

## Hiking tour around the Kebnekaise

The Kebnekaise with its southern and northern summits (2098 and 2097 m) is the highest mountain in Sweden and is located about 60 km north of Kiruna in the district of Norrbotten. The Kebnekaisemassiv is one of the most impressive and fascinating mountain areas of the country. It is framed by 3 main valleys. The Ladtjovagge valley where you can also find the Kebnekaise mountain station, extends from Nikkaluokta (starting point of our tour) in the south in eastern direction to the STF cabin in Singi

In the west, the Kungsleden runs from north to south through the valleys Alesvagge and Tjäktjavagge. Diagonally to the north-east axis you find the valley Vistasvagge. The entire area covers an area of about 500 km<sup>2</sup>. Here you will find a dense network of hiking trails, which offer the hiker the opportunity to experience a completely untouched nature. These trails mostly run above the tree line. You will hike through the open heath landscape, past barren mountain slopes, lush flower meadows and snow-capped peaks and experience the full range of the Swedish mountain landscape.

Our hike starts and ends in Nikkaluokta (about 60 km from Kiruna) and takes us around the Kebnekaisemassiv. We spend the night in tents or in the cabins of the STF (Swedish Tourist Board). The cabins offer basic accommodation in shared rooms and usually provide a sauna. In the cabins you have no electricity or running water.

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 on average 16 km. The terrain is mainly cropped slightly, but there are also occasionally steep climbs and challenging descents. Even in summer, snow can be found on and around Kebnekaise.

## **Tourplan**

- 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 cabin waiting for you.

  Then you will get to know your guide and the other participants. After dinner, the guide will inform you about the equipment and the tour progress.
- Day 2 After breakfast we drive to Nikkaluokta (about 1 hour). Here is the starting point of our tour. Todays stage is about 19 km long. The route leads us through the valley Ladtjovagge past the banks of the Ladtjojaure and through sparse birch forests up to the Kebnekaise mountain station. The route is mostly flat and only shortly before the station you have to cope with a little climb.

  We spend the night in the mountain station.



- Day 3 We hike from the mountain station in northern direction on the Kungsleden (Kings Trail) until we turn into the Singivaggi. After about 5 km we reach the narrow canyon below the Guobirčohkka, the Kaffedalen (coffee valley). Here the climb to the summit of Kebnekaise starts. Overnight in the tent below the summit. The hike is about 19 km.
- Day 4 We make our way up to the summit hut via the so called Vestra Leden.

  The climb is about 400m and from here we continue to the southern summit.

  When the weather is clear you can see the eleventh part of the whole of Sweden. We spend the night in our tents near the summit. The hike is about 2 km.
- Day 5 In the morning we pack our tents and begin the hike down to the mountain station. We walk on the west ridge to Rabots Pass. This passage leads over a narrow edge along the glacier. From here we go over the Guobirčohkka down to the mouth of the Singivaggi and back to the mountain station.
- Today you will hike with light luggage over a distance of 8 km to the Tarfalavagge, one of the most beautiful valleys in the Swedish mountains. You have a breathtaking view of the green-blue Tarfalajaure, the rugged mountainsides and the glaciers that flow into this valley.
- Day 7 After spending the night in the mountain station, we will walk on the Kungsleden through the idyllic Ladtjovagge to Nikkaluokta. The route is about 19 km long and mostly flat.

From Nikkaluokta we will be taken back to the camp.

Included in the price: full board from arrival in Kiruna until departure from Kiruna. Transport to and from the airport / train station. Tent, alcohol stove, sleeping bag and mattress.

Not included: hiking / rubber boots, rainwear, backpack, clothing.

Number of seats: At least 3 and a maximum of 8 people per tour.