little bit of the civilisation again and we will drive to Kebnekaise Mountain station. We will eat dinner in a restaurant and today we have no dishes, no wood chopping, no building fire.....only relaxing.

### **Day 7 Saturday:**

After breakfast in the restaurant we will drive down to Nikkaulokta (19km). Here you have the possibility to take a shower and have lunch before taking a bus or taxi back to Kiruna airport. (The bus costs about £10 each way)

**Cost: £1625 per person**

**Max: 8 persons**

**Includes:** equipment, your own team of dogs, full board, accommodation and outer clothing

**Note:** expedition heading north on same route: **£1425** per person, **6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March** 2010

