

Reindeertrekking in Laponia/Lapland,

Dates 2010: On request for groups

Group size: 6 – 12

Duration: 6 days/6 nights

Pathfinder: Lennart Pittja together with 1 or 2 local saami herdsmen

Day 1

GELLIVARE AND RITSEM

Trip start in Gällivare 10 am. Transfer if necessary from train station or Lapland Airport (GEV), Gällivare. Tour briefing and packing, lunch will be served on our way up to the mountains. Your Pathfinders will help you to pack, and you can leave parts of your gear in Gällivare while trekking in the mountains.

Around lunchtime, transport with bus/car up to Ritsem, duration about 3 hours. The reindeertrek starts in Ritsem, first day we will set up our first camp close to the road. Introduction to the reindeers and the area. (Lunch and dinner)

Day 2

REINDEERTREK IN LAPLAND

Trek approximately 10 km this day. We will trek up on the mountain of Gätjoaivve, and we will go from about 500 meters above sea level up to about 900 meters. We are just outside Great Falls Nationalpark, part of Laponia World Heritage Area. This is the heart of the summer pasture land of Unna Cerus Saami Community, and your Pathfinders will tell you all about the saami culture in the area. The views are magnificent if clear weather. This is also the land of big predators, and there are a small chance that we can see Lynx or Wolverine. During the trek, you will get acquainted with our reindeers, and if you like, you can lead your "own" reindeer while trekking. (BLD)

Day 3

REINDEER TREK

Trekking approx. 10 km today, we will be close to the mountain Mårggo. We do not follow any trails now, the only help we can get is to follow small trails made of the reindeerherds going up and down from the mountains. During the trek, we have to wade across a few creeks since there are no bridges in the area.(BLD)

Day 4

REINDEER TREK

Today we will make a daytrip in the area. (BLD)

Day 5

REINDEER TREK

We will start to head back towards Ritsem. We will trek close to the mountain Alepoaive.(BLD)

Day 6

LAST DAY

We will reach the road around lunchtime, and head back to Gällivare. The trip ends in Gällivare at 15.00. (BL)

**QUOTATION in SEK per person,
Price: On request**

Single suppl. Single supplement not possible during the trek.

Accommodation If you like, you can stay a few nights in Gällivare before and/or after the trek. .

Including: All tented accommodation in shared double occupancy. Local transportation and transfers. Full board outside of Gällivare. Leader of the trek is Lennart Pittja, and with him is 1 or 2 local saami herdsman from Sörkaitum saami community. Our language is swedish/english.

Fitness and equipment: Everyone with normal fitness can do the reindeer trek with the Pathfinder. We will trek around 10 km per day in varying terrain. Sometimes we will trek on a path but most of the time we will not use any paths or trails. The Pathfinder will give you a list of what to bring and not to bring as a recommendation. We will inform you about our experience of trekking boots, rain clothes, sleeping bags/pads etc.

Packs: Our reindeers will carry all of the camp gear, food etc. 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.

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. We change the route of the trek during the season according to where there are less mosquitoes, but a bugshirt or a bug hat might be comfortable if you are bothered by a lot of mosquitoes. .

Hotel in Gällivare: We use a family-owned small hotel, Gällivare Vårdshus. All accommodation in shared double occupancy. Breakfast included in the hotel stay.

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 trek, only 2 persons live in one tent. Lávvu is the saami word for equivalent of a North American tepee. We bring with us a modern equivalent lávvu, which we be our mess tent during the trek, where we will serve all the meals. It is also where the social gatherings will materialize in the evenings. A communal basic toilet tent will be provided.

The exact route for the trekking can be changed depending on weather conditions etc. We will start and end in Gällivare and we will trek within the area in or just outside Lapponia World Heritage Area. This genuine saami experience is certified according to "Natures Best", read more www.naturesbest.nu