



Saami hike – from the mountain in Lapland to the fjords in Norway

Date 2010: Contact PathfinderLapland for details

Group size: 6 – 12

Duration: 5 days/4 nights

Pathfinder: Lennart Pittja

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Day 1

GELLIVARE AND RITSEM

Trip start at the shore of Lake Akkajaur . You will get here by bus from Gällivare to Ritsem and by boat on the lake. Your Pathfinder Lennart will introduce himself and the area where we are. Our first camp will not be long from the shore. We will help you to organize the bus and boat transports, but due to Swedish laws, PathfinderLapland can not include any transports in my package. However, we will forward all the information you need to make direct reservations for bus and boat rides, and the trip is adapted to the timetables for train/bus. You will get more information about this after your reservation, Today's hike is short, and this first night will be spent in comfortable tents provided by us. (Tent, Dinner)

Day 2

SÅRKÅJAUR

Hike approximately 10 km this day. We will hike up on the mountain of Gálavárdo and we will go from about 450 meters above sea level up to about 800 meters. This is the heart of the summer pasture land of Unna Cerus Saami Community, and your Pathfinder will tell you about the reindeer herding in the area. The views are magnificent if clear weather. This is also the land of big predators, both Lynx and Wolverine lives here. In the afternoon we will reach PathfinderLapland's camp in Sårkåjaur. (Saami camp, BLD)

Day 3 and 4

DAYTRIP IN SÅRKÅJAUR

Fishing, picking berries, baking, taking a sauna, hike to a mountain top nearby. The options are many in this area, but you can also just relax and listen to the great silence of the mountains in Sårkåjaur. (Saami camp, BLD)

Day 5

KROKVATTNET

Hike over the border to the Norwegian side. Today's hike will be a full day, apx. 15 km. We follow the same route as the saami people have used through the centuries. Saami people in this area has never seen any border – this is saami land.. These trails existed long before the border. This trail, Rádjebálges, has recently been marked by the municipalities on both sides of the border. Therefore, there's bridges and shelters along the trail that we can use if necessary. (Tent, BLD)

Day 6

Today we will continue our hike. Now we will reach the magnificent fjords of Norway. The hike will end in Sörfjorden, part of Tysfjord. Today we will hike apx. 15 km. The last 7 km will be quite steep, since we will go down from the mountain all the way down to the Atlantic ocean. Your Pathfinder experience ends at the shore of the Atlantic. You can order a boat taxi that takes you to Kjöpösvik. You can stay in Kjöpösvik or continue with bus or boat. Why not experience the Lofoten Islands, Narvik or Bodö? We will help you with all the contact information you may need to reserve hotel and/or local transports on the norwegian side of the border.

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**QUOTATION in SEK per person,
Price: 6/12 guests 9 995 SEK/person**

Single suppl. Single supplement not possible during the hike. If you want to bring your own tent and use it as a "single room" – please send pictures and a description on the tent to Pathfinderlapland so that I can determine if it's safe to use on the mountain.

Including: All tented accommodation in shared double occupancy. Full board from dinner day 1 to Lunch day 6. Pathfinder of the hike is Lennart Pittja. Our language is swedish/english.

Fitness and equipment: Everyone with normal fitness can do the hike with the Pathfinder. We will hike around 10 - 15 km/day on day 2, 5 and 6. Pathfinderlapland will give you a list of what to bring and not to bring as a recommendation. We will inform you about our experience of hiking boots, rain clothes, sleeping bags/pads etc.

Packs: Every participant are expected to carry their own personal clothing and sleeping bag/pads. Try to keep the personal packs light for your own comfort. A guideline is that your personal packs should not weigh more than 15 kg including backpack. Your Pathfinder will carry the food, stoves etc. Within the group I do need help to carry some of the tents etc. Your Pathfinder will carry the safety equipment, most of the food and tents.

Mosquitoes: There are mosquitoes in Lapland, but we try to adjust the programs to avoid the worst mosquito areas. We will provide you with repellent and knowledge how to do with the mosquitoes. You should not worry about insects at all for this trip – no matter what you may have heard from others...Trust me on this – I have lived here for 38 years and if it should be as bad as "I heard" – I would live on some other place instead...

Tents and lávvu: We use the best tents on the market, Hilleberg Nammatj (www.hilleberg.se). Every tent is designed for hard mountain weather if that should occur. The tents are made for 3 persons, but during the hike, only 2 persons live in one tent.

Local transports

Due to Swedish law and regulations regarding travel guarantee, I can not include local transports in this trip. But we will provide with all the information you need to make reservations and pay your transports. This trip is adapted to the local timetables for buses and train so it's easy to get from Gällivare to Ritsem. We will help you with information about the boat transport on Lake Akkajaur too.

The exact route for the hike can be changed depending on weather conditions etc. This genuine saami experience is certified according to "Natures Best", read more www.naturesbasta.se