



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 through woods draped with hanging lichen and clad in snow to the Sautosjohka reindeer enclosure outside Jukkasjärvi, a winter camp that we use for reindeer husbandry.

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. You will see and feel why reindeer are the connecting link between the nature and our people.

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 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 freshly boiled coffee sipped from a guksi, a drinking cup carved from birch burl. On our way back we travel along the frozen river Torne.

PRICE 1:	Adult: SEK 2100. Child (3-12 yrs): SEK 1050.
PRICE 1 PERIOD:	Daily, 23 - 30 Nov 2020, 7 - 31 Jan 2021 & 1 March - 11 April 2021.
PRICE 2:	Adult: SEK 2400. Child (3-12 yrs): SEK 1200.
PRICE 2 PERIOD:	Daily, 1 Dec 2020 - 6 Jan 2021 & 1 - 28 Feb 2021 (not 24 Dec).
START:	13.30 Nutti Sámi Siida Yard, Marknadsvägen 84, SE - 981 91 Jukkasjärvi.
END:	17.10 Nutti Sámi Siida Yard.
RETURN TRANSFER WITH MINIBUS (included, to be advised at booking):	
PICK-UP OPTIONS:	13.00 Kiruna hotels/Tourist Center, 13.30 Icehotel, 13.45 Reindeer Lodge.
DROP-OFF:	Appr. 17.20 Icehotel, 17.30 Reindeer Lodge, 17.45 Kiruna hotels/Tourist Center and 18.00 Kiruna train station.
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:	English and Swedish.
CONDITIONS:	Guests participate in our activities at their own responsibility and are obliged to follow the safety instructions assigned by the guide. Helmet is provided for the reindeer sledding. Tour will be adapted to prevailing weather conditions.
QUALITY:	Nature's Best Sweden labelled, and Sápmi Experience and Sustainable Arctic Destination certified.