

## Mountain tour 2021

The Kungsleden (Kings trail) is the most famous hiking trail in Sweden and also one of the most beautiful in the world. The northern Kungsleden leads over 425 kms from Abisko in the north to Hemavan in the south.

Our tour takes us for 6 days on the 105 km section between Abisko and Nikkaluokta, which is one of the most popular routes of the Kungsleden. Crossing this unique mountain landscape on a dog sled is a fantastic adventure. Experience the vast valleys, deep ravines and icy nights under the northern lights. We sled in lonely high valleys and steep climbs, frozen mountain lakes and pass reindeer herds and the summer villages of the Sami. Enjoy the loneliness and the silence, the clear air and wonderful views. Be inspired by our wonderful huskies and do the trip of a lifetime.

Mountain tours will be held from the end of february to the middle of april.

## Tourplan

 Day 1 After arriving in Kiruna our driver will take you to our Huskycamp near Jukkasjärvi. There you will meet your guide and the other participants of the tour. The guide equips you with warm winter clothing. In the evening, we will have dinner in our kåta. Afterwards, the guide provides you with an overview of the trip and the handling of dogs and sleds. The guide also briefs you on the correct behavior on the trail and at arctic temperatures.

Day 2 The day begins with a joint breakfast. Then we pack the equipment, sleds and dogs in vehicles. The starting point of the tour is usually Abisko. Depending on the weather conditions or other circumstances, the tour start can also be in Nikkaluokta. The trip to Abisko or Nikkaluokta takes about 1 - 1 ½ hours.
Arriving at the starting point, we load the sleds and embark on the first leg of our tour. We sled over slightly clipped trails to Abiskojaure. The track is about 15 kms long and is ideal for beginners to get a feeling for sleds and the power of the dogs. Like all cabins on the northern Kungsleden, the one in Abiskojaure belongs to the STF (Swedish Tourism Association) and includes a sauna and a small shop. After arrival in Abiskojaure we secure the dogs, get water and prepare the dog food. Subsequently, we feed the dogs. All participants of the tour help with this. Our day ends with a dinner. You can also enjoy the sauna.

Day 3-6The day starts with feeding the dogs. Afterwards there will be breakfast for the<br/>participants as well. After packing the sleds we set off to the next stage. The daily<br/>routines 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, depends on the conditions in the mountains. The weather can change quickly here and where yesterday's trails were still groomed, make 40 cm of fresh snow or collapsed snow bridges trails impassable the day after.

- Day 7 On the last day we will reach the end of the tour in Nikkaluokta (or Abisko). We will pass Kebnekaise before going down into the valley. In Nikkaluokta we load dogs and equipment into vehicles and return to the huskycamp.
   In the evening we will have a communal 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 northern 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 we will go is made by the guide.

The guide 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 daily stages is 15 - 50 kms. The route profile can vary from shallow passages in valleys and hilly terrain to technical climbs and descents. The tour starts at about 385 m and reaches at Tjäktja with 1150 m, the highest point.

## Please note:

This itinary is preliminary. The length of the daily stages as well as the course of the route is dependent on circumstances we have no influence on, eg. weather conditions, trafficability of the routes, snow conditions etc.

The tour has the character of an expedition and is very demanding, not at least because of the fact that you spend many hours of the day out in the cold. The dog food and possibly additional equipment is transported in the sleds in addition to the private luggage, so that the sled can reach a total weight of 40 to 50 kilos. Participants of the mountain tour must be able to support their dog team on ascents or deep trails by pushing or walking next to it.



Another factor which should not to be underestimated and that makes this tour so challenging is the weather.

Strong wind or storm, heavy snow and soft trails, as well as open water and icy routes are not uncommon in the mountains and so this tour does require higher physical and mental conditions for the participants.

The price includes full board during the tour, winter clothing and the necessary equipment.

Number of participants: Maximum of 6 guests

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