



Sámi eco adventures



Ráidu - Encounter with reindeer

Join a Sámi reindeer herder to meet and feed Nils Torbjörn Nutti's reindeer herd outside Jukkasjärvi. Avail yourself of the opportunity to lasso a reindeer and to have a short reindeer sled drive. These are skills connected to traditional indigenous Sámi knowledge which we practice, try to preserve and share with people keen on testing in the field.

From Jukkasjärvi transport by large snowmobile passenger sled along the frozen Torne River out to the reindeer enclosures in the forest. We keep and fodder part of our reindeer herd during winter to help them survive hard grazing conditions due to climate change. And during the meet-and-greet with our reindeer you assist us to feed them. There are adult reindeer and from around mid-December also calves that most likely venture eating out of your hand.

The reindeer herder will show you the art of lassoing before it is your turn. When some of the reindeer stags are caught you will assist leading them to the sled track where the reindeer will be harnessed. We still tame and train some of our reindeer to conserve the cultural Sámi heritage of reindeer sledding. And we are proud to offer you the chance of driving reindeer with a sled around a short circuit if you like. You can compete with other drivers or if you prefer, just have a peaceful and quiet reindeer drive through the snow-covered winter landscape.

The reindeer herder invites you to the traditional lávvu-tent where you sit on reindeer hides around a sparkling and warming fire. The lávvu-atmosphere opens up for talks about the Sámi people's culture, history and way of life, both in the past and present. And it is now time for suovas, the Sámi signature dish, which is lightly-salted and cold-smoked sliced reindeer meat, fried over the open flames and served on gáhkku-bread with a click of lingonberry jam. It is eaten like a wrap and tastes best with hot, steeped coffee sipped from a guksi, a drinking cup carved from birch burl.

On the way back to Jukkasjärvi we make a stop at our handicraft shop at Márkanbáiki where you can have a look at a range of traditional and modern Sámi arts and crafts. Transfer to tour start in Jukkasjärvi and back by minibus.

PRICE:	SEK 1980 per person. SEK 990 per child (3-12 years); < 3 years for free. Daily, 6 Nov - 10 Dec 2017, 8 Jan - 9 Feb & 1 March - 8 April 2018.	
PRICE:	SEK 2280 per person. SEK 1140 per child (3-12 years); < 3 years for free. Daily, 11 Dec 2017 - 7 Jan 2018 [also morning tour] & 10 - 28 Feb 2018.	
START:	13.00 from hotel/tourist center in Kiruna [08.00]. 13.30 from Icehotel [08.30]. 13.30 at Nutti Sámi Siida's Yard, Marknadsvägen 84 in Jukkasjärvi [08.30]. 14.15 at Reindeer Lodge [09.15].	
END:	Approx. 17.00 at Yard, 17.20 at Icehotel and Reindeer Lodge; 17.45 in Kiruna [12, 12.20; 12.45].	
FOOD:	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, hat and helmet included.	
GROUP SIZE:	Min 1 person, max 16 persons.	
LANGUAGE:	Swedish and English.	
CONDITIONS:	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.	