

**KUONI** | Events

*Norway – Dog Sledding in the Arctic Circle  
Open Challenge*



## *Dog Sledding in the Arctic Circle*

A thrilling and challenging dog sledding experience covering approx 200km of wilderness of the Finnmark Plateau and mountains – 350km inside the Arctic Circle. You will be given a dog team of 4 huskies which will be your responsibility for the week – you will become the 5<sup>th</sup> team member as you cover between 25km and 45km each day. Each night will be spent in a different mountain lodge and one night you will experience a 'true night in the wilderness' where there will be no running water or electricity! A once in a lifetime experience...

### Quick facts

Departure Dates:	21 – 27 April 2013
Trip Grade:	Hard. Although not physically tough, these are <b>extreme</b> conditions where temperatures can drop to -20°C or even -35°C
Accommodations:	Mountain lodges with varying degrees of facilities
Group Size:	A minimum of 10 participants is required for this challenge (you will be notified no later than 61 days prior to departure should minimum numbers not be reached)
Duration:	6 nights
Flying time:	Airline details will be confirmed closer to departure



## Day 1

Morning departure from London Heathrow via Oslo for Alta in economy class. Lunch served in flight.

Arrival Alta and transfer to Gargia Fjellstue for check-in.

Dinner and briefing when you will be provided with your arctic kit.

Overnight in Gargia Fjellstue.



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## Day 2

Breakfast in lodge

Introduction to dogs and depart on dog sleds for Souluvombi Fjellstue. Packed lunch en route.

**Approx 30km  
sledding**

Afternoon arrive at lodge – tonight's lodge has electricity but no running water. As a valuable member of the team, you will be assigned a different duty each night eg feeding the dog teams or preparing dinner! Once team members have completed their assigned duties, dinner, briefing and overnight in lodge.



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## Day 3

Breakfast in Lodge.

Sled from Souluvombi to Maze with time for a short stop for a packed lunch en route.

**Approx 25km  
sledding**

Arrive at hut – tonight's lodge has no running water or electricity!

Dinner, briefing and overnight in wilderness hut!



**Day 4**

Breakfast in lodge

Following breakfast, its time to organise your dog team and then sled from Maze to Mollesjok. There will be a short stop en route for packed lunch (not too long in this cold!) and then onwards until you arrive at mountain lodge which has good facilities – a real treat!

Again, once your team duties have been completed, its dinner, briefing and overnight in the lodge.

**Approx 40km  
sledding**

**Day 5**

Breakfast in lodge.

Today you will sled from Mollesjok to Jotka over Finnmark's largest lake! A short stop en route for your packed lunch and then onwards until you arrive at Jotka Mountain Inn which again has good facilities.

Perhaps its your turn tonight to defrost the food for the dog teams and ensure that they are well nourished for the day ahead!  
Dinner, briefing and overnight at Jotka Mountain Inn

**Approx 45km  
sledding**

**Day 6**

Breakfast in lodge

Today is the final day of sledding and being out in the wilderness – you will sled from Jotka back to base camp in Gargia with a short stop en route for your packed lunch.

Return to base camp at Gargia Fjellstue to warm up in more comfortable surroundings!

Optional snowmobile rides and trip to Ice Hotel for drinks before a farewell dinner and overnight at Gargia Fjellstue.

**Approx 45km  
sledding**



## Day 7

Breakfast in Lodge

Morning transfer to airport for return flights via Oslo.

Afternoon arrival into London Heathrow.

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*Please note that this complex itinerary may be subject to change. All details contained in this itinerary are for guidance only and whilst we try to ensure that changes are minimal, certain conditions may result in adjustments. Exact times will be given locally.*

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## What will it cost...?

### ***Included in the cost will be:-***

- Return economy flights excl taxes
- All accommodation as per itinerary
- All transfers as per itinerary
- All meals & soft drinks (during challenge) as detailed in itinerary
- Arctic outdoor clothing incl. insulated suits, extreme boots, gloves & hats
- Kuoni Events expedition leader and UK doctor throughout duration of trip
- Full participant packs with necessary information
- Pre-trip information briefing to participants
- Full support of Kuoni Events Team

### ***Not included in the cost:-***

- UK airport tax (approx £60.00)
- Personal travel insurance
- Any additional food or beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Individual room incidentals
- Tips for services of local guides and drivers and airport / hotel porters
- Optional tours



#### Self Payment Option

- **£500.00** Non-refundable deposit payable on confirmation
- Balance of £1,855.00 due 10 weeks prior to departure.
- All money fundraised by yourself will go direct to your charity. We suggest a minimum fundraising target of **£500.00**

#### Minimum Sponsorship Option

- **£500.00** Non refundable deposit payable on confirmation
- Pledge to raise minimum sponsorship target of **£4,600.00** to be sent to the charity 10 weeks prior to departure.
- Your charity then fund your trip and retain approx 60% of the funds you raise

## *Useful Travel Information...*

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*Time Difference* ▪ GMT +1 hours

*Currency* ▪ Norwegian Kroner. 100 øre make up 1 krone

*Passports and Visas* ▪ You must have a full and valid 10 year passport with an expiry date of at least 6 months after you arrive back in the UK. UK Nationals do not require a visa for stays of less than 3 months.

*Health* ▪ The World Health Organisation now recommends that travellers are immunised against polio, tetanus, diphtheria, measles, mumps and rubella regardless of their chosen destination. For more up to date advice, please contact your GP or local travel clinic.

*Dialing Code* ▪ +47

*Tipping* ▪ Tipping is commonplace in Norway at around 6-10%.

*Climate* ▪ Temperatures can reach as low as -35°C.



### *What is an open challenge...?*

Perfect for individuals, small groups and smaller charitable organisations, Open Charity Challenges offer you the chance to join a group challenge and raise money for a charity of your choice.

### *What does my chosen charity need to do...?*

For your chosen charity, provided they are happy for you to raise a minimum of £500 (paid directly to the charity) on an overseas challenge they simply need to support your fundraising where necessary. This would involve offering advice and materials and ensuring that they receive your minimum sponsorship either by our recommended deadline date or on a date agreed by the Charity.

### *How do the costs work...?*

We offer two payment options - Self Payment and Minimum Sponsorship.

**Self Payment** – you pay 100% of the tour price and fundraise as much as you can (we recommend at least £500.00) which will go direct to your chosen charity. You will be required to pay the non refundable deposit at the time of booking and the balance of the tour cost will be invoiced to you 10 weeks prior to departure. Your chosen charity will supply you with a fundraising pack and will support your efforts.

Using this method, your charity receives your total fundraising amount.

**Minimum Sponsorship** – each challenge has a different minimum sponsorship amount. At the time of booking, you will be required to pay the non refundable deposit and then pledge to raise the minimum sponsorship amount which is paid direct to your charity. When you reach this target, your charity will fund your trip – your fundraising monies will usually need to be sent to your charity at least 10 weeks prior to departure. We cost our challenges to ensure that your chosen charity retains a high percentage of the fundraising target.

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"Our objective is to be a responsible corporate citizen and mitigate the existing or anticipated adverse impacts of our business and strengthen the positive ones. By integrating CR (corporate responsibility) into everything we do, we aim to achieve an optimum balance between our business activities and our social, economic and environmental responsibilities." Peter Rothwell, CEO of the Kuoni Group.



Kuoni's key Corporate Responsibility projects focus on raising employee awareness about **sustainable practices** and **integrating sustainability standards** into all that we do. Further focus lies on **mitigating the impacts of climate change** and **protecting natural resources** as well as **safeguarding human rights** – especially when it comes to the **protection of children against sexual exploitation** in destination countries.



Kuoni is making important progress toward its goal of a more responsible and sustainable tourism. For a copy of Kuoni's third CR Report, please visit [www.kuoni-corporate-responsibility.com](http://www.kuoni-corporate-responsibility.com)



## Calculating your CO2 emissions

Varying contributions can be made and are welcome through Kuoni's collaboration with **myclimate** in order to calculate the CO2 emissions and cost for compensation of the flights. We encourage our participants to offset their carbon emissions by supporting a pioneering project on Bali in which large recycling facilities convert organic waste into valuable compost and also create work for 120 people. For more information, please visit <http://kuoni.myclimate.org/e>

An example of an individual compensating their challenge is calculated below.

Example of calculated CO2 emissions	
From:	London LHR, UK
To:	Kilimanjaro
	Economy return
Distance:	4,799 km
No of passengers:	1
Total CO2 emissions:	1.016t
Total cost for compensation of flights:	£19.00



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