



Sámi eco adventures



Vuoján - Reindeer sled excursion

Handle and drive your own draft reindeer with a sled along an approx. 8 km long trail through the vast and gorgeous winter landscape of Sápmi. This is an amazing hands-on eco adventure for outdoor enthusiasts that look for a truly traditional Sámi activity.

Our reindeer sledding guide takes you from Jukkasjärvi with snowmobile passenger sled along the Torne River to the Reindeer Lodge camp out in the woods. Here you have a close encounter with the reindeer, one of the indigenous Sámi people's most important culture pillars and resources.

You will get acquainted with the reindeer and the guide will offer detailed instruction on handling and driving your reindeer with a sled before you are ready to embark on a trip of your lifetime.

Every guest will drive their own reindeer, standing on the sled runners. You drive in a convoy following the guide with the lead reindeer on a track through the snowbound forest landscape and across frozen waters.

This is Sápmi at its best – only a few know that travelling by reindeer and sled has been the traditional way of winter transportation in Sápmi. Take part in this old and vanishing Sámi knowledge in a very practical way and under expert guidance.

After about 1.5 - 2 hours active driving with reindeer sled we return to Reindeer Lodge where you help to unharness your draft reindeer and release it to the reindeer enclosure. The guide prepares a tasty reindeer herder lunch, smoked reindeer meat fried over open flames and put on traditional Sámi flat bread and with a click of lingonberry jam, all served in a Sámi lávvu-tent around a crackling fire with a hot cup of steeped coffee.

You bid farewell to your new travel companions and we return towards Jukkasjärvi village. Transfer to tour start in Jukkasjärvi and back by minibus.

PRICE:	SEK 3000 per person. SEK 2100 per child (8-15 years). Mon, Wed, Fri & Sun. 8 Jan - 8 April 2018.	
START:	08.00 from hotel/tourist center in Kiruna. 08.30 from Icehotel. 08.30 at Nutti Sámi Siida's Yard, Marknadsvägen 84 in Jukkasjärvi. 09.15 at Reindeer Lodge.	
END:	Approx. 13.00 at Yard, 13.20 at Icehotel and Reindeer Lodge; 13.45 in Kiruna.	
MEAL:	Lunch consisting of fried reindeer meat with Sámi flat bread and lingonberry jam, coffee/tea included. <i>Vegetarian, gluten and lactose free diet to be advised at booking.</i>	
EQUIPMENT:	Loan of thermal overall, boots, mittens and hat included.	
GROUP SIZE:	Min 1 person, max 8 persons.	
LANGUAGE:	Swedish and English.	
CONDITIONS:	Min age for the tour 8 years. Min age to drive own reindeer sled 16 years. Child sits in an adult's sled. General good level of health and fitness required. Guests participate in our activities at their own responsibility and are obliged to follow the safety instructions assigned by the guide. Tour will be adapted to prevailing weather conditions.	