



Jukkasjärvi VildmarksTurer AB

Lavu mountain expedition

This tour is for those who want to experience the adventure mountain tour more intense.

Go back to the basics for 6 days and experience the Swedish mountain world in a puristic way. The area between Abisko and Nikkaluokta is breathtakingly beautiful, especially in winter, and crossing it with a dog sled is a unique experience.

This tour puts high demands on the participants in matters of physical and mental constitution. We spend the night in tents throughout this tour and transport all the equipment in the dogsled. Each participant runs his own team with 5-6 dogs.

The length of the daily stages can be over 50 km.

We also drive the routes beyond the Kungsleden, where the landscape is wilder and lonely and you rarely find pre-tracked trails.

Tourplan

Day 1 After arriving in Kiruna our driver will take you to our huskycamp near Jukkasjärvi. Here you'll meet your guide and the other participants in the evening. You will be provided with winter clothing and special winter sleeping bags. Afterwards, a dinner will be held at Kåta.

The guide will then discuss the itinerary and informs you about the handling of sleds and dogs as well as appropriate behavior in the mountains.

Day 2 Around 7 o'clock breakfast is served in the Kåta. Afterwards, we pack the equipment in the vehicles that bring us and the dogs to the starting point of the tour (Abisko, Rautas or Nikkaluokta). At the start we prepare the sleds, distribute the equipment and set off. Depending on where the tour starts, we cover between 15 and 50 km on this first day. As soon as we reach the campsite selected by the guide, we start to secure the teams, build up the lavu and the tents for the night, get water and prepare food for the dogs. Dinner is prepared by the guide in the Lavu.

Day 3-6 The day begins with the feeding of the dogs. Afterwards there will be breakfast for the tour participants. After dismantling the tent camp, we set off for the next stage. The daily routine and the tasks in the camp do not change during the tour, because we have to take into account the demands of the dogs (resting periods, feeding etc). The time on the sled, however, is dependent on the conditions in the mountains. The weather in the mountains can change quickly and where yesterday were trailed trails can 40 cm of fresh snow over night make trails impassable.



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Day 7 On the last day we go to Nikkaluokta (or Abisko) the end of our tour. Here we pass the Kebnekaise before going down into the valley. Upon our arrival in Nikkaluokta we load dogs and equipment into vehicles and return to the husky camp. In the evening we will have dinner in the Kåta.

Day 8 After breakfast, our driver will take you to your place of departure

After the start in Abisko, the classic route follows the course of the Kungsleden via Alesjaure, Sälka, Singi to Nikkaluokta, the end of our tour.

Depending on weather conditions, however, other stages off the main route such as Unna Allakas, Hukejaure, Kaitumjaure and Vistas are also hit. The decision which routes are taken is up to the guide. This will take into account the prevailing weather and snow conditions as well as the fitness of the respective participants in the selection. The length of the individual daily stages is 15- 50 km. The route profile can vary from flat passages in valleys and hilly terrain to technical climbs and descents. The tour starts at about 385 m and reaches at Tjåktja (1150m) the highest point.

The itinerary listed here is a preliminary plan. The length of the daily stages as well as the course of the route depend on circumstances we have no influence on, eg. weather conditions, trafficability of the routes, snow conditions etc.

We use a so-called Lavu (similar to a tepee) as a lounge, where we can eat and sit in together. In addition, we use two-man tents for the night.

This tour has a character of an expedition and is physically very demanding, not at least because of the fact that you spend 24 hours of the day outside in the cold. In addition to the personal luggage you carry dog food and additional equipment such as tents in your sled. The sleds can therefore weight 60-80 kg. Participants of the lavu tour must be able to support their dog team on ascents or deep trails by pushing or running next to it.



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Another factor that makes this tour so demanding and should not be underestimated is the weather. Strong wind or storm, heavy snow and soft trails, as well as open water and icy routes are quite common and participants need to be able to handle these conditions.

The campsites are sometimes located near the STF cabins, which usually have a sauna.

The price includes full board throughout the tour, winter sleeping bags as well as equipment for the tour.

Number of participants: maximum 6 guests