



## KLUNGSLEDEN VAKKOTAVARE – KEBNEKAISE (with guide)

**The Kungsleden is one of the world's most famous hiking trails. For many, the northern section is an obvious choice, here we offer a new alternative. Starting in Vakkotavare, with the compass needle pointing north, we set off towards STF Kebnekaise.**

On this route, you'll encounter a varied and magnificent landscape filled with contrasts. We hike through quiet valleys, alongside mirror-like mountain lakes, and ascend slopes that offer breathtaking views over the roof of Sweden – the Kebnekaise massif. Along the way, we stay in four different mountain huts before reaching our destination at the Kebnekaise Mountain Station. This is the perfect option for you who have already explored the northern section of the Kungsleden or for those seeking a slightly more relaxed hike with shorter daily stages and more time to enjoy the grandeur of the mountains than the northern trail. On the final day, you'll hike the last 19 km on your own on a well-marked trail that is easy to navigate, through the beautiful Láddjuvággi valley, to Nikkaluokta.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT

Meeting point	STF Vakkotavare mountain hut
First gathering	At 11.45 when the bus from Gällivare arrives
Finale	STF Kebnekaise fjällstation after breakfast
participants	Min 6/ max 10
Minimum age	From 16 years with the company of an adult
For whom?	For you who want to discover a new part of Kungsleden while staying in huts along the way.
Experience	Good physical condition, be able to hike 19 kilometers with 10-15 kg on your back (or 15 km if you choose to go with the boat on Laddujavri between Kebnekaise and Nikkaluokta).

## INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

Accommodation	Bed in mixed room in STF huts. Bed in mixed room in STF Kebnekaise Mountain station.
Meals	All meals included, starting with lunch on arrival day to lunch on departure day. The meals in the mountain huts will be of a simpler standard and cooked collectively. <a href="#">If you're curious about the food options at the cabins, you can see them here.</a> Only in Swedish
Guide	The boat over the lake between Vakkotavare and Teusajaure
Other	Mountain leader – certified according to the Swedish standard fjälledarnormen.
Övrigt	<p>The arrangement begins with lunch on the arrival day at Vakkotavare and concludes after breakfast at Kebnekaise Mountain Station.</p> <p><b>Before:</b> You can take a direct bus from Gällivare to Vakkotavare on your arrival day or book an extra night beforehand at the Vakkotavare mountain cabin or Saltoluokta mountain station.</p> <p><b>After:</b> From Kebnekaise, you hike on your own to Nikkaluokta. The trail is well-marked and easy to follow, and you can shorten the distance by taking the boat for 6 of the 19 km.</p> <p>The program can be changed due to challenging weather or other unforeseen events.</p> <p>Cancellation can be made up to 30 days before arrival, after that no refunds will be made.</p> <p>If the tour does not reach the minimum number of participants, it will be canceled 30 days before scheduled date</p>

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

You can take a bus from Gällivare to Vakkotavare on the arrival day or book an extra night beforehand at Vakkotavare mountain cabin or Saltoluokta mountain station, where you also have the option to book dinner the evening before and breakfast before departure to Vakkotavare by bus.

**Day 1 – Vakkotavare – Teusajaure** We gather at the Vakkotavare Mountain Hut after the bus from Gällivare arrives, scheduled at 11:45. We begin with a shared lunch and review both our packing and the program before setting off toward our first overnight stop, the Teusajaure hut. Shortly before reaching the hut, we will cross the lake by boat. We need to time our arrival to catch the afternoon boat, departing at either 17:15 or 18:15.

**Day 2 – Teusajaure – Kaitumjaure** This day offers a shorter hike of approximately 9 kilometers. The trail begins with a significant ascent of about 300 meters over a pass, before descending toward the Kaitum huts. This is a calmer day, allowing us time to enjoy the beautiful surroundings, perhaps the nice sauna, and the tranquility of the mountain environment.

**Day 3 – Kaitumjaure – Singi** The day's stage is 13 kilometers and runs through relatively easy terrain. We follow the Tjäktjajákka river north, which winds its way between surrounding mountain peaks, all the way to the Singi huts. This stretch offers magnificent views of the valleys and the impressive surrounding peaks.

**Day 4 – Singi – Kebnekaise Mountain Station** We turn eastward and follow the trail into the beautiful Ladtjovagge valley. After a 14-kilometer hike, which includes an ascent of 150 meters followed by a descent of 150 meters, we arrive at STF Kebnekaise Mountain Station. Here, a well-deserved shower, sauna, and delicious dinner await – a perfect conclusion to the day's adventure.

**Day 5 – Conclusion at Kebnekaise Mountain Station** The tour ends after breakfast at Kebnekaise Mountain Station. You can choose to extend your stay by booking additional nights to further explore the Kebnekaise massif. If you wish to attempt a summit of the South Peak or visit the Tarfala Research Station, you can check the website for guided day tours.

If you decide to start your journey home on this day, you will hike the final 19 kilometres on your own, descending from the mountains and passing through birch forests on your way to Nikkaluokta. To shorten the hike, you can opt for a 6-kilometer boat ride across Lake Laddujuvri, giving you a chance to rest and enjoy the surrounding scenery.

Join us and experience the beauty of the Swedish mountains day by day – an unforgettable journey through some of Sweden's most spectacular landscapes!

[If you want to read more about each section, you find it here](#)

EQUIPMENT	
Included equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared safety equipment, such as communication devices for emergencies and a first aid kit.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Personal equipment is not included.</p>
Obligatory equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel sheet or lightweight sleeping bag (NOTE! You must always bring at least a sheet and pillowcase, even if you use a sleeping bag)</li> <li>Thermos</li> <li>Cup and spork</li> <li>Water bottle</li> <li>Toiletries (including travel towel and small soap)</li> <li>Toilet paper, matches, and trash bag</li> <li>First aid kit (including personal medication and painkillers)</li> <li>Blister plasters</li> <li>Hiking backpack, approx. 50-60 liters</li> <li>Seat/lying pad to sit on</li> <li>Headlamp</li> <li>Hiking boots (preferably with removable, quick-drying insoles)</li> <li>Comfortable hiking pants</li> <li>Thin wool socks + thicker wool socks (several changes)</li> <li>Base layer in wool or synthetic (both top and bottoms)</li> <li>Finger gloves, hat, and buff</li> <li>Mid-layer in wool or fleece</li> <li>Insulating jacket (down or synthetic jacket)</li> <li>Shell garments/rain clothes for outer layer (both jacket and pants)</li> <li>Cap or sun hat</li> <li>Sunglasses</li> <li>Sunstick, at least SPF 20</li> <li>Insect repellent and mosquito hat</li> </ul> <p><b>Avoid cotton:</b> Cotton socks and base layers cool you down when they get wet. Choose wool or synthetic materials instead.</p> <p><b>Wool:</b> Keeps you warm in all conditions, even during rest.</p> <p><b>Synthetic:</b> Optimal during activity but less effective during rest.</p> <p><b>Pack light:</b> You usually need fewer spare clothes than you think.</p>
Nice to have	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Map (<i>Kebnekaisefjällen</i> by Calazo) and compass</li> <li>Indoor slippers for comfort in huts</li> <li>Shorts and t-shirt if the weather looks favorable</li> <li>Binoculars</li> <li>Camera</li> <li>Hiking poles</li> </ul>

## INSURANCE DURING STF ACTIVITY

If you are a member of STF (Swedish Tourist Association) and participate in an activity organized by STF, you are covered by an accident insurance during the activity. The insurance also applies to children in the member's company until the child turns 15, leaders, and cabin hosts at STF.

[Read more about accident insurance during STF activities here.](#)

## ABOUT THE AREA

The high mountain area of Kebnekaise in the Kiruna Mountains is one of Sweden's highest mountain regions. People have been coming here to climb Kebnekaise for over 100 years. Today, the area is known for both challenging alpine adventures and easily accessible tours. It is also a natural milestone on your journey along the Northern King's Trail and the Dag Hammarskjöld Trail.

The mountain station provides full services, including a restaurant with a full bar, sauna, and service facilities for those who prefer to cook their own meals.

The guide office is there to offer you, as a guest, an amazing adventure or support if you prefer to go on your own. We also offer the option to rent equipment or obtain information about the area.

## FIND YOUR WAY HERE

We recommend environmentally friendly travel. Did you know that, as an STF member, you are eligible for [discounts on train tickets with SJ and Vy](#)? From Stockholm/Göteborg, there are daily train departures to Kiruna with connecting buses to Nikkaluokta.

STF Vakkotavare Mountain Hut is beautifully situated on the northern shore of Lake Akkajaure, in the heart of the magnificent Stora Sjöfallet National Park. The hut is conveniently located along the road between Gällivare and Ritsem. The easiest way to get here is by bus from Gällivare, which passes Kebnats near Saltoluokta and continues to Vakkotavare, with Ritsem as the final stop. [You can book your bus trip via the link here](#).

Kebnekaise Mountain Station is located off-road, 19 km from Nikkaluokta, at the foot of Sweden's highest mountain. Here, you'll find full service, a restaurant serving delicious meals, and 200 comfortable beds for a good night's rest.

The Nikkaluokta Express serves both Nikkaluokta station and the train station.

<https://nikkaluoktaexpressen.se/?lang=en>

## QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

If you have any questions, feel free to call or email us. You can find frequently asked questions and answers here.

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