

Itinerary Explore Winter & Ice Hotel, Sweden

Itinerary

Day One

You will be met on arrival at Kiruna airport and transferred to the farm at Puoltsa. In the afternoon an introductory lesson to become familiar with the horses.

Non-riders can try their hand at lasso throwing, the traditional way to catch your reindeer!

The guides' knowledge of the region and weather allows them to adapt their routes depending on local conditions. The following is an illustration of the likely itinerary but local conditions may dictate that the order of the itinerary needs to be changed, always with your best interests in mind. Please note that some activities may take place with other guests and you might be joined by guests staying elsewhere and riding just for the day.

Day Two

After a lesson in how to drive a snowmobile you travel by snowmobile into the mountains. Lunch will be prepared over an open fire on the trail.



In the evening you ride out into the forest in search of reindeer and moose and then later enjoy dinner around the fire in a goahti (Sami hut), where the guide will talk to you about Sami culture.



Day Three

Today you have an introduction to the traditional mode of transport in the area, reindeer sledging. In the afternoon have a tour of the Ice Hotel. After dinner in a local restaurant return to the Ice Hotel for the night.

Please note that the Ice Hotel is optional and so it's not guaranteed that everyone in the group will stay overnight.



Day Four

You are collected from the Ice Hotel after breakfast and transferred back to the farm. Later in the morning you ride out into the forest. Non-riders will spend the

morning either cross-country skiing or snow-shoeing. In the afternoon a visit to Kiruna and the Sami museum.

There is the option this day to experience the wonders of dog-sledding in the morning and then have a riding lesson in the afternoon instead of the visit to Kiruna (SEK 2,400 per person, payable in advance – please let us know if you would like to take part in this activity). If you have selected this option it will be shown on your invoice.



Day Five

This morning ride out into the forest, perhaps you will see the non-riders who are searching for moose by snowmobile.

In the afternoon spend time in the sauna. Situated next to the river with a beautiful view over the river and mountains, the sauna is a cosy place to chat and relax with friends.



Day Six

This morning you will ride out into the forest in search of moose and reindeer, whilst non-riders will visit the small village of Nikkaluokta, a great opportunity for moose spotting and photography.

Later in the afternoon a riding lesson on the oval tolt track and non-riders can head out again on cross-country skis or snow-shoes.



Day Seven

After breakfast you will be transferred to Kiruna airport for your flight home.

Accommodation

Accommodation on this ride is shared in twin/double rooms. It is possible to pay a supplement for a single room at the farm (subject to availability) and at the Ice Hotel. If you are willing to share, a single supplement is payable for the Ice Hotel until we find someone for you to share with.

Accommodation at the horse farm is simple but warm and comfortable. There are two houses, each with a bathroom, kitchen and living area.





Of the five rooms, four are twin/double rooms and one has two bunks.



The Ice Hotel is located in the village of Jukkasjärvi.

Please note that the temperature inside the Ice Hotel is always between -5°C to -8°C. You sleep in a thermal sleeping bag on a bed of snow and ice, on a mattress and insulating reindeer skins. Instead of doors the hotel rooms have curtains that you draw to give you privacy. You are awakened in the morning with a cup of hot lingonberry juice at your bedside. Your clothes

and luggage are stored in the adjoining, warm building which has communal changing rooms, lockers, toilets, unisex showers and a sauna.

Twin beds are not possible at the Ice Hotel and so it will be two sleeping bags on the same ice bed.



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