

Autumn magic in Sápmi

Come and experience so much of what makes the autumn such a special season here in Sápmi.

We are proud to invite you to experience some of our favourite places during one of the best seasons of the year. Autumn in Sápmi is somewhat a secret for many travellers which makes this an ideal time to come. This is a time of year when nature provides so many colours to experience – in the mountains, in the primeval forest and even on the sky with the chance to experience the Northern Light.

Nature also provides so much food for us to forage – fresh caught fish, reindeer meat and berries are just some examples of flavours at its best this time of year. We invite you to learn more about our food traditions as we will prepare and eat the food together.

Our basecamp will be at award winning Sápmi Nature Camp – in the heart of Lapponia. Here you will find the comfort of a tented camp located in unspoiled nature – all run by local Sámi from this area. The camp consists of newly build double rooms in the form of lavvu tents furnished with comfortable double beds and efficient stoves to keep warm no matter the outside temperatures. There is a wood heated sauna in the camp and a modern incineration toilet so there's nothing missing despite the fact that there's no electricity and/or sewer.

To keep this experience special and personal, we will limit the number of participants to only 6 people. Lennart Pittja, Sámi owner of Sápmi Nature will be the tour leader and most of the time will be spent on the traditional lands of his Sámi reindeer herding community Unna Tjerusj. This area also happens to be in the Lapponia World Heritage Area and hopefully, you will get a close insight to the indigenous Sámi culture – the combination between nature and culture has been a world heritage since 1996.

Sápmi Nature Camp is featured by National Geographic as a sustainable place to stay if you care about the planet. One reason is course the comfortable accommodation but even more so, our commitment to sustainability. We stand alongside the reindeer herders, nature lovers and others in the fight to keep nature unspoiled. Our experiences should never create problems for the reindeer herding here. Tourism is our way to create a deeper understanding for the life environment here in Sápmi and to spread knowledge, understanding and respect but also to create local jobs and a local, sustainable economy.

If you are interested in photography – this experience is a great way to capture the natural wonders in the Arctic. Lennart is an experienced photographer and will be able to give some advices on for example aurora photography and the program gives plenty of opportunity for your own creative process with the camera.

Suggested day to day itinerary

(may be subject to changes/adjustments due to circumstances out of our control such as weather, reindeer herding etc.)

Day 1

- 08.30 We will pick you up at Gällivare Railway Station. If you travel from Stockholm, the night train to Gällivare is a great, green way to travel to the North.
- 09.00 Tour briefing and brunch.
- 10.30 Drive to Muttos National Park
- 11.00 Hike in Muttos National Park.
Welcome to the taiga forest and the land of vast marshes. Most part of Muttos is also the winter grazing land for the Unna Tjerusj Sami Community. We will hike with a day pack apx. 10 km, mostly along an old trail to Oarjemus Stubba where we will prepare an outdoor dinner on the top of the mountain with a great view if we are lucky with the weather.
<http://www.nationalparksofsweden.se/choose-park--list/muddus--muttos-national-park/>
- 18.00 Drive to Sápmi Nature Camp
- 18.30 Check in
- 22 - Watch for Northern Light.
Drive 50 minutes in total. Hike apx. 10 km, easy along a trail, some elevation at the end but still quite easy hike.

Day 2

- 08.00 Breakfast and prepare lunch package.
- 09.00 Drive to Stuor Muorkke
- 10.00 Hike in Stuor Muorkke National Park. Stuor Muorkke was established as a national park 1909 to protect the waterfall but only a few years later, the national interest to generate hydroelectric power took over and now the waterfall is just a fraction of what it once was. Stuor Muorkke is where the pristine forest meets the high mountains and this is also in the heart of Unna Tjerusj Sami Community grazing land.
<http://www.nationalparksofsweden.se/choose-park--list/stora-sjofallet--stuor-muorkke-national-park/national-park-fact/>
- 19.00 Sápmi Nature Camp
- 21.00 Sauna and relax
Chance to see Northern Light
Drive 1,5 hour in total. Hike apx. 10 km but more elevation on this hike compared to previous day.

Day 3

- 08.00 Breakfast
- 09.00 Hike in Sjavnja Nature Reserve. Sjavnja Nature Reserve is an enormous area with high mountains in the west and Sweden's largest area of wetlands in the east, this is also the location of Sápmi Nature Camp. Today we will hike right from the camp and will explore the area off the beaten track, mostly we will not even see any trails. This is grazing land for the reindeer in Unna Tjerusj.
<https://laponia.nu/en/world-heritage-site/nationalparks-and-naturereserves/more-about-sjavnja/>
- 16.00 Sápmi Nature Camp
- 19.00 Dinner
- 20.00 Sauna and relax
Chance to see Northern Light
Hike 10 km, mostly off any trails.

Day 4

- 08.00 Breakfast
- 10.00 Drive to Gällivare and good bye for now.

Facts and information

Price: 11 995 sek/person

Number of participants: min 2, max 6 guests to run the trip

Local Sámi guide, speaks Swedish and English

Accommodation 3 nights glamping at Sápmi Nature Camp including bed linen/towels, sleeping bag and liner, duvet. The camp is private for this tour so no other guests will be in the camp these nights

All meals from brunch day 1 to breakfast day 4

Transfers from/to Gällivare Railway Station

Sápmi Nature will provide all the equipment needed for outdoor eating and cooking. We will provide headlamps as well.

Weather in Sápmi in September

Often around 5 – 15°C during daytime and down to 0° at night, night temperatures are not a problem since we have good stoves that keeps you comfortable all night. We will not cancel the trip if rainy weather, just adjust the program, so water proof clothing is essential.

Equipment you need to bring

Outdoor clothes, rain proof and extra layers to keep comfortable

Proper shoes, waterproof for hiking in nature.

Water bottle

Snacks

Daypack rucksack

Gear you might want to bring

Camera, tripod

Binoculars