

# Aurora Husky Tour

4th December 2017 to 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018



No tour can guarantee you seeing the Northern Lights but this tour will give you a better chance than most! It takes place in mid-winter when dark mornings and evenings give you a better night sky. It takes place in Lapland and the further north you go the better it is to view the northern lights. And finally the tour is in an area renowned for clear skies - hence a space station and specialist northern lights viewing facilities are based here - as the area is bounded by Norwegian and Finnish mountains which tend to block out the lower clouds.

However, we recommend you select the husky sledding adventure that you prefer and take any sighting of the Northern Lights as a bonus!

## Day 1

Arrival at Kiruna airport. The guide will meet you at the airport and accompany you to the kennels base camp or the wilderness camp Väkkäräjärvi. Here you will meet the dogs and become acquainted with the camp and its surroundings. Dinner and perhaps a sauna if it is not too late.

## Day 2

We start the day by watering the dogs, after which we will eat breakfast. After breakfast we will learn the basics on how to handle the dogs, sleds and harnesses. We will then pack the sleds for the coming days, then we will set off on tour. Each participant will drive his or her own sled with a team of four dogs, following the guide who will lead the way. On arrival at camp, we will work together to prepare both the dogs and ourselves for the night. This will include feeding of the dogs, chopping wood and fetching water. We end the day with dinner and a sauna.

## Day 3

We start the day by watering the dogs, after which we will eat breakfast. We will then pack the sleds with all the necessary items for the coming days. As soon as the preparations are ready, we will set off on the tour. We will drive between 25 and 50 kilometres per day, and sleep in simple huts along the route.

## Day 4

The morning routines are the same every day. The rest of the day is characterised by the route chosen. Our tour takes us through Europe's last remaining wilderness, where we will (weather



permitting) experience the Northern Lights in the dark polar night, glittering white snow during the day, pure air, and a silence so intense you can almost hear it.

### Day 5

The landscape will vary considerably depending on the route we choose to take. The routes will lead us along rivers, through thick forests and mountain ranges, and across lakes.



**Day 6** In the event of bad weather an alternative day itinerary may be included. The day could be spent, for instance, sightseeing in Kiruna or visiting the Ice Hotel (cost around £48 paid locally for guided tour of hotel).

**Day 7** All overnights are in cabins along the trails, the guide will choose where we stay depending on weather conditions and client ability. Today we will take the trails back to the husky farm. Dinner and overnight.

### Day 8

After breakfast, you will be taken back to the airport or railway station.

**N.B.** This is a preliminary itinerary. The length and route of the tour may vary depending on circumstances beyond our control such as weather, trail access, and seasonal variations. We try to stay overnight in 3-4 different cabins during the week, depending on weather conditions. All tours will be done in the area around Jukkasjärvi / Kiruna up to 100km in radius. Some huts are very simple with bunk beds and shared sleeping accommodation.



<b>Departures:</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b>	<b>£1465</b>
	<b>1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>h</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> &amp; 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>£1495</b>
	<b>5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>£1495</b>
	<b>5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup>, March</b>	<b>£1495</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>	<b>£1495</b>
	<b>** Christmas Tour – 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>£1595</b>
	<b>** New Year Tour - 27<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>£1595</b>

**Includes:** local airport transfers, all meals and accommodation during the adventure, dogs and sled, extra thermal over clothes including boots, sleeping bag and liner, soft bag for spare clothes on safari, English speaking guide.

**Not included:** airfares, travel insurance, items of a personal nature.