

Itinerary - Finnmark Plateau

Day 1: Arrival, dinner and briefing about the expedition program. Preparing for the expedition

Day 2: Continue preparations. Last minute purchases. Driving to our starting point.

Day 3-16: The Finnmark Plateau expedition

Day 17: Breakfast and journey home

Day 1

Arrival day: You arrive at Alta airport where your guide will meet you and take you to a local guesthouse/cabin in the town of Alta. After dinner you will be briefed on the route of the expedition and we will go through your equipment to see and evaluate whether it will be sufficient for the expedition. We will talk through subjects like first aid, safety and how to avoid frost injuries.

Day 2

Day two we will spent preparing for the expedition and taking the first pole strokes on our way to Karasjok. We will put together teams of two or three that will work and stay together in the tents throughout the expedition. We will do our final purchases in the town, test and pack our equipment before we depart for our starting point. On this first day of the expedition we will be skiing only a few kilometres before we set up our camp for the night. This is to give you the best possible start and to give you the opportunity to adapt to the situation and to make adjustments to your equipment. The exact starting point will be decided based on group size and composition, weather forecast, snow conditions and other factors that could influence us on the trip.

Days 3-15

We will be skiing an average of 15 to 20 kilometres per day. Some days this will mean skiing into the dark hours of the day. Our goal is Karasjok and Engholm Husky Lodge where hot showers and a nice meal is waiting. The landscape will vary from mountainous terrain with steep slopes and narrow valleys by the coast to the typically flat terrain with rolling hills and scattered patches of wood on the inland mountain plateau.

Day 16

Day sixteen is an extra day. We need to have this day as a back-up in the event that we get weather-bound while we are on the plateau or anything unforeseen should happen. If we reach our goal on day 15 these extra day can be spent exploring Karasjok and Engholm Husky Lodge.

Karasjok is a small town situated in the heartland of the Sámi culture. Here you can visit the Sámi parliament, the Sámi museum and the local knife smith or silver smith. You can also by other traditional Sámi handcraft.

At Engholm Husky lodge there are always many things happening. You can take part in the daily life at the lodge, you can choose to read a book from "the mushers library" or book a dogsledding daytrip or a visit to a reindeer herder.

Day 17

Day seventeen is your departure day. However we would like to encourage you to stay a few extra days to explore Karasjok, the neighbouring town Kautokeino or Engholm Husky Lodge.

