



## **HUSKY MOUNTAIN EXPEDITION IN LAPLAND**

### **SPECIAL 14-DAY TOUR ITINERARY**

*Please note that the itinerary below is an example of the intended route and is subject to variation depending on factors such as weather conditions and movement of reindeer herds.*

This tour is an extended version of the standard Husky Mountain Expedition in Lapland with a real expedition feeling and a higher level of challenge, an ideal choice for those with previous experience of multi-day dogsled tours looking for a "next step" adventure.

Beginning from the kennels, the first part of the tour runs in an Arctic Tundra landscape to the north of Kiruna, before reaching the King's Trail to follow a similar route to the 8-day Husky Mountain Expedition.

Each participant will drive their own sled team with 5-6 huskies per team.

The intention is to cover approx. 400km over the course of the tour, of which around 150km is in the mountains along the King's Trail. Sauna at the cabins along the mountain section of the tour will be available on 2-3 nights during the trip, which also offers an opportunity to wash.

For the first part of the tour, accommodation will be winter camping in traditional "Lavvu", or tipi.

Max. group size 6 persons + guide.

A snowmobile with additional guide will accompany the group during the Tundra section of the tour to assist with transport of supplies and assist with setting up some of the camp in advance of the group's arrival at the day's end point.

#### **Day 1: Arrival**

Arrive at the kennels for dinner and information meeting with your guide to discuss the tour ahead. Accommodation in simple cabins at the kennels.

#### **Day 2: Preparation and Practice**

You will together prepare the equipment and packing necessary for the coming tour, including for example practising erecting the tipi and working with the sleds and dogs. Test drive with the sleds and teams. Lunch, dinner and overnight accommodation at the kennels.

#### **Day 3: Start of Tundra Expedition**

Your first full day of sledding, beginning on the morning to follow the "Tobacco Trail" towards Finland. Goal for the day is the cabin at Sekkutoppa, approx. 35km. Sleeping in tipi with intention to have dinner/breakfast inside the cabin.



#### **Day 4: To Soppero**

Today you sled approx. 40km to the small settlement of Soppero to meet local Sami reindeer herder, Per-Nils, who will regale you with stories of Sami life and culture. Sauna is available here. Accommodation in cabin at Soppero.

#### **Day 5: North into the Tundra**

Today you enter a completely uninhabited area, home only to reindeer and moose. Sledding distance approx. 45km to the Sami village of Järäma. You will camp in tipi close to the village.

#### **Day 6: Towards the Norwegian Border**

Today you turn west, close to the Norwegian border to the small Sami village of Vuoskojaure, distance around 45km. Overnight in tipi.

#### **Day 7: Lake Torneträsk**

You sled onto the large lake of Torneträsk, which is approx. 70km long and borders the higher mountain region. Distance approx. 45km, overnight in tipi.

#### **Day 8: Towards Abisko and into the Mountains**

Continuing along Torneträsk, you reach Abisko, the start of the King's Trail and gateway to the mountains, with your goal for the day the mountain cabins at Abiskojaure. Here sauna is available and accommodation will be in the mountain cabins. When passing Abisko, there is the opportunity to stop at the mountain station and you will also meet a supply vehicle to restock on provisions, dog food and other equipment. Should it be necessary to change any of the dogs need at this point, this provides an opportunity to do so before continuing on to Abiskojaure. Here the snowmobile support will leave the group before you join the King's Trail and sled into the mountains.

#### **Day 9: To Alesjaure**

Distance around 26km beginning with a climb taking you higher into the mountains. Accommodation at the cabins at Alesjaure with sauna available.

#### **Day 10: Over the Tjäkta Pass**

Conditions permitting, today's route crosses the highest point on the King's Trail, the pass at Tjäkta, before descending down the beautiful Tjäktavagge valley to the cabins at Sälka. Distance approx. 26km. In high wind, an alternative route is available via Hukejaure for accommodation there.

#### **Day 11: Spare/Contingency Day**

At some point during the tour (possibly on this day or another day depending on any changes required to the itinerary), a contingency day is built in. If the participants and dog teams are feeling



fresh, there may be the possibility to do a day tour from the cabins, giving the opportunity to explore with lighter sleds. Alternatively, it may be necessary to take this as a rest day, or in the event that bad weather at any point on the tour so far has required the group to stay an extra day at the same location, this can be the "catch-up" day.

### **Day 12: Continuing in the Mountains**

If the group has stayed at Sälka the day before, this day continues 25km to the cabins at Kaitumjaure. If accommodation was at Hukejaure, today's goal is the cabins at Singi, also approx. 25km.

### **Day 13: To Nikkaluokta, the end of the road**

The last day of sledding takes you to the pick-up point at Nikkaluokta, where you will be met by the transfer vehicle to load the equipment for the return to the kennels. Distance depending on where cabin accommodation has been the day before.

At the kennels, you organise the equipment after the tour, have the opportunity to shower, and end with dinner together to reflect on your mushing adventures!

### **Day 14: Departure**

Breakfast and departure to Kiruna or Kiruna airport for onward travel or additional nights locally.

#### *Notes:*

- *Limited mobile coverage may be available during the Tundra part of the tour. There is no reception in the mountains (guide carries emergency communication equipment and there are emergency telephones in the cabins).*
- *Some of the mountain cabins have small stores where it is possible to purchase extra snacks, light beer for sauna, etc. The cabins normally accept card payments but this facility may not always be working, so guests may wish to have a small amount of cash with them during the tour.*