

Timber Rafting on Klarälven – custom 4-day experience

The River Klarälven has the longest history of use as a professional logging route in Sweden and was used for this purpose right up until 1991. Today you have an opportunity to keep this old tradition alive by building and floating your own timber raft. The timber rafts used on the Klarälven river are straightforward to build and to dismantle after the trip. Logs about 3 metres (nine feet) long and rope are the only materials allowed.



Floating peacefully down river on a timber raft must surely have been the stuff of childhood dreams. You will build and pilot your own raft down Klarälven ("Clear River"), an ideal way to experience rural Värmland and the tiny villages of the Klarälven valley, and with an excellent chance of encountering beavers. But floating downstream in a leisurely manner is only part of the story - this is a voyage of adventure, a journey of discovery and an excellent team-building activity. You will need to keep a keen eye out for obstacles such as sandbanks and overhanging branches, learning to handle your raft with pole and paddles as you steer her towards your final destination.



The Klarälven timber rafting tour takes you through a beautiful rural area of forests, small villages and farmland, giving you the opportunity to stop and explore the surrounding countryside along the route.

Day 1:

- Arrival at the raft building spot at Branäsäng around 13:00.
- An outdoor lunch will be served, after which you will have an instruction session on how to construct your timber rafts.
- Under the supervision and guidance of your instructors, you will then build your own timber rafts. Once building is complete, you will tie up the rafts for the night.
- You will then camp for the night at Branäs.



Day 2:

- You will set sail on your rafts, with full equipment on board, to spend your first day on the winding river Klarälven.
- You will choose your own camping spot at the end of the day's rafting and camp wild on the banks of the river.

Day 3:

- Your voyage down river continues. Your goal for the day is the campsite at Klarälvens Camping, where you will camp overnight.



Day 4:

- You will reach the end point for your tour at Björkebo, where you can dismantle the rafts and bring your equipment ashore. Your instructors will be on hand to assist.

What is included:

1. Timber rafting from Branäsäng to Björkebo (map included).
2. Full cooking and kitchen equipment with grill.
3. Tents (standard size or larger 8-person tents as desired).
4. Sleeping bag with Thermarest sleeping mattress.
5. Camping fee at Klarälvens Camping.
6. Provisions box with typical Swedish food sourced from local suppliers and where possible from local ingredients, containing all food necessary during the tour.
7. Private instruction session at Branäsäng.
8. Services of local instructors during raft construction.
9. Outdoor lunch served during raft construction.
10. One canoe per raft.
11. Services of local instructors during raft dismantling.

(Please note that items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 are not normally included as part of the standard Timber Rafting on Klarälven experience).

Optional package 1

As standard package above plus:

1. Overnight on day 4 in shared two-person rooms at Hotel FrykenStrand in Sunne or Värmlandsporten Hotel in Stöllet.
2. Dinner and breakfast at the hotel.
3. All transfers, including coach transfer from Oslo Gardermoen airport to the start point for the timber rafting tour, transfer from end point of rafting tour to hotel and transfer from hotel to Oslo Gardermoen airport.



Hotel FrykenStrand



Hotel Värmlandsporten

Optional package 2

As standard package above plus:

1. Overnight on day 4 in shared two-person rooms at Selma Spa Hotel in Sunne.
2. Dinner and breakfast at the hotel.
3. Free access to spa facilities.
4. All transfers, including transfer from Oslo Gardermoen airport to the start point for the timber rafting tour, transfer from end point of rafting tour to hotel and transfer from hotel to Oslo Gardermoen airport.



Selma Spa Hotel



Optional package 3

As standard package above plus:

1. On day 3, when your group will be camping at Klarälvens Camping, we will arrange an evening of bathing in a wooden "bath barrel" (see image above) and wood-heated sauna, with a barbecue dinner of local elk meat with baked potatoes.

For an offer specifically tailored to the needs and wishes of your group, please contact Bob Carter on

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