



Spring time migration with reindeer herding family
Date: April 5 -10 2010.
Group size: 4 – 8
Pathfinder: Lennart Pittja and local saami herdsman

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Day 1 GELLIVARE AND STUBBA OR RUOKTO

Trip start in Gällivare 10 am. Tour briefing and packing, lunch will be served on our way to migration start point. Your Pathfinders will help you to pack, and you can leave parts of your gear in Gällivare.
Around lunchtime, transport with bus/car up to starting point of the migration. The rest of the day will be full of practice – how to be a true herdsman or herdsman. Setting up camp, practice how to drive a snowmobile and how to throw a lasso...(Tent/lavvu, LD)

Day 2 SPRING TIME MIGRATION IN LAPONIA WORLD HERITAGE
Gather the reindeers for today's migration, apx. 20 – 50 km. We are in Sjaunja Nature Preserve or Great Lake Falls National park. Both are a part of Laponia World Heritage Area. This is the heart of the winter pasture land of Unna Cerus Saami Community, and your Pathfinders will tell you all about the saami culture in the area. This is also the land of big predators, and there is a small chance that we can see Lynx or Wolverine, or at least tracks of them. (Tent/lavvu or reindeer herders cabin, BLD).

Day 3 MIGRATION
You will travel with the family reindeer herd on skis, snowmobile sled or on a snowmobile as a passenger. You can try to toll on skis after the snowmobile. Participants are expected to help out with setting up the camp, feed the reindeers, gather wood for fire, watch the reindeers if necessary so no predators gets to close. Together with your Pathfinders you will learn a lot about the life of the saami people.
(Tent/lavvu or reindeer herders cabin, BLD).

Day 4 MIGRATION
Idem (Tent/lavvu or reindeer herder's cabin, BLD).

Day 5 MIGRATION
Idem (Tent/lavvu or reindeer herder's cabin, BLD).

Day 6 Today we will finish this part of the migration around lunchtime and say goodbye to the reindeers. We will be in Gällivare in the afternoon, so do not plan any departure before 15.00 this afternoon (BL)

QUOTATION in SEK per person,

Price: 4 - 8 persons 14 900 SEK/person. Rental winter clothes 300 sek/person and sleeping bag 200 sek/person.

Single suppl.	Single supplement not possible during the trip.
Accommodation	If you like, you can stay a few nights in Gällivare before and/or after the trip.

Including: Accommodation in tents, lavvu or reindeer herders cabin – all depending on where we are. We will do our very best to make the accommodation as comfortable as possible. Full board outside of Gällivare. Leader of the migration is Lennart Pittja, and with him local saami herdsman from Sörkaitum saami community. Our language is Swedish/English.

Not including: Rental winter clothes and/or sleeping bag. Travel to/from Gällivare. Local transfer from Gällivare to the starting point of the migration.

Fitness and equipment: The spring time migration trip is a relatively easy trip, everyone with a normal and healthy lifestyle can participate. Rental of sleeping bag for the trip is 200 sek/person, package with overall/shoes/hat/mittens 300 sek/person. We recommend using our proven equipment if you have any hesitation about if your own gear is good enough, or if you got no experience of using your own gear. Please contact Pathfinderlapland for advice and recommendations regarding the gear – this is a very important part of your experience and we work very hard to keep our trips safe for everyone.

Packs: All of the packs will go on a snowmobile sled. Please keep your pack as small as possible since there is a limited pack space, so not more than 1 pack/person. You can leave some gear in Gällivare during the migration. Pathfinderlapland will provide all of the camp gear, food etc during the trip.

Skiing, snowmobile sled and snowshoes: You will ride a snowmobile sled, snowmobile or skis' on the migration. If you like, you can bring snowshoes if you prefer to use them to take short daytrips around the camp. Pathfinderlapland will provide ski's for those who would like that, if you have your own cross-country ski's you can bring them along. Our ski's are wooden ski's made for deep snow skiing.

Accommodation: Lavvu is the saami word for equivalent of a North American tepee. We bring with us a modern equivalent lavvu, which will be our mess tent during the trip, where we will serve all the meals. It is also where the social gatherings will materialize in the evenings. Up to 6 guests will sleep in a lavvu with a heater for nice comfort even if the temperature drops in the night. If we are in an area where the family has a herder's cabin, we will use that. So be prepared to live like a saami herdsman!

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/to Gällivare and the start/end of the migration experience. You will get all the needed information and guidance from us – so do not worry about this issue.

The exact route for the migration can be changed depending on weather conditions etc. We will start and end in Gällivare. This genuine saami experience is certified according to "Natures Best", read more www.naturesbest.nu