SWEDEN - RATEKJOKK TRAIL

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Day 1

Transfers are included from Kiruna. Flights can arrive and depart at any time, but you should aim to arrive in the afternoon (before 3pm if on the winter rides). Transfers may be shared and so could mean a short wait at the airport.

If you prefer to arrive the evening before, we can arrange extra nights at the farm.

It is 30 minutes' drive from the farm to the airport. Please note that lunch is not included on arrival or departure day unless booked in advance.

Arrive at Puoltsa in time for dinner and overnight at the farm.

The guides' knowledge of the region allows them to adapt their routes depending on local conditions. The following is an illustration of the likely route and overnight accommodation. Local conditions may dictate that the route needs to be changed, always with your best interests in mind but you will stay some nights at Ratekjokk and some nights in a lávvu (teepee). Please note that a Sami guide cannot be guaranteed. Accommodation on this ride is always shared and may be mixed sex. It is not possible to guarantee single accommodation and you must be prepared to share.

Please note that this is a participatory trip and you are expected to look after your horse and help with the camp chores. You are encouraged to be fully involved with the care of your horse and for most people this adds much to their experience. You will be responsible for grooming and tacking-up your own horse each day, although help and guidance are on hand should you require.

Overnight Puoltsa Farm. Accommodation at the horse farm is simple and warm. There are two guest houses, one with five beds and the other with six. Some rooms contain bunkbeds.

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Each has a bathroom, kitchen and living area.

Day 2

After breakfast you will transfer with the horses to a point close to the farm. After being matched to your horse ride through the forest and up into the mountains with fantastic views. Overnight in a Sami lávvu.

Overnight Sami Lávvu Camp. Accommodation for two nights on the trail will be in a lávvu, which is a traditional Sami tepee.

Everyone sleeps together around the fireplace in the lávvu, and if it is cold the fire may burn all night.

On the trail there will be no facilities; there may be 'long-drop' loos but no running water. However, there will usually be a river not too far away and there may be an opportunity for a sauna on the evenings in the cabin at Ratekjokk.

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Day 3

Riding south of the Kalix River, the trail takes you over the mountains to the small Sami settlement of Ratekjokk. You stay for the next two nights in a cabin and there may be the opportunity for a sauna.

Overnight Ratekjokk Cabin. Two nights are spent in a basic cabin in the small Sami settlement of Ratekjokk, which has no road access.

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Day 4

A day exploring the area around Ratekjokk, where your guides grew up. On this day you are likely to ride in the forests that surround the cabin as well as up onto the nearby hills.

Overnight Ratekjokk Cabin.

Day 5

Leave Ratekjokk and ride over the mountains again.

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Overnight Sami Lávvu Camp.

Day 6

Completing a circular route, you ride down the valley to the farm at Puoltsa for the last night.

Overnight Puoltsa Farm.

Day 7

You will be transferred to Kiruna airport.The time of your transfer will be confirmed locally. Guests are usually grouped together according to flight timings, so you could have a short wait at the airport.

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