

Swedish Lapland Midwinter Tour



Day 1

Arrival at Kiruna airport. The guide will meet you at the airport and accompany you to the wilderness camp in Väkkärjärvi. Here you will meet the dogs and become acquainted with the camp and its surroundings. Dinner and perhaps a sauna if it is not too late.

Day 2

We start the day by watering the dogs, after which we will eat breakfast. After breakfast we will learn the basics on how to handle the dogs, sleds and harnesses. When the basics are clear then we will try a first trial run with the dog team. Each participant will drive his or her own sled with a team of four dogs, following the guide who will lead the way. We stop at a suitable spot to eat our packed lunch. Back at camp, we will work together to prepare both the dogs and ourselves for the night. This will include feeding of the dogs, chopping wood and fetching water. We end the day with dinner and a sauna.



Day 3

We start the day by watering the dogs, after which we will eat breakfast. We will then pack the sleds with all the necessary items for the coming days. As soon as the preparations are ready, we will set off on the tour. We will drive between 25 and 60 kilometres per day, and sleep in simple huts along the route.



Day 4

The morning routines are the same every day. The rest of the day is characterised by the route chosen. Our tour takes us through Europe's last remaining wilderness, where we will (weather permitting) experience the Northern Lights in the dark polar night, glittering white snow during the day, pure air, and a silence so intense you can almost hear it.

Day 5

Every day we travel to a new camp where we spend the night. Most of the cabins are in a quite remote

wilderness. Although they lack running water and electricity, the cabins are very comfortable. We use firewood for heating, candles for light and we get water from the river or lake.



Day 6

The landscape will vary considerably depending on the route we choose to take. The routes will lead us along rivers, through thick forests and mountain ranges, and across lakes.

Day 7

In the event of bad weather an alternative day itinerary may be included. The day could be spent, for instance, sightseeing in Kiruna or visiting the Ice Hotel (cost around £35 paid locally).

Day 8

The dogs are driven home to the kennel, after which you will prepare yourselves for your return trip. The guide will then naturally accompany you to the airport.

N.B. This is a preliminary itinerary. The length and route of the tour may vary depending on circumstances beyond our control such as weather, trail access, and seasonal variations. We try to stay overnight in 3-4 different cabins during the week, depending on weather conditions. All tours will be done in the area around Jukkasjärvi / Kiruna up to 100km in radius. Some huts are very simple with bunk beds and shared sleeping accommodation.



Dates 2009/2010

16th to 23rd December

13th to 20th January

3rd to 10th February

24th February to 3rd March

28th December to 4th January*

20th to 27th January

10th to 17th February

6th to 13th January

27th January to 3rd February

17th to 24th February

Cost: £1295

***£1495 – New Years Tour**

Includes: local airport transfers, all meals and accommodation during the adventure, dogs and sled, extra thermal overclothes including boots, English speaking guide.