

## Sámi eco adventures









### Packagetour 3 days: Miessemánnu – reindeer calves

Are you coming to Kiruna to meet reindeer? Then you are at the right place! With our package Miessemánnu you have the unique opportunity to see the reindeer herd and newborn calves.

Day 1 - Arrivalday

You check in to the Stophu forestcabin and get familiar with the surroundings.

**Dag 2** – After breakfast you have free time to visit Jukkasjärvi village where ICEHOTEL is located and our beautiful Jukkasjärvi Church, or just have a nice day at the lodge.

#### Miessemánnu 16.00 - ca. 22.00

The adventure starts with our guide collecting you from Reindeer lodge for transfer by minibus, approx. 1.5 hour one-way, towards Silkkimuotka and the Geasasjohka reindeer corrals. 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 safeguard them from disturbances.

After meeting the reindeer herd, you will be invited into a lávvu, a traditional Sámi tent, where you take a seat on reindeer skins around a sparkling and warming fire whilst talking and learning more about the indigenous Sámi people's culture, history, and modern way of life. You will be served the Sámi signature dish suovas, which is smoked reindeer meat, fried over the open fire 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.

The bright hours of the midnight sun are approaching and will provide a wonderful setting for your visit to the Geasasjohka reindeer corrals and for your transfer back to Reindeer Lodge.

### Dag 3 - Departure

After breakfast it is time to pack and checkout towards further adventures.



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PRICE: SEK4480 per adult

Price is per person when 2 persons/cabin.

SEK5970 singleroomstay

**PERIOD:** 8 May – 8 June

START: Checkin from 15.00 day 1.

END: Checkout at latest 11.00 day 3.

ACCOMMODATION/

**FACILITIES:** Two night in Stohpu cabin included.

Access to separate shared facilities comprising WC, single-sex shower and changing rooms, guest

kitchen/service hut are in separate common facilities located a few meters from the

accommodations.

ACTIVITIES: Miessemánnu adventure included.

MEALS: Breakfast (07.30 - 10.00) day 2, 3 included. Dinner day 2 included.

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**EQUIPMENT:** Bedlinen and towels, firewood for the stove.

**EXCLUDED:** Travel insurance, international and domestic transport

**TERMS:** Guests participate in our activities at their own risk and have an obligation to follow the guide's

assigned safety instructions. All tours are adapted to prevailing weather conditions.

ADDRESS: Reindeer Lodge: Paksuniemivägen 188, SE - 981 91 Jukkasjärvi.

GOOD TO KNOW: If you do not book a transfer, a car is recommended to get here, for the sake of mobility and

flexibility. The bus connection with line 501 is limited and there is no stop near the lodge;

Paksuniemivägen is without a footpath.

The nearest grocery store, café and restaurant is 3 km away. The Reindeer Lodge facility is only

partially staffed.

The tenant is responsible for the communal facilities being kept clean during the stay and left in good condition upon check-out. In the event of insufficient cabin cleaning, the tenant is charged an extra cleaning fee of SEK 1,000/cabin. The cleaning and instructions are available on site.

Reindeer Lodge is a non-smoking facility.

QUALITY: Sápmi Experience and Sustainable Arctic Destination certified

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