



# Jukkasjärvi VildmarksTurer AB

## Hiking tour on the Kungsleden

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The Kungsleden (Royal Route) is the most famous long-distance hiking trail in Sweden and also one of the most beautiful in the world. It was created at the beginning of the 20th century by the Swedish Tourist Association STF, which established the first mountain station in Abisko in 1906. The northern Kungsleden runs over 425 km from Abisko in the north to Hemavan in the south. The highest point is Tjäktja Pass at 1150 meters, the lowest point is Kvikkjokk with 302 meters.

The section between Abisko and Nikkaluokta which extends over a distance of 105 km is the most popular and at the same time the most mountainous. That is also the part of the Kungsleden that we will hike.

From Abisko we will make our way through flat and tree-covered terrain. Then the path gets steeper and brings us up into the mountains.

The landscape around the Kungsleden is wild and romantic. Immerse yourself in the unique mountain landscape with its raging rivers, deep gorges, wide valleys and clear mountain lakes. Experience the midnight sun, birch forests, alpine mountain meadows, passing reindeer herds, the huts of the Sami and the silence of untouched nature.

Along the way, the huts of the STF (Swedish Tourist Association), which we use for overnight stays, are located at a distance of 12 - 20 km. The cabins are simple, have no electricity and no running water. You sleep in your sleeping bag in shared rooms with bunk beds (pillows and blankets are provided). If you want you can also stay in a tent (please specify when booking).

You do not have to be an experienced hiker to go on this tour, but you should have a good physical condition. The length of the daily stages is about 16 km. The terrain is mainly cropped slightly, but there are also occasionally steep climbs and challenging descents.

### Tour plan

**Day 1** Upon arrival in Kiruna we pick you up at the airport (train station etc) and bring you to our camp near Jukkasjärvi. Here is a cozy 4-bed cottage ready for you. Then you will get to know your guide and the other participants. After a joint dinner, the guide will inform you about the equipment and the tourplan.

**Day 2** After breakfast we drive to Abisko (about 1 hour). Here is the starting point of our tour. The first stage takes us through light birch woods and along the Abiskojäkka to the STF hut at the end of the Abiskojaure lake. The track is mostly flat and very easy to hike. The route is 13 km long.



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- Day 3** Today's stage is about 24 km long. The way to Alesjaure begins quite flat, but it rises steadily as soon as you leave the birch forest. The climb to the Keronbacken is quite demanding and brings us over the tree line out into a high valley. The route crosses a rock-strewn landscape, followed by a moorland. We pass a series of mountain lakes and walk in a wide valley directly to the Alesjaure lake. The STF cabin which is located on a hill, can be seen from afar. The summer settlement Laevas is located east of Lake Alesjaure.
- Day 4** Today we reach the Tjäktjapass 4 km after the departure and thus the highest point of the Kungsleden (1150 m above sea level). From here you have a breathtaking view down to the valley Tjäktjavagge, which extends over 30 km. The west side of the valley is bordered by a rock face, the summits to the east are less rugged and more rounded, but still very impressive. After the descent from Tjäktja we hike on flat ways down to Sälka. Distance: 25 km
- Day 5** The stage takes us from Sälka to Singi and we hike in one of the most beautiful and impressive landscapes the Swedish mountains have to offer. Imposing peaks, steep slopes and huge glaciers surround you on our way through the lush alpine flora. Our way leads through the Tjäktjavagge valley, which is very wide here. It is a simple leg but the beautiful surroundings prevent it from becoming boring. Wonderful views, such as the view over the Drakryggen and the north summit of Kebnekaise, appear again and again. The cabin in Kuoperjåkka can be visited for a lunch break. We cross many streams on wooden bridges and the trail gets winding and stony until we reach Singi after 12 km. The summer settlement Kårtjevuolle with Sami tents and reindeer pastures is nearby.  
The route length is 12 km.
- Day 6** We leave the main trail of Kungsleden and hike through the narrow valley Laddjuvage with its spectacular scenery to the Kebnekaise Fjällstation. The path leads us from the high alpine mountains slowly down into a flat, broad valley. The ascent to the summit station is short and easy to walk. Overnight around Mountain station  
Length of the route: 15 km
- Day 7** After leaving the mountain station we cross the mountain stream Tarfalajåkka, where the glaciers of Tarfaladalen flow. The rest of the route follows an often stony path that occasionally crosses wooden walkways, gently leading uphill. The last few kilometers bring us on narrow paths through birch forests to our destination in Nikkaluokta.



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Upon arrival in Nikkaluokta, we will drive back to Jukkasjärvi, where we take care of all the equipment

**Day 8** Breakfast, departure and transfer to Kiruna town/Airport/Train station

Included: Full board from arrival in Kiruna until departure. Transport to and from the airport / train station, tent, camping stove, sleeping bag and mattress.

Not included: hiking/rubber boots, rain gear, backpack and clothing.

Number of seats: At least 3 and a maximum of 8 participants.