



# Jukkasjärvi VildmarksTurer AB

## 10 day sled dog expedition 2021

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Experience the winter in Lapland at its purest. Come on an adventure beyond the Arctic Circle and let yourself be enchanted by fantastic winter landscapes, the unique silence and our wonderful huskies. On our 10-day expedition, 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 camps, 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 Laplands cold nights and do the trip of a lifetime.

The 10-day expedition is well suited for participants who have already done a husky tour and are now looking for a longer and more demanding tour.

We start the tour either in our wilderness camp close to the lake of Väckärä (15 km north of Jukkasjärvi) or in Abisko or Nikkaluokta. The starting point of the tour is dependent on the weather conditions on site (ice thickness on rivers and lakes, snow conditions, etc.) as well as the positions of reindeer herds and other circumstances relevant to the implementation.

You do not need any prior knowledge, but you should be of good health and physical fitness.

### Tourplan

**Day 1** We spend the first day with preparing for the tour. This includes a review of the equipment as well as an introduction to the sledging and the handling of the dogs. Furthermore, you will get a briefing on how to dress and behave in winter conditions as they exist north of the Arctic Circle. We will also discuss the tour schedule.

**Day 2 - 3** After the start in Jukkasjärvi, we will sled along the Torne River for a few days and then continue to drive into the mountains. The routes of the first days are easy to master for beginners and allow you an easy and comfortable start.

### From the 4th day on,

it will get more challenging, as we now leave the flat tundra and marsh landscape with its lakes and rivers and reach the mountains (this applies to a start from Väckäräjärvi). We will spend the remaining days of the tour in the area around the Kungsleden (Kingstrail) and the mountains around Kebnekaise, the highest mountain in Sweden. The tour ends in Nikkaluokta. From here we and the dogs as well as all the equipment will be transferred back to our huskyfarm.



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If we start in Abisko or Nikkaluokta we`ll spend the first days in the mountains and drive down to Torneälven afterwards.

Throughout the tour we spend the night in huts, a lavvu or in tents. Each participant joins in daily tasks such as fetching water, feeding the dogs, heating up the hut etc. This tour is done as a team, which is why it is important to help each other when necessary.

The guide decides if the group or dogs need a rest day. The weather in the mountains can change very quickly and sometimes it is very warm for the dogs, so that there is a risk of overheating. It might also be necessary to take a rest day if we encounter difficult weather conditions (strong wind, snowfall).

The daily distances we are covering are 15-75km. The length of the stages depends on the current weather and snow conditions as well as other possible circumstances.

During the tour there we will have a breakfast in the morning, a light lunch on the way and a dinner in the camp.

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



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Additional information about the tour:

- You will have reception for your mobile during the first week. Once we get into the mountains, only satellite phones will work.
- The mountain huts of the STF have shops where you can buy snacks or everyday commodities. These shops accept card payment.
- Please note that it may happen that the weather deteriorates during the tour and we can not strictly adhere to the tour schedule (change of route, shortening of the daily stage, additional days off, etc.)

Number of participants: maximum 6 guests.