



# Jukkasjärvi VildmarksTurer AB

## Midwinter Tour

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Experience the Midwinter in Lapland at its purest. Come on an adventure beyond the Arctic Circle and let the fantastic winter landscapes, the unique silence and our wonderful huskies enchant you. On our midwinter tour you can feel like a real musher and run your own team of 4 sled dogs. We take you out into the last wilderness in Europe. Enjoy the simple life in our wilderness camp, get water from an ice hole in the lake, heat the sauna and chop wood. Make unique experiences in a largely still untouched nature. Watch the fascinating northern lights in Lapland cold nights and come on your trip of a lifetime.

Our midwinter tour leads through dense woods, open moorland or frozen rivers and lakes around Jukkasjärvi. The daily stages are covering a length of 25-50 kms. The length of the stage is depending on the order in which we go to our huts and actual weather conditions. The route as well as the length of the stages may change during the tour if weather and snow conditions require.

The participants should dispose of a good physical condition.

Midwinter tours will be held from the beginning December to the middle of April.

### Tourplan

**Day 1** Upon arrival in Kiruna, our driver will pick you up at the agreed meeting point and take you to our Husky camp near Jukkasjärvi. In the evening you will meet the guide and the other participants of the tour for dinner in our cozy Kåta. Afterwards the guide will brief you about the following 6 days. The guide will also give an introduction to handling dogs and sleds and educate about the right behavior at arctic temperatures.

**Day 2** After breakfast in the kåta, we pack the sleds and make our way to the first overnight cabin. The distance is about 25-35 km. On the way we stop for lunch with hot drinks, soup and sandwiches. Once we arrive at the lodge, we start preparing the dog food for the evening and the next day, fetch water from a lake and heat the sauna. We finish the day with a dinner.

**Day 3-6** Our day starts at 7:30 with the feeding of the dogs. Afterwards we have breakfast and leave the hut around 10 am. The daily camp routine does not change during the tour, because we have to take into account the needs of the dogs (rest periods, feeding times, etc). Our tour takes us through the tundra around Kiruna, one of the last wilderness areas in Europe. We drive along the Torneälven, past the Icehotel and up to the Alasjärvi nature reserve. The guide decides which routes will be driven so the route



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can be changed at short notice if it should be necessary due to very low or warm temperatures, open spots on rivers and lakes or other reasons.

During the tour we spend the night in different cabins, also we might spend 2 nights in the same hut.

**Day 7** Today's day tour brings us back to the Huskycamp at around 1 - 2 pm. In the evening there is a common meal for all participants in the kåta.

**Day 8** After breakfast, the driver will take you to the airport or train station.

Additional information about the tour:

- It is a preliminary timetable. The length and routing of each tour day may change during the tour due to circumstances beyond our control. At very low temperatures it might be necessary to cover fewer kilometers. Heavy snowfall can make the trails very heavy and deep and we are on the trail longer than planned. Especially at the beginning of the season lakes and rivers might be impassable in some places and so the route needs to be changed.
- All participants help with the daily work in the camp during the tour. These tasks include fetching water, preparing food for the dogs, bringing firewood to the lodge, feeding dogs, etc.

Included in the price: Full board from the day of arrival to the day of departure in Kiruna. Clothing, sleeping bags, transfer.

Number of participants: maximum 6 guests.