

Lapland Wilderness Tour

from £1395 - 24th Nov to 20th April 2019



The wilderness tour is designed someone on their first one week tour. Average fitness is required as, especially at low temperatures and in difficult snow conditions, it will still be necessary to carry out some physical work. You should be able to help the dogs ascend steep terrain and also carry out work at camp. Team spirit is – as on all tours – absolutely necessary. The nights on tour will be spent in wilderness huts without electricity or running water. There is only one outhouse for use as a toilet, and a sauna instead of a shower. The work at the camp (dog care, cooking, etc.) is carried out collectively by the group.

Saturday: Arrival at Kittilä airport (ask for correct arrival time), transfer to base camp for dinner. Each log cabin has 3 rooms each with 2 single beds, lounge/kitchenette with 2 showers and toilets. Huskies are nearby so you can visit them. Distribution of equipment and information.

Sunday: After breakfast you will meet your guide and after a short briefing, enjoy your first trip with your huskies of approximately 35km. Upon returning lunch is provided in the Kota after which you are transferred back to base for sauna and dinner.



Monday: Now the Wilderness Tour begins. The safari takes you through the wild wide rolling landscapes of northern Lapland. Here the landscape changes from large swamps, lakes and rivers to extensive woodlands and the mountains. These mountains are around 1000 metres above sea level. Much



of the area is now declared a national park so that it can be preserved for future generations. We spend the nights in "cabins": log cabins with gas lamps, gas stove and wood heating. Water is carried from a nearby lake or river. Together we will prepare the meals, feed the dogs, chop wood and heat up the sauna ... and there will

still be enough time to enjoy the silence of the wilderness.

The daily stages are between 40 to 60 kilometres (4 to 6 hours mushing): including time for harnessing and unharnessing, you will spend about 8 hours with the dogs.

On **Thursday** you will reach the base during the afternoon. Here you will say goodbye to your huskies and will be looking forward to a first shower and dinner with the guide at base. Also your first beer after the tour will taste especially good. A small gift from your guide as a celebration of your tour.

Friday: After returning the equipment the rest of the day is free. The lodge will be happy to help you in the organization of activities (snowshoeing, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, riding etc. Please ask for costs).

Saturday: Group transfer to Kittilä airport after breakfast. Checkout 10.00am



Group size: max. 7 participants plus guide

Dates: 24th November 2018 to 20th April 2019

4 nights at husky base, 3 nights in wilderness cabins (Sat tours)

3 nights at husky base, 4 nights in wilderness cabins (Wed tours)

(No initial day tour on Wed tours – out to wilderness cabins Thurs to Mon)

Cost (per person) Twin room (sharing): £1675 (Sat) / £1535 (Wed)

Christmas New Year: 19th, 22nd, 26th & 29th Dec **£1825** (Sat) / **£1685** (Wed)

Off-season departures: 24th Nov to 15th Dec **£1525** (Sat) / **£1395** (Wed)

Included: Transfer from / to the airport at Kittilä, accommodation according to program, meals (breakfast, snack / lunch / main meal in the evening), tour catering, equipment for extreme cold weather (jacket, pants, shoes, gloves), sauna, 1 team with 4 dogs per participant, English speaking guide. For the nights in the wilderness lodges, you will be provided with an inner sleeping bag as all cabins are equipped with bed linen.

Not included: flights to and from Kittilä, drinks, activities on your free day.



Important Notes

Accommodation

The nights in the base you will spend in twin rooms in a cabin - these consist of 3 sleeping rooms with single bed, a living room with kitchenette, 2 showers & toilet.

For overnight stays in the wilderness cabins please bring a thin inner or summer sleeping bag. All cabins are equipped with warm bed clothing. However this cannot be changed after each overnight stay.

Fitness

A basic level of physical fitness is necessary. Every guest must be able to help his dog team - also on longer passages - when there are difficult snow conditions or uphill, that means to walk next to the sled and push it. You don't need to run marathons but a certain amount of regular sports is recommended. You always have to keep in mind that there can be extreme temperatures of less than -40°C. You need to keep your body warm through intensive moving and the most effective way is to run through the deep snow.

Age limits: 16-70 years

The minimum age is 16 years. The participation of minors in the tours is only possible if they are accompanied by an adult taking responsibility for him and on special request. Due to safety reasons the decision if the minor can drive his own dog team is made by the guide after arrival and can be changed during tour.

Due to our experience we have learned that the physical requirements of this tour often cannot be made by guests older than 70 years. That is why we can accept bookings from guests older than 70 years only on special request.

Weight: 50-100kg

The weight of the guest is important on tours too. For guests who are too light it can be difficult to control a dog team in difficult situations. With too much weight the burden for the dogs can be too high. That is why we ask you for your understanding that bookings of guests who do not match the weight limits can only be accepted on special request and that we reserve the right to weigh guests at our place if they did not inform about their weight in advance.

Equipment: clothes sizes S-XXL, shoe sizes 37-46

To be equipped for the tour and ready also for cold temperatures we provide you with special equipment for the sled dog tour. That includes jacket, over-trousers, hat, over-gloves and winter boots. Under those clothes you should wear woolen under clothes and woolen socks, fleece pullover, ski or outdoor trousers and fleece gloves. We kindly ask you for your understanding that the manufacturers of this special equipment does not provide all sizes and so our equipment is limited to the sizes stated above. If you don't match these sizes please contact us in advance of a booking so that we can give you tips for the equipment needed.

Transfer times (liable to change to match any changes to flight schedules).

Airport to lodge: 11:00, 14:00, 17:00

Lodge to airport: 8:30, 12:30, 15:00