

Hiking ” Kungsleden” from Abisko to Nikkaluokta

The ” Kungsleden” is Sweden’s best-known long-distance hiking trail. Over 400 km in total length and divided into five sections, it connects Abisko in the far North with Hemavan in the South. With our tour starting in Abisko National Park and ending in Nikkaluokta, we cover the first of five sections with 108 km length.

The entire trail is well marked and apart from some steep climbs and descents, fairly easy to hike. Daily distances reach from 12 to 21 km. The biggest challenges on this trip will be the daily hiking over 7 days on unpaved trails with your backpack on, camping out in a mountain area with changing weather conditions and no phone connection to update your status on social media ;-)

Day 1, arrival – we pick you up at the train station or airport in Kiruna or Gällivare and bring you to our base in Moskojärvi where we will accommodate you for the first night. Together we go through the planned hiking trip and complete your gear if needed and enjoy a delicious dinner together.

Day 2, Abisko National Park, 14 km, 110 m up – after an early breakfast we hit the road towards the little mountain village Abisko. We can look around the Abisko Fjällstation and get valuable information on the National park’s flora and fauna in the local Nature Museum before we find the Kungsleden trail head not far from the train station and start to hike. Through mountain birch forest, along Abiskojäkka canyon and lake Abiskojaures shore, the trail takes us on 14 easy to walk kilometres to our first camp spot by the end of the lake.

Day 3, Abiskojaure – Alesjaure, 21 km, 300 m up – the longest day of our hiking tour starts with a climb of around 300 meters on a length of seven kilometres. Slowly we leave the birch forest behind us and enter more open areas. The rest of the day will be more even ground to hike without bigger climbs and halfway through the day we reach the shores of an extended lake system, which we follow towards tonight’s camp spot by the south end of lake Alesjaure.

Day 4, Alesjaure – Tjäktja, 13 km, 280 m up – we follow river Alesätno and its wide, lush delta landscape. Around us the mountains start getting higher. As we leave the river, we enjoy an easy hike which takes us slowly higher towards the Tjäktja mountain pass, only in the end of today’s stretch we need to climb a bit before we reach Tjäktja mountain hut, where we will set up our tents for tonight.

Day 5, Tjäktja – Sälka, 12km, 140m up – after 4 km hiking and 140 meters height difference, we reach the highest point on Kungsleden, the Tjäktjapass with 1141 meters. Up here we might still find snow on the ground. The view is breath-taking, with steep cliffs in the west and rounded mountaintops in the east. We descend into this mountain valley and follow the river Tjäktjäjäkka towards Sälka.

Day 6, Sälka – Singi, 12 km, 100m down – through mountain heaths we follow the extending valley Tjäktjavagge, the majestic mountain tops around us catch our eyes and we have to cross many small streams on our way towards Singi.

Day 7, Singi – Kebnekaise Fjällstation, 14km, 130m up – today starts again with a little climb uphill, 130m on 3,5 km, before we enter a dramatic landscape. Surrounded by steep cliffs we descend on a gravellier trail and the view starts to open as we get closer towards Kebnekaise Fjällstation. Here we can pitch our tents again in mountain birch forest.

Day 8, Kebnekaise – Nikkaluokta, 19 km – just a couple kilometres after the Fjällstation we cross the stream Tarfalajäkka, who origins in the big glaciers of the Kebnekaisemassiv. Slowly descending on gravelly trails, we leave the high mountains behind us while the birch forest gets tighter and tighter. At the bottom of the valley, we follow the river Laddjühka and lake Laddjujaures shores towards Nikkaluokta. From here we take the bus towards Kiruna and get a lift back to our base in Moskojärvi.

Day 9, departure – we drive you to the airport or train station in Kiruna or Gällivare

We offer:

- transportation from and to airport/train station in Kiruna or Gällivare
- accommodation in basic hut with bedroom, kitchen, sauna and outside toilet on our husky farm (first and last night)
- full pension, some meals you might just have to warm up yourselves in the accommodation’s kitchen
- camping gear (tents, sleeping mattresses, cookers...**sleeping bags can be provided on request**)
- experienced local guide (english, german and swedish speaking)