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Sue Monkley - Discover Dog Sledding in Lapland, February 2014

My family (myself, husband and 2 boys aged 10 and 13) have just returned from 3 days dog sledding in Lapland with Nature Travels. We chose the Discover Dog sledding as it was suitable for families. Although we live in Sweden now we booked through Nature Travels as I liked the information and type of experience they offered (and it was in English!).

We had a truly memorable time. We were well informed beforehand as to what to bring and expect and once we arrived at the kennels everyone we met was friendly and enthusiastic as well as very knowledgeable. Our guide for the 3 days was great, relaxed and experienced and his dogs were incredible. We met lots of the dogs both our guides and another guide who traveled to the same cabin and they were all so good with us and the kids. We got to know their names and personalities.

The other thing I was impressed with was the gear we were given for the trip. I was really worried about the cold but was comfortable and warm the whole time.

The thing I didn't expect was how quiet it was. When the dogs are pulling they stop barking and you are out in the wilderness a loooong way from everything and it's so peaceful.

Both my boys loved driving the sleds while we got to sit and admire the view and what a view it was. The cabin we stayed in for the 2 nights we were out sledding was on the edge of a frozen lake and was very comfortable and warm. No power or water but it was lovely eating by candle light.

And on top of all that we met such interesting people. Would definitely recommend this tour and Nature Travels.

I would also recommend if you have the time to travel to Lapland on the overnight train from either Gothenburg (as we did) or Stockholm. It was a great way to chill out at the beginning and end of the trip.

Stephen Willis – Canoe on Svartälven, September 2013

Myself, my girlfriend and another friend are just back from the Svartalven Canoeing tour courtesy of Nature Travels. We had a superb trip. NT were great to deal with throughout and I can highly recommend them. All enquiries were dealt with quickly and the information given was spot-on. We did the 7 day itinerary in 5 days and this tweak of the logistics was handled without any fuss at all and our specific requests were dealt with very well. The team at Vildmark were great as well, and we were impressed with the kit provided.

The area where we paddled was stunning. Beautiful forests with great bird life. We had close encounters with whooper swans, rough-legged buzzards, teal, hobbies, sparrowhawks, crested tits to name but a few of the birds we saw. Every single lake was home to black-throated divers and we lost count of the number we quietly paddled by. We saw signs of elk and saw beaver lodges and loads of remains where beavers has just fed- alas no sightings of the beasties themselves.

We saw two other canoes in the whole 5 days and it felt like we had the whole of Sweden to ourselves. I would recommend September! Few mozzies, even fewer people, and the first hints of autumn. Great trip- we'll join NT again some time.

Matthew Etchells – Lakeside Cabin Retreat in Värmland, August 2013

Our trip to Varmland Sweden was the best trip of my life. I have travelled all around the world but the experience I had in Sweden through Nature Travels was just Brilliant. Everything was well organised and explained properly before we left and upon arrival we met our extremely friendly and helpful local hosts. Anything and everything we wanted to do was possible and the local hosts gave us great tips of what to see and where to go. I recommend the Restaurant that serves Moose, Bear and Deer. The location of our cabin (Moon Cabin) was amazing, right on the water. The weather was superb and we spent most of our

time on the water in the boat and kayak that were provided. We went mountain biking, walking and fishing. If you want amazing scenery, peace and quiet, a little bit of adventure and to meet the friendliest people ever then I highly recommend booking a trip to Sweden with Nature Travels. It was just FANTASTIC!

Alex Nancollis – Back to Basics in Cosy Cabins + Discover Bushcraft for Families, August 2013

We combined Family Bushcraft with Back to Basics and had a wonderful 12 nights in Sweden. Booking through Nature Travels was very straightforward and they responded promptly to e-mails and phone calls, helping with any questions thrown at them. Both experiences were fantastic with the Swedish hosts at both venues being knowledgeable, caring and friendly. Thank you Nature Travels for wetting our appetite for Sweden and family adventure holidays.

Laura Stacey – Log Cabin Escape in Värmland + Canoe on Rottnan, July 2013

Just got back from a wonderful trip in Varmland, canoeing on the River Rottnan and then 8 days at a Lakeside Cabin also in Varmland. Bob, at NT was particularly helpful and very patient both before we booked, when we cancelled a provisional booking due to personal circumstances, and then when we actually made a booking a month or so later. All in all one couldn't ask for a better travel specialist. Our trip down the Rottnan was wonderful despite very low water (due to the hot summer) and a few too many tourists also on the water but not enough to spoil the pleasure of our trip. We would probably go out of the Swedish holiday season next time. Our week in the Cabin was lovely, not too isolated so we had plenty of people to chat to if we wanted. All in all a wonderful trip to a beautiful and very very friendly country. Thank you Nature Travels.

Jill Buckland – Animal Magic on a Skåne Farm, May 2013

Nature Travels arranged our Animal Magic on a Skane Farm experience and I am so pleased we went. It was a very happy, relaxing family experience that we will all remember. We felt sad to leave the farm which is really tranquil. The accommodation is lovely - a thatched Swedish longhouse - all white decor, clean and in a pretty setting. The hosts were helpful, providing breakfast goods for us including delicious breads and preserves, also the traditional mild cheese and ham. We had a tour of the farm and met the horses and ponies, sheep and chickens. My daughter and I rode the ponies. All riding is bareback and with halters or bitless bridles. The beech woods we rode through are so peaceful and we spotted interesting fungi. One afternoon the hosts took us to a local nature reserve to see the birdlife and we were able to have a refreshing paddle in the shallow lake. This is not a riding holiday but there is a lot of emphasis on being with the horses and farm animals. The hosts were friendly, helpful and knowledgeable. We are planning to return!

Maria Adamson – Discover Dog Sledding in Lapland, January 2013

We did the Discover Dog Sledding in Lapland tour this January. It was the most amazing experience, our guide Stephanie was fantastic and her huskies were gorgeous and very well looked after. We went with our 9-year-old daughter and she rode with our guide who was great very thoughtful and kind to her. The scenery in the snow was awe inspiring and it was fantastic dashing along on the back of the sled. We even saw the Northern Lights... twice! It truly was a magical experience. Would recommend to anyone.

Gabrielle Clover – Discover Dog Sledding in Lapland, December 2012

I have been on two trips not with Nature Travels. The first was Timber rafting. It was a unique and incredible adventure. They took a lot of time to show us how to build the raft and make sure that we were prepared for our journey. The second trip was the husky trip. It was breathtakingly beautiful, sledding across frozen lakes, rivers and through snow laden forests. My guide, Remi, was exceptional. He was professional, safe, a lot of fun and went out of his way to make sure that I had a great trip. He took me ice fishing, to the ice hotel, and around Kiruna before he dropped me off at the train station. All the staff, from booking the trip to the end of the trip were professional, easy to deal with and very friendly. I look forward to my next adventure with them.

Rosie Wells-Cole – Self-guided Sea Kayaking in Bohuslän, July 2012

We have recently returned from a fantastic self-guided sea kayaking trip on the West coast of Sweden. Everything went to plan both before departure and once we'd arrived, and even last minute decisions were sorted smoothly by Nature Travels. All in all an excellent company, and easy booking system. Most importantly, the holiday was brilliant - scenery, weather, kayaking, and one of the only companies who let you do self-guided trips which offers much more freedom and flexibility. Thank you.

Elisabeth Norton – Skeble Mountain Tour, June 2012

I've recently returned from the horse riding tour to Skeble Mountain in Northern Sweden. Unfortunately due to the cold spring there was still a lot of snow in the mountains so we could not ride all the way to Skeble. The snow did, however, provide some stunning scenery. My guide, Malin, was an excellent host and made me feel very welcome. She was also really knowledgeable and I enjoyed learning about the Sami culture. As the tour was cut short due to the snow I went on another day tour through forest near Ammarnäs. Experiencing the lush forests was a nice contrast to riding across the barren, windswept mountains. It also meant I got to try out a different horse, Mistar. I have to say the Icelandic horses were brilliant fun to ride and they were definitely the best part of the whole trip. If I could have fitted Mistar in my suitcase and brought him home with me would I have!

Thank you Nature Travels for your help with organising the trip and providing the information about travel in Sweden. The cost of the holiday was also good value compared to many other riding holidays I've looked at.

Steve Cork and Hannah Deacon – Self-guided Sea Kayaking in Bohuslän, May 2012

We just returned from our 2nd trip to Sweden that was booked through Nature Travels. This time was 6 days of Sea Kayaking from Uddevalla near Gothenburg.

Nature Travels are always very helpful in getting all the details ironed out and making the organisation much easier. The companies they are linked with in Sweden have proved to be very good and professional.

Stephen Thomas – Lakeside Cabin Retreat in Värmland, April 2012

We haven't long got back from a Lakeside Cabin Retreat in Värmland and we really miss it. Peaceful and so relaxing with beautiful scenery and an amazing little cabin. Chopping our firewood, making a fire for the sauna - great!! Will definitely do it again sometime, maybe even drive there and go further north in the summertime. Nature Travels made us feel very secure in our booking and everything was handled brilliantly.

Terry Cowell – Sami Reindeer Expedition in Lapland, January 2012

Having returned from Kiruna in Sweden from a reindeer expedition, my wife Karen and I had a brilliant time, on arriving we were provided with all the winter attire we needed, we were looked after by our guide (Nils), he showed us how to handle the reindeers, harness them to the sleds and finally drive them into the snowy wilderness, we also camped out one night and watched the Northern Lights which was a fantastic bonus, at the reindeer camp we had lovely warm cabins for two with every thing you needed, all our meals were cooked for us and we also had the use of a sauna, we met a lovely couple, Sarah & Bryn who shared the same adventure with us and every one thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it, thanks to Viki at Nature Travels for all the organisation of the holiday, we would recommend this adventure to everybody.

John Hartshorn – Log Cabin Escape in Värmland, August 2011

We had a fantastic family adventure in a classic log cabin by a lake in central Sweden. The cabin came with a motor boat and we hired a canoe for the week and spent some fantastic time just out on the water, visiting (and cooking out on) the islands in the lake, and also doing a spot of fishing. A great place to hike too - including spotting moose! The kids just revelled in it all and if you are looking for some outdoor

adventure where can choose just what you do and how active you want to be, a cabin in Sweden is perfect. Nature Travels were fantastically helpful prior to the trip. The information was excellent, contact easy and responsive. We certainly recommend them and plan to use them again soon.