



Sámi eco adventures



Package tour: Ruovttus – Homestay with Simon Issát – 3 days

Simon Issát Marainen invites you home for a unique opportunity to get close to the Sámi lifestyle, simply by living it! Get to experience life as a reindeer herder while you live in a cottage on Simon Issát's yard, help him with the reindeer and listen to his stories. The days are filled with both reindeer herder chores and free time to explore the local area yourself. So come and visit the Marainen family in Nedre Soppero where you can enjoy the barren winter landscape and the warm hospitality in an unforgettable, personal experience.

Being a reindeer herder is more than a job, it's a lifestyle. Everything is affected by the reindeer and no two days are the same, therefore this trip is more than just a holiday. The Marainen family invites you home to the small village of Nedre Soppero, with about 30 residents and next to river Lainio, to give you a unique insight into their everyday lives. On the yard, three generations live together, and you get to stay in a cosy cottage right next door. During your stay you will meet Simon Issát's children, partner, parents and of course the most important helpers within reindeer husbandry: the herding dogs. The everyday language is North Sámi and it is spoken consistently, so when you go home again you will hopefully have learned a few words!

While you live in Nedre Soppero, a small village with appr 30 permanent residents in the northeastern part of Kiruna municipality at t river Lanio, you are included in all everyday chores, from cooking to work with the reindeer. You can follow Simon Issát out to the forest where the reindeer graze surrounded by frost-covered spruces and piles of snow. There you can try hand-feeding the reindeer calves, go old-fashioned skiing and make coffee over an open fire. In addition to the arranged activities, there is plenty of time for your company to socialise and have valuable time together.

The whole family are creative souls, and this is to be seen everywhere. Simon Issát's parents are craftsmen and in their workshop you can see everything from world-class silversmithing to unique antler handicraft. Simon Issát is also a reputable artist and one of Sápmi's big names when it comes to both traditional and innovative joik. As the icing on the cake on this unforgettable trip, he promises you an intimate concert one of the evenings.

Thanks to the small group, a maximum of 3 adults or 2 adults and 2 children, the trip is private. The days are affected by season, weather and wind so nobody one knows exactly how the stay will be shaped.



PRICE:	SEK 16,500 for two people. SEK 8,250 per additional adult. SEK 4,125 per additional child (3-12 years).
PERIOD:	9 January - 16 April 2023, upon request only.
START:	Day 1, Monday alt Friday, pick-up 10.00 from Kiruna, 10.30 from Jukkasjärvi.
FINISH:	Day 3, Wednesday alt Sunday, drop-off 16.30 in Kiruna, 17.00 in Kiruna.,
LODGING:	2 nights in own cottage in Nedre Soppero (Vuolle Sohppar) included. A comfortable cottage with open floor plan, one double bed, one sofa bed, electricity, wood-fired stove, toilet and shower, small kitchen and departure cleaning included.
ACTIVITIES:	Visit to reindeer herd and feeding, skiing, cooking and joik entertainment included.
BOARD:	Full board from lunch day 1 to lunch day 3 included. <i>Food allergies/intolerances/vegetarianism to be advised at booking.</i>
EQUIPMENT:	Bed linen, towels, thermal overall, boots, mittens and hat included, as well as skis included. To dress according to multi-layer-principle is necessary.
EXCLUDED:	Travel insurance, international and domestic fare as far as Kiruna. Alcoholic beverages.
GROUP SIZE:	Min 2, max 4 people. Max 3 adults or 2 adults and 2 children (3-12 years). Only private circles.
LANGUAGE:	Swedish, English and North Sámi.
TERMS:	Minimum age for the tour is 3 years. Guests who participate in our activities are obliged to follow the safety instructions assigned by the staff. Activities are adapted to prevailing weather conditions for the safety and well-being of animals and guests. Even if the chance of seeing the northern lights is high, it cannot be guaranteed due to it being a natural phenomenon. Smoking is prohibited in the cottage.

Tip: Combine the package with a stay at Reindeer Lodge outside Jukkasjärvi.