

# Winter Snow Adventure

8 days – including a 3 day/ 1 overnight Husky tour - Finland



An adventure for those of you who want to try a variety of novel winter activities, love to be out in the nature, have a special love of Huskies but who still like to have comfortable accommodation. You will drive a snowmobile and take a three day husky safari, snowshoe and ski through the silence of the winter snow.

## Sunday:

Transfer from the airport to the hotel, introduction about hotel and guides. Dinner with the guide, opportunity for a swim and sauna at the hotel.

## Monday:

Dressing and preparing for snowmobile safari. Driving and safety instructions before starting on a 40- 60 km long snowmobile safari on challenging trails, through wild forest and wide swamps and lakes. You may meet reindeers and birds and see traces from moose and snow hares. On the way, lunch will be served by a fire. Duration of tour is about 4-5 hours. Two persons per snowmobile. On request, single snowmobile booking is possible at extra cost of £40 per person. Client's responsibility in the case of damaging snowmobile is €500 maximum – check your insurance.

## Tuesday:

Transfer to the Husky farm for the husky training day. A hundred huskies and your guide welcome you! Here you will get all information for the coming day and instructions on how to handle the dogs and the sledge. We will drive a training loop with two persons per dog-team. One is driving and one is sitting in the sledge. Change from driver during the tour. Lunch is served by open fire. Driving distance depending on weather conditions between 15 - 30 km . Dinner and overnight in hotel.



**Wednesday:** Transfer to the husky farm. Prepare for the overnight-safari. Everyone will drive his/her own dog-team with 4-6 huskies. If you prefer you can go two persons per sledge. During the tour, lunch will be around an open fire. In the afternoon we will arrive at the wilderness cabin. Together with the guide, you take care of your own dogs. As a team you heat the cabin and sauna, and help with other chores. Coffee time. Then, you can enjoy the real, traditional Finnish sauna with a breathtaking swim in the ice hole. Dinner. The

rustic block cabin has no electricity and running water. Outdoor toilet. Cabin is warm even in the coldest winter nights.

#### **Thursday:**

After breakfast and caring for dogs, we will pack and get the dogs ready to continue the tour. Lunch will be around fire again. During the afternoon, we arrive back at the farm. After caring for the dogs, we say 'goodbye' to them. Coffee time on the farm. Transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight.

#### **Friday:**

Wintersport in Taivalkoski. In the morning, you will go snowshoeing through the Taivalvaara Nature fitness park. Enjoy the fresh air, the silence of winter and learn about Finnish nature and wildlife. A warm drink is served on the tour. After lunch in the hotel, it is possible to join an introduction to cross-country skiing.

#### **Saturday:**

Free day to explore the surroundings on your own. Visit the village, join our other activities, go downhill skiing or just relax and enjoy the wellness and sauna. For the last dinner, you can taste local meals from the buffet

#### **Sunday:**

Breakfast and transfer to the airport.

**Dates: (Sunday to Sunday)**

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2009 to 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

**Note:** the order of programme may vary to that of above due to weather conditions.

**Getting there:** nearest airport is Kuusamo (60km)

**Included:** transfer from/to the airport Kuusamo, 6 overnights with full board in Hotel Herkko (double room), 1 overnight in a wilderness cabin, guided activities as mentioned, specialist equipment for the activities, English speaking guides.

**Not included:** Flights, insurance, alcoholic drinks, optional activities.



#### **Costs**

**£1395** 13<sup>th</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
**£1295** 3<sup>rd</sup> January to 7<sup>th</sup> February

**7<sup>th</sup> February to 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
**28<sup>th</sup> March to 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Supplements:** single room: **£115** for single use of snowmobile: **£40**

**On request:** It is possible to join two x 1 day husky tours instead of snowshoeing and free day. **Cost: £300**

**Hotel Herkko:** 3 star hotel with cosy and modern rooms – all en suite, restaurant, bar, swimming pool and sauna. Situated directly beside a small downhill skiing centre, ski-jumping tower and the trailheads for cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, winter hiking. The village is a short walk away.

