



Jukkasjärvi VildmarksTurer AB

14 - days Huskysafari

New expedition tour 2021

Experience 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 14-day Huskysafari you can feel like a real musher and run your own team of 5-6 sled dogs. We take you out into the last wilderness in Europe and into the fascinating mountain world of the northern Kungsleden. Enjoy the simple life in our wilderness camps and mountain huts, 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 make the trip of a lifetime.

We often receive requests regarding longer tours from guests who have already done tours in Finland, Sweden, Norway or Alaska. The 14 days Huskysafari is for those guests who are looking for a more challenging tour with character of an expedition. In the spring of 2020 Jukkasjärvi Vildmarks Turer AB will be offering a unique sled dog tour in the border area between Norway, Sweden and Finland.

The total distance covered during the tour is more than 400 kilometers, of which 150 are done on the Kungsleden in the mountains of the Abisko National Park, the rest in the tundra and on the lakes and rivers north of Kiruna. We spend the night in a lavvu, huts and tents. In the mountains we use the huts of the STF.

Tourplan

- Day 1** After arriving at our huskycamp, you will meet your guide, who will provide all the necessary information about the tour (safety instructions, how to conduct in the mountains and at arctic temperature, sled and dog handling). Afterwards dinner will be served in our cozy kåta.
- Day 2** Today the equipment for the tour will be checked and the setting up of the Lavus will be practiced. We also do a test drive with the dog teams. Lunch and dinner are served in the kåta.
- Day 3** After breakfast we start our tour around 10 o'clock. From Jukkasjärvi we follow the so-called Tobaccotrail and drive about 35 km towards Finland to the first destination in Sekkutoppa. We spend the night in the Lavvu. We will have dinner and breakfast in the hut of Sekkutoppa.



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- Day 4** In the morning we leave for Soppero. The length of the stage is 40 km. In Soppero we spend the night in the house of Per-Nils, a Sami who can tell many stories about his life in the mountains. Here you can learn a lot about the Sami culture.
- Day 5** Today's destination is the Sami village Järämä north of Soppero. The length of the stage is about 45 km. The landscape here is deserted and lonely. Only a few reindeers and moose live here. We will spend the night in the Lavvu.
- Day 6** After breakfast we go west to the small Sami village Vuoskojaure near the Norwegian border. The route is about 45 km long. Today we spend the night in the Lavvu.
- Day 7** Today we drive down to the Torneträsk, a 70 km long lake, which creates a boundary to the Swedish mountains. The day's stage is around 45 km. We spend the night in the Lavvu on the lake.
- Day 8 resting** Please note that the rest day may be postponed to another day during the tour.
- Day 9** This tour day leads us along the Torneträsk to Abisko to the starting point of the Kungsleden. In Abisko is a chance to shop in a supermarket before we continue our tour. Here we also load our supplies and other equipment for the coming days and exchange dogs, should that be necessary. Then we drive through the National Park to Abiskojaure where we spend the night in a cabin of the STF. This cabin has a sauna.
- Day 10** From Abiskojaure we go to Alesjaure (26 km). The stages are now shorter but more technical and more demanding for participants and dogs. In Alesjaure we can use the sauna.
- Day 11** The next hut we are heading to is Sälka. On the way there we cross the highest point of Kungsleden in Tjäktja (1150 m).
If the weather does not allow this we take the path via Hukkejaure. You cover the same distance, but the route is more flat.
- Day 12** Today we go from Sälka to Kaitumjaure (25km) or Hukkejaure to Singi (also 25km). The track is quite flat and easy to drive.
- Day 13** This is the last day on the sled and we descent to Nikkaluokta. The distance is about 48 km. We will be picked up at the station in Nikkaluokta and driven back to the Huskycamp in Jukkasjärvi. In the evening dinner will be served in the kåta.



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Day 14 After breakfast, we will take you from the huskycamp to your desired departure point.

Additional information about the tour:

- During the first week of the tour, we will be accompanied by a snowmobile with a trailer, in which we will transport additional equipment, wood and dog food. The driver drives ahead of the group to our stage finish every day and sets up the lavvu so that this part of the job is already done when we arrive with the dogs in the afternoon. From Abisko we continue without a snowmobile.
- You will have reception on your phone during the first week. Once we get into the mountains, only satellite phones will work.
- In the mountain huts of the STF are shops where you can buy snacks and every day articles. These shops accept card payment.
- Please note that during the tour the weather may get worse 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