

Inari lake, ski traverse 2015

DAILY PROGRAM

Inari - Sevettijärvi, 145 kilometers ski traverse in the frozen Inari lake in total autonomy.

Snowmobile supported by polar guide Àlex Simòn i Casanovas.

Although it requires a minimal physical condition, the traverse is technically easy. This is an introduction to the polar environment, suitable for anyone with some experience in mountaineering. It is also recommended for people who want to experience something different in a wonderful natural setting.

During the traverse we advance all together as a team. Equally we share the burden of the community gear.

The temperature may reach or even exceed -20° C. Although the low temperatures could be a handicap, the biggest problem which we can find is the wind.

The end of the journey is always where a cabin is. So we'll spend the night there**. Except one, all cabins we are going to use are free for everybody. Some have a limited sleeping place (4 to 6), so we also take tents to sleep. In any case, depending situation, could be possible to fit all inside being a little tight.

*All distances are approximate.

** During this week every night we will have the opportunity to see Northern Lights, always if suitable weather conditions.



DAY 1 (Arrival in the afternoon).

Arrival in Ivalo. Meeting with your guide, transfer to Inari and welcome dinner.

The guide will give the directions for the journey and deliver your personnel equipment to do it. All together we'll have dinner in a restaurant.

- During the next days the team will follow a routine which we will keep it the whole traverse. We wake up between 8 and 9 am, breakfast and melt the snow to fill the thermos. Every hour we will do a short stop. At midday, between 14:00 and 15:00 we will have a break to eat a restorative soup with pasta and fill the thermos. Each participant is having a bag with dry fruits, chocolate bars and candy to eat as they wish.

DAY 2. Inari - Petäjäsaari. 25 km.

Inari is a small town just in the shore of the Inari lake. So from our hotel we will go straight to the lake to start the traverse.

DAY 3. Petäjäsaari - Jääsaari. 27 km.

DAY 4. Jääsaari - Kärppäsaari. 17,5 km.

DAY 5. Kärppäsaari - Pister. 28 km.

DAY 6. Pisteri - Suolistaipale. 25 km.

DAY 7. Suolistaipale - Sevettijärvi. 22 km. End of the ski traverse.

Sevettijärvi is a small village. Here there is a reindeer farm which also is a hostel with cabins to rent.

Here we could have relaxing time where we can take a well-deserved shower and change our clothes. Also we will enjoy a very typical Finnish meal and will spend the night in this beautiful place.

DAY 8. Transfer Sevettijärvi - Ivalo airport (Flight back at noon or afternoon).

After breakfast a taxi will take us to the airport. Depending on the flight schedule we can stop in Inari and the ones who want, can do a visit to sami museum Siida before going to Ivalo.