



Sámi eco adventures



Day trip: Ráidu - Encounter with reindeer

Come and experience traditional Sámi lifestyle and the art of reindeer sledding with our dedicated guides in Jukkasjärvi. Help train, feed and race reindeer while learning about the importance these beautiful animals have to the Sámi way of life.

Travel in a snowmobile-drawn sled along the frozen river Torne out to the reindeer enclosures that are situated on an historical and beautifully located site in Jukkasjärvi. We will tour with you a reconstructed Sámi camp and you will see and feel why reindeer are the connecting link between the nature and our people.

Like many other reindeer herders, we support feeding a part of our reindeer herd during winter to help them survive hard grazing conditions due to climate changes. There are adult reindeer and youngsters which you will have a close meet-and-greet with when we enter the reindeer enclosures and jointly feed them. The reindeer will curiously come, sniff at you and most likely eat out of your hand.

The reindeer herder will also show you the art of lassoing. 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 you are part of it! So now it is time to drive reindeer with a sled around a short track. You can compete with other drivers, or, if you prefer, just have a peaceful and quiet reindeer drive.

After the reindeer sledding part you will be invited into a lávvu, i.e. Sámi tent, where you will sit on reindeer skins around a sparkling warming fire whilst learning more about the indigenous Sámi people's culture, history and our modern way of life. You will be served the Sámi signature dish suovas, which is smoked reindeer meat, fried over the open flames and served on gáhkku-bread with a dash of lingonberry jam. It is eaten like a wrap and tastes best with fresh boiled coffee sipped from a guksi, a drinking cup carved from birch burl.

PRICE 1:	Adult: SEK 1980. Child (3-12 yrs): SEK 990.
PRICE 1 PERIOD:	Daily, 4 - 30 Nov 2019, 13 - 31 Jan 2020 & 1 - 31 March 2020.
PRICE 2:	Adult: SEK 2280. Child (3-12 yrs): SEK 1140.
PRICE 2 PERIOD:	Daily, 1 Dec 2019 - 12 Jan 2020 & 1 - 29 Feb 2020 (not 24 Dec).
START:	13.30 Nutti Sámi Siida Yard, Marknadsvägen 84, SE - 981 91 Jukkasjärvi.
END:	17.00 Nutti Sámi Siida Yard.
RETURN TRANSFER WITH MINIBUS (included, to be advised at booking):	
PICK-UP OPTIONS:	13.10 Kiruna hotels/Tourist Center, 13.30 Icehotel.
DROP-OFF:	Appr. 17.20 Icehotel, 17.45 Kiruna hotels and Tourist Center.
FOOD:	Fried smoked reindeer meat, with flat bread and lingonberry jam, lingonberry juice, coffee/tea included. <i>Food allergies/intolerances to be advised at booking.</i>
EQUIPMENT:	Loan of thermal overall, boots, mittens, hat and helmet included.
GROUP SIZE:	Min 1, max 16 people.
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.
QUALITY:	Nature's Best Sweden labelled, and Sápmi Experience and Sustainable Arctic Destination certified.