



## Miessemánnu - Reindeer calf month May

*Be our guest among our precious reindeer herd. An exclusive, once-in-a-lifetime experience awaits you when the reindeer herder meets you among hundreds of reindeer. It is a unique opportunity to watch new-born reindeer calves taking their first steps. Receive first-hand information by reindeer herders who conduct reindeer husbandry as a lifestyle based on traditional Sámi knowledge. Round off your visit by savouring a traditional Sámi meal in a lávvu-tent whilst sitting around a crackling open fire to get a real taste of Sápmi.*

If you choose our return transfer the tour will start with our guide collecting you in Kiruna or Jukkasjärvi for transfer by minibus, approx. 1.5 hour one-way, towards the Silkkimuotka reindeer corrals. You can also choose to drive there on your own.

Upon arrival to the forest in the middle of Sápmi, the reindeer herder welcomes you to the corrals with reindeer. You will learn about the reindeer, reindeer husbandry and its challenges, for example climate change.

The month of May is called miessemánnu in North Sámi language and means month of the reindeer calf. And this is usually the season when calving starts, continuing into June. If weather and other conditions allow you will have the chance to see new-born reindeer calves taking their first steps. These reindeer will be released to the mountains when the calves have grown a bit and are strong enough to embark on the long migration journey.

The calving season is one highlight within reindeer husbandry and of vital importance. Herders monitor the herds to prevent them from disturbances. And that is why such a visit has to be done with caution and respect.

After meeting the reindeer herd, you will be served a traditional Sámi meal that is cooked over open fire in a lávvu-tent. While coffee and tea are served the reindeer herder will have time to answer your questions.

The bright hours of the midnight sun are approaching and will provide a wonderful setting for your visit in Silkkimuotka and for your transfer back home.

<b>PRICE 1:</b>	Adult: SEK 2480. Child (3-12 yrs): SEK 1240. Self-arranged arrival and departure.
<b>PRICE 2:</b>	Adult: SEK 2850. Child (3-12 yrs): SEK 1425. Including return transfer.
<b>MONDAY - FRIDAY:</b>	6 - 31 May 2019.
<b>START:</b>	18.00 Silkkimuotka.
<b>END:</b>	21.00 Silkkimuotka.
<b>RETURN TRANSFER WITH MINIBUS (included in price 2):</b>	
<b>PICK-UP:</b>	16.15 Kiruna Tourist Center or hotel, 16.45 Icehotel in Jukkasjärvi.
<b>DROP-OFF:</b>	Approx. 22.15 Icehotel, 22.45 central Kiruna.
<b>FOOD:</b>	Fried smoked reindeer meat, with flat bread and lingonberry jam, coffee/tea included. <i>Food allergies/intolerances to be advised when booking.</i>
<b>EQUIPMENT:</b>	Appropriate and warm outdoor clothing recommended, not included.
<b>GROUP SIZE:</b>	Min 2 people.
<b>LANGUAGE:</b>	Swedish and English.
<b>CONDITIONS:</b>	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.
<b>QUALITY:</b>	Nature's Best Sweden labelled, and Sápmi Experience and Sustainable Arctic Destination certified.