



STUDENT TRIP NORWAY

13 Days | 12 Nights

Karasjok







At Engholm Husky Lodge you will be staying in a log cabin designed and built by Mr. Sven Engholm. The unique style of the lodge comes from using only natural materials and creativity to create the comfort and the soft, relaxed and natural atmosphere that you will experience here. The meals are served in your cabin, in a cozy lodge kitchen, around the fire on reindeer skin in the "Barta" or around a bonfire outside.

The 40 to 50 highly trained sled dogs at Engholm Husky Lodge are friendly and social dogs. You are welcome to visit the dog yard to meet these elite athletes and see how they are cared for every day.

Experience different activities and adventures in the land of the midnight sun. Here you can experience Sámi culture in combination with environmentally friendly and exiting summer activities while you stay comfortably at the truly unique Engholm Husky Lodge. The activities will be flexible and adjustable as far as practically possible.

In the evenings there will be time to explore the peculiar design at the husky lodge and the surroundings around the lodge. We have a beach by the river, only 200m from the lodge.



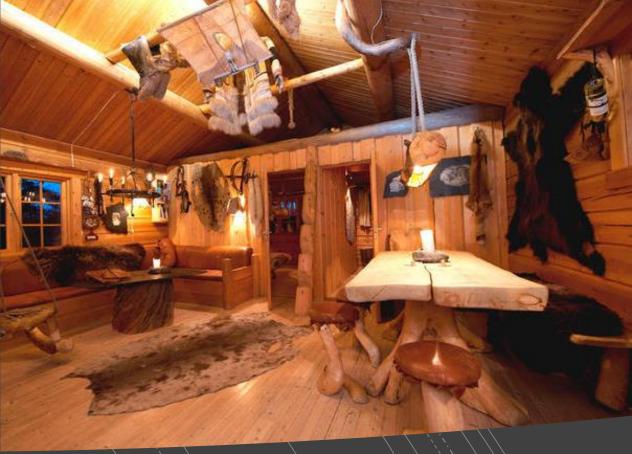
KARASJOK

Resting on the banks of the Karasjohka River the town of Karasjok is situated in Finnmark County in Norway. Karasjok is known for the incredible Northern Lights, or Aurora Borealis streaming across the sky at night; the ancient cultural heritage of the Sami people and the spectacularly scenic landscape. It serves as the cultural capital of the local Sami people.

Visitors can view the historic church in the village, learn about the local Sami culture and visit an authentic Sami family, have a close encounter with reindeer and sample some traditional reindeer stew.

Other popular activities include husky and reindeer sledging, skiing, and snowmobiling. Don't miss the opportunity to hop on a guided fishing trip, enjoy a reindeer herder experience, and visit the Sami Parliament and the Sami Centre for Contemporary Art.





DAY 1: KARASJOK

Arrive at Alta or Lakselv Airport in Norway or Ivalo Airport in Finland.

You will be met by your driver immediately after passing through customs and baggage claim. Once through the arrival doors you will be driven to Karasjok and Engholm Husky Design Lodge where dinner will be served and you will be shown around the lodge.

Lodging will be provided in private cabins at Engholm Husky Design Lodge.

Turgleder (www.turgleder.com) will be providing the services throughout the trip.



DAY 2 : KARASJOK

Get to know your surroundings and the Alaska Husky dogs.

Breakfast will be enjoyed in your cabins every morning.

We use this day to get you settled in and introduce you to the dogs. We make sure you have the right gear, take you on a "grand tour" of the lodge and equip you with the knowledge and skills in regards to the following (Alaska Husky dog training 101):

- handling the dogs
- taking part in the preparation for feeding of the dogs
- cleaning the yard
- training the sled dogs

These activities will take place every day and the tasks will go in turns within the group.

Your guide will also take you on a hike so that you can familiarize yourself with the surroundings, trails and the beach.







DAY 3 : KARASJOK

Food from nature.

After breakfast and dog training your guide will take you for a walk around Engholm Husky Design Lodge and you will learn about plants you can use for food, tools and medicine.

We will pick some plants and make them into useful tools, delicious drinks and/or meals (depending on what plants are available at that time).

You will also learn how to make a fire and prepare your food on the fire.



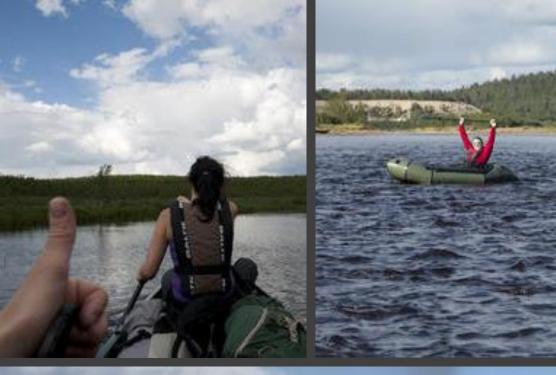
DAY 4 : KARASJOK

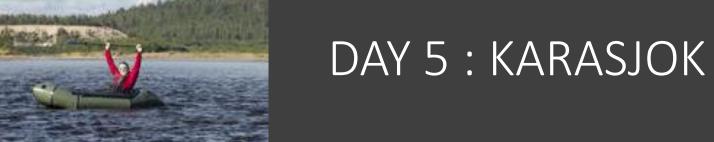
Reading Maps and Compasses and Applying Basic First Aid.

Breakfast as usual in your cabin followed by dog training 101. Now as you are already accustomed to handling the dogs, it is easier to enjoy the views and pay attention to different things.

Today you will learn how to navigate with map and compass in general and in this particular terrain.

Learn to handle different acute situations in nature which requires first aid training.





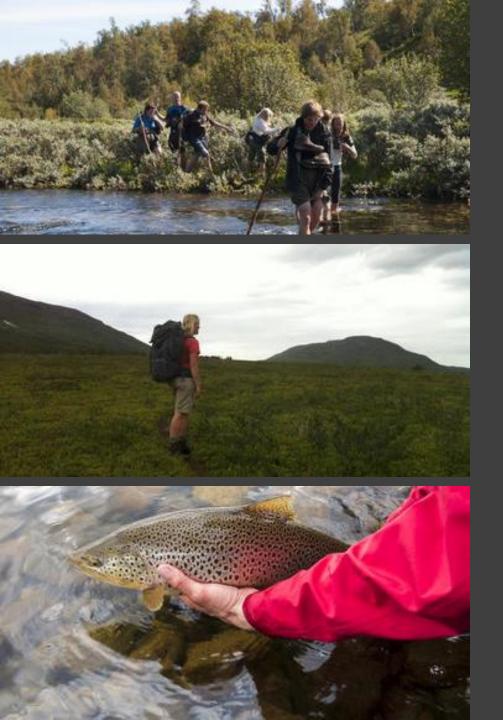
Canoeing and search for gold.

Breakfast will be served in your cabin and will be followed by much excitement as you get to explore different terrain and go on a "gold hunt".

Today we will go canoeing on the Karasjohka River and make some stops on some of the many beaches along the way. One of the activities you will get to do is to try panning for gold and who knows, you might find some!

If you return without any gold at least your taste buds will be compensated with a warm delicious dinner at Engholm Husky Design Lodge.





DAY 6 : KARASJOK

Hike to a lake and fish for arctic char and trout.

Breakfast will be served in your cabin.

Today we will take a hike to one of the nearby lakes. We will bring our fishing gear and fish after arctic char and trout.

We will prepare the fish for lunch by the fire and/or bring it back home to Engholm Husky Design Lodge where you will learn how to prepare fish in many different ways.



DAY 7 : KARASJOK

Guided trip to Karasjok.

After a good nights rest you will enjoy breakfast in your cabin.

Karasjok is the Norwegian Sami capitol where about 90 % of the local population speak Sami. Karasjok has about 3,000 inhabitants and the area is home to approx. 60.000 reindeer in the autumn and winter.

Today we will enjoy a guided trip and visit many exciting tourist attractions:

- Visit the Sàmi Museum
- Tour the Sàmi Museum of Contemporary Art
- Tour the Sami Parliament
- Explore and purchase Sami arts and handcraft at the local silversmith or knifesmith among others.





DAY 8 : KARASJOK

Visit a reindeer herder and receive an introduction to the culture and joik.

Breakfast in your cabin.

We will visit a reindeer herder and learn about reindeer and reindeer herding.

Tending to reindeer is a beyond full-time job—it is a 365 day per year commitment with constant supervision. It is way more than just a career, it is a way of life. Though the Sami herders say they have eight seasons, each requiring a different task, no two seasons are the same and with the effects of climate change it is getting even more unpredictable. They are noticing warmer winters and more of a fluctuation. So they are becoming more uncertain about their future.

After you visit the reindeer herder you will get an introduction to joik—the Sámi way of singing and chanting - and learn some songs.

There will be time for your own disposal in the afternoon to either rest or fine tune your singing.



DAY 9: KARASJOK

Start out on an overnight trip.

After breakfast you will pack your backpacks and meet with the guide who will give you a short introduction to the program for the day and then start your overnight trip.

The route will take you through the beautiful forest scenery, along lakes and along the river where we will be hiking, fishing and practicing outdoor life skills.

We will follow a hiking trail and our goal is reaching Ravnastua mountain where we will enjoy accommodation in either a cabin, tent or under the open sky.

Dinner will be served around the fire.



DAY 10 : KARASJOK

Hiking, Fishing and Exploring.

A warm breakfast followed by exploring the Finnmark Plateau. Finnmarksvidda, the Finnmark plateau, is a gently rolling landscape.

Today we will continue with hiking, fishing and practicing outdoor life skills.

Lunch and dinner is served around a roaring camp-fire and hot drinks are included to end off the day.



DAY 11: KARASJOK

End of tour, return to the Lodge.

Breakfast will be followed by packing up and hiking back to Engholm Husky Design Lodge.

You will continue to explore the Finnmark Plateau.







DAY 12 : KARASJOK

Activities around Engholm Husky Design Lodge.

Breakfast will be served in your cabins

This will be the last full day to be enjoyed.

A farewell dinner will be enjoyed with the host from Engholm Husky Design Lodge and Turgleder.



DAY 13: END OF ITINERARY

End of itinerary and travel home.

Enjoy your last Engholm Husky Design lodge breakfast in your cabin.

Time to pack up and say goodbye to the dogs and the new friends you made.

Your transfer to Lakselv International airport will be just over 1 hour by road where you will board a plane and fly home.

