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Winter in Swedish Lapland

SWEDEN

Set off on this unique riding holiday in the heart of **Swedish Lapland**. Ride spirited **Icelandic horses** through snowy forests and along open tracks, while enjoying the silence of the **Arctic wilderness**. Aside from horse riding, this holiday offers guests the opportunity to enjoy thrilling **snowmobile rides**, **traditional reindeer sleigh excursions** and a visit to the world-famous **Ice Hotel**. The evenings are the perfect setting to learn more about the Sami culture over some fire-cooked delicacies

Centre based holidays	**7 days (6 days riding)**	**From £2,101**		Open to non-riders


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ITINERARY

Highlights

- Explore the snowy Swedish Lapland on horseback
- Visit the famous Ice Hotel
- Learn more about the Sami culture
- Take part in different non-riding activities like reindeer sleigh rides and snowmobile rides
- Some departures welcome non-riders

Day 1 — 1: Home – Kiruna Airport - 1h riding

Farm stay

Fly to Kiruna airport. Flights are not included but can be arranged upon request. Please make sure to book a flight landing before 3pm.

Upon arrival, you will be transferred from the airport to the farm (around 30min) - please note that you may need to wait for other participants to arrive.

When you reach the farm, you will meet the Icelandic horses and have a first ride in the arena to have a go at the tölt (their unique four-beat gait).

Dinner with fellow riders and guides. Overnight at the farm.

Note: Depending on flight schedules, it may be necessary to stay overnight in Stockholm before travelling on to Kiruna.

Day 2 — 2: Snowmobile & Trail Riding - 1,5h to 3h riding

Farm stay

After breakfast, you will set off on a snowmobile adventure (two people per vehicle). Lunch is prepared over a campfire in the wilderness. Later in the day, you will meet the horses for an evening ride in search of the Northern Lights (weather dependent).
Dinner is served in a traditional Sami tent around the fire, perhaps including regional specialities such as reindeer or fish. Return to the farm for the night.

Note: The order of activities throughout may vary depending on weather conditions.

Day 3 — 3: Sleigh Ride & Ice Hotel - no riding

Farm stay

Today begins with a reindeer sleigh ride, once the traditional means of transport in this region. A picnic lunch is served along the way. In the afternoon, visit the famous Ice Hotel, built anew each December and melting back into the river each spring. Dinner is held at the hotel before returning to the farm for the night.

It's possible to spend the night at the Ice Hotel (not included, please see "Dates&Prices").

Day 4 — 4: Trail Ride & Visit to Kiruna - 1,5h to 3h riding

Farm stay

After breakfast you will set off on a trail ride around Puoltsa to enjoy the Artic wilderness. In the afternoon, visit Kiruna to discover more about local culture and life in Lapland. Return to the farm for dinner and overnight.

It's possible to arrange a dog-sledding excursion instead of the visit to Kiruna (not included, please enquire for more details).

Day 5 — 5: Snowy Forests & Sauna - 1,5h to 3h riding

Farm stay

Today's morning ride will take you through snowy forests. If you are lucky, you may spot moose, reindeer or other local wildlife.
After lunch, relax in the sauna overlooking the Kalix River and surrounding mountains – the perfect way to warm up after a day in the polar air.

Dinner and overnight at the farm.

Day 6 — 6: Racetracks - 1,5h to 3 riding

Farm stay

Today you will ride across wide open spaces before heading to a racetrack, where your horse will show off its power and speed.

Return to the farm for a farewell dinner.

Day 7 — 7: Kiruna - Home

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Kiruna airport. Please book a flight departing after 11am.

DATES & PRICES

DEPARTURE	RETURN	PRICE WITHOUT FLIGHTS	STATUS
13/12/2026	19/12/2026	£2,101	Open
27/12/2026	02/01/2027	£2,101	Full
10/01/2027	16/01/2027	£2,101	Open
24/01/2027	30/01/2027	£2,101	Full
07/02/2027	13/02/2027	£2,101	Open

21/02/2027	27/02/2027	£2,101	Open
07/03/2027	13/03/2027	£2,101	Open
21/03/2027	27/03/2027	£2,101	Open

Price details

- Flights or transportation to your destination (international/domestic) are not included but can be booked on request - please contact us for rates.

- Rates are per person, based on two riders sharing a twin/double room during the ride.

- Groups are composed of a minimum of 3 riders and a maximum of 10 international riders, plus guides.

- There is no single supplement on this ride, and you must be willing to share. On some weeks, it may be possible to arrange a single room for a supplement of €330/£290/$390 (from 2026 to March 2027).

- It is possible to spend one night at the Ice Hotel. The rate is €360/£315/$425 per person (double/twin room), or €635/£560/$745 per person (single room). From December 2026 to March 2027 the rate is €400/£345/$465 per person (double/twin room), or €680/£585/$790 per person (single room)

- Scheduled transfers from Kiruna airport are included.
Flights should land before 3pm. On the last day, your flight should depart after 11am.

- It's possible to arrange a dog-sledding excursion on day 4 for a supplement of €275/£240/$325 from Dec 2025 to March 2026, or €285/£250/$335 from December 2026 to March 2027.

- Accompanied minors are welcome from 12 yo, provided they match the riding requirements.

- Accompanying non-riders are welcome on selected departures: 11/01, 08/02, 22/03 and 13/12 in 2026, or 10/01, 07/02 and 21/03 in 2027. They will benefit from a €40/£35/$45 discount from Dec 2025 to March 2026 or €70/£60/$85 from December 2026 to March 2027.

- Rider weight limit: 85 kilos / 187 lbs / 13.3 st.
Please Note
The itinerary may be modified at anytime for security reasons, meteorological or events beyond our control such as blocked roads, rivers in flood, drought, strikes and local holidays. Equus Journeys, our local partners and their local guides will always strive to find the best solution and will alter the itinerary as needed.
The names of the hotels and accommodation are given for information only and depending on availability, they may be modified without notice and replaced by another of a similar standard.

Price includes

SUPPORT TEAM

1 English-speaking guide

INLAND TRANSPORT

Airport transfers (within the schedule)

ACCOMMODATION

Double/twin room in a cabin

MEALS

Full board from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 7

Price doesn't include

MEALS

Beverages and personal extras

TRANSPORT

International flights

EXTRAS

Tips to the local team

INSURANCE

Cancellation and travel insurance are not included in the above listed price. Please note that insurance is mandatory. We recommend taking out an insurance policy as soon as your trip is booked to cover you in case of cancellation

Optional

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation at the Ice Hotel (please see "Dates&Prices")

EXTRAS

Dog sleigh ride

EQUESTRIAN INFO

Horses

The herd consists of 20-30 Icelandic horses. They are used both for trail rides and for riding lessons. Icelandic horses are small, hardy, and versatile – known for being tough yet good-natured, with plenty of energy. They are between 12,7hh to 14,7hh.

In Sweden, Icelandic horses live both outdoors and in stables.

Guide & local team

The guides are all locals, and their knowledge of Lapland allows them to adapt the itinerary to environmental and weather conditions, ensuring you have a smooth experience.

Minimum riding ability

MINIMUM RIDING ABILITY

This ride is open to low intermediate riders and above. All riders should be balanced in the saddle and comfortable at walk and trot. Having some experience cantering is recommended.

Rider weight limit: 85 kilos / 187 lbs / 13.3 st.

PACE

The main gaits are walk and tölt - a fast and exceptionally comfortable gait. On more difficult terrain, the horses will switch to walk or trot. Riders don’t normally canter on this ride.

TACKING ABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

Riders are expected to tack/untack their own horse.

TRIP CONDITIONS AND REQUESTED EXPERIENCE

The riding is not overly technical, but you should be prepared for riding in the evening/dark and also riding in the snow.

The trails can last between 1,5h and 3h, depending on the weather conditions.

EQUESTRIAN EQUIPMENT

Icelandic trail riding saddles.

Helmets are mandatory and are available to borrow locally, but we highly recommend you take your own to ensure the correct fit.

The team also has the following items available locally to borrow: winter shoes, overalls, hats, gloves and scarfs.

TRAVEL INFO

COMFORT

You will stay at the farm, where there are twin/double rooms.
Please note bathrooms and kitchen are shared.

Towels and hairdryers are provided.

There is the possibility of spending one night at the Ice Hotel (please see “Dates & Prices”).

MEALS

Meals feature local produce, including reindeer and fish. Some lunches will be enjoyed outdoors in the wilderness. Dinner is usually served at the farm.

Vegetarian and other special dietary requests can usually be accommodated if mentioned in advance - please inform your travel advisor upon booking.

Alcoholic drinks are not available on site, but you are welcome to bring your own.

CLIMATE

In the winter, the climate is generally cold and dry. On very cold winter days, temperatures can drop as low as -40 °C. Snow is frequent but cannot be guaranteed.

From late December to early January, the far north of Sweden experiences the end of the Polar Night, with little or no direct sunlight and only a few hours of twilight each day. By mid-January, the sun begins to rise briefly, providing around 2-4 hours of daylight. Through February, daylight increases rapidly - mid-month there are about 6-7 hours, and at the end of February up to 8-9 hours of daylight. The sun remains low on the horizon throughout this period, creating long shadows and a soft, golden light typical of the Arctic winter.

TIPS

Tips are left at your own discretion (cash only).

PACKING LIST

Please pack carefully and sensibly: the following guide is here to give you an idea of what to bring. This list must be adapted depending on the season and individual needs.

For a full day outdoors in winter, you will need base layers (such as long thermal leggings), warm mid-layers, socks, a scarf or buff, a hat, gloves, and outer layers (jacket and trousers) that protect against wind and water. Remember that natural materials like wool are usually warmer.
We recommend that you bring proper winter hiking boots. Riding boots will not be enough to keep you warm.

Our local team can provide jackets, footwear, and other equipment to help you cope with low temperatures during outdoor activities.
Hand and foot warmers are available for purchase locally.

Head
- Helmet
- Sunglasses - with a cord attached so they don't fly off when riding
- Buff or scarf

Upper body
- T-shirts
- Long sleeved shirts
- Warm fleeces or jumpers (wool/fleece is recommended)
- Warm and waterproof jacket

Legs
- Long underpants (to use under riding/casual trousers)
- Riding trousers or jodhpurs - we recommend riding in them at home before taking them on holiday to ensure they don't rub
- Waterproof trousers (to use over riding/casual trousers)

- Casual trousers for the evenings, such as jeans or tracksuit bottoms
- Swimwear

Hands and Feet
- Winter hiking boots with half chaps
- Winter shoes for non-riding activities (or you can use the same hiking boots as for riding)
- Several pairs of socks (woollen socks are recommended)
- Slippers
- Thin gloves to wear as a first layer
- Waterproof gloves as a second layer

Other useful items
- Toiletries
- Bumbag for carrying items whilst riding
- Water bottle
- Swiss army knife (or equivalent)
- Ear plugs (for light sleepers)

Medical kit
- Any medication you regularly take
- Sunscreen and lip balm - should be high factor
- Blister plasters in case of any rubs
- Antiseptic cream, plasters, aspirin, anti-histamine, insect-bite salve etc...
- Spare prescription glasses/contact lenses
- Eye drops
- Imodium or similar anti-diarrhoea medication
- Antiseptic wipes
- Handwash gel

Our Recommendations
- Backpacks cannot be worn whilst riding. We recommend a small bumbag or a coat with pockets so that you can carry small items with you during the day.
- We recommend travelling in your riding boots and carrying your hat and some riding clothes in your hand luggage - then if your luggage goes astray you are still able to ride!
- You should also bring a copy of your passport/insurance in case you lose your documents. You can also save a copy into your mobile phone.

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

1. **Travel light.** It's a little known fact, but the lighter you pack, the better for the environment as heavy bags will produce higher emissions (when flying a plane or driving a car!).
2. **Reduce plastic waste.** Take your favorite reusable bottle with you. Avoid single-use bags, cups, or straws.
3. **Preserve nature.** Always take your rubbish with you during the ride and recycle them. Leave all the flowers or plants as you found them, and never get too close when observing wildlife. Make sure to use eco-friendly products such as body wash or laundry detergent (if camping) to protect both your skin and the environment.
4. **Choose your experiences carefully.** Respect animal life by not participating in any activities that abuse wild animals (shows, elephant rides, etc.).
5. **Support local populations.** Buy local handicrafts, be respectful of customs, and learn about the culture of local communities.
6. **Share!** Raise awareness among your family and friends about sustainable tourism.

For more information please see this page .