

## My adventure in Lapland



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My name is Sebastian Kreutz and I'm from Germany. I'm 17 years old ( 16 during the journey ) and this was the first time for me being in Lapland. ( I'm the right one )



This pictures shows me in the hotel before going to Lappland.



We went by plain and came down in Östersund at 8.30 am. From there on, two helicopters carried us to Dorothea. The flight was beautiful and we could also see a few reindeers on the ground.



These were the reindeers photographred from the helicopter.



We then arrived well in Dorothea . I met Björn , Anders and Toby who were our guides. They brought us in a wooden hut. It was nice and warm in there because of a little fire in the center of the hut. We talked about the journey and what we were going to do the next days.

Björn told us that we would be the first tourists who will drive from Dorothea to Saxn , which will be a real adventure.

We then met two nice ladys who especially made bread for us. They also showed us how they made it which was really interesting.

We ate the bread together with a nice soup in the hut.

After changing clothes Björn said that there would be a surprise in the house next to us. We went there and got some lyrics. A few young ladys made music for us. There was also one of the ladys who made the bread for us. That was really great





It was around 1 pm and we wanted to start driving the Skidoos. I never drove any snowmobile before. Björn explained me how to use it and how to drive curves. It took me just 5 minutes and I was able to drive.



Our goal was another little wooden hut. It was around 60km from Dorothea. Driving Skidoo isn't easy the first 20 minutes. But it's easy to learn and I really enjoyed driving. Driving in a group was so much fun.



The landscape looked fantastic. The most beautiful moment was the sun rising behind the trees.

I learned that the most important thing is teamwork. Without, we won't get anywhere. Sometimes we got stuck in the snow so everyone had to help the other ones getting their snowmobile out of the snow.

We arrived well at 4pm ( The picture was made the following morning ).



The hut was covered with snow and we all got in to get some food. Our guides carried food with them all the time.

We drank some beer in the evening and began to make food. There was an old small oven inside the hut. He kept us warm all night long. There just were also 4 beds but we shared them brotherly.



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The next day we woke up 7pm. Our guides brought eggs bread and bacon. We ate a lot and after cleaning up the hut we started driving again. It took us 5 hours to get to Saxn . Driving was really fantastic. There also were some hard parts were we had to drive slowly and carefully.



The landscape was really nice. If we looked closely, we could see the snow gliding over the ground.

It was already 4pm when we arrived at our hotel.



The first thing everyone did was taking a shower. We had two hours left until dinner. We came all together in the food hall at 7pm. The meal was fantastic.

We had elk with cranberrys. It really was amazing.

But the evening wasn't over yet. The best part was Björn supported by a young girl. They both entertained us great with their guitars. Everyone in the hall was pleased and we laughed a lot.

The young girl even practiced playing guitar just to entertain us. We all were very glad.



After the show we drank some beer together and the last of us went to bed at 11pm.

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We went by bus to a little reindeer farm. I did never see reindeers in my life before.



They explained us how they live and how to feed them etc.

I wish I could take on of them home. These are really beautiful animals.

Later that day we went by the snowmobiles to a frozen lake. Together with our guides we started ice fishing. I was really excited cause this was the first time I was fishing. First of all we had to use a drill to get through the ice



Me was shown how to use an anglo. I expected nothing to fish cause it was. But after 10 minutes I really got one. And just 15 minutes later I already caught four fish.



All together we caught 2kg of fish.

The night began and we started driving again. Our goal was a tent made of wood. It was hard to get there cause it was dark and everybody got stuck at least once. It took us 2 hours to reach it.



Making a fire was the first thing we had to do.



To be honest, the meal was very scary first. We made soup including reindeer tongue , reindeer blood and reindeer liver.



But in the end, It tasted very good which was really surprising.



It also began to be feel cold. But Björn carried some special sleeping bags with him we used in the night.

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We had to move on at 6.30pm. This was the longest trip. It was hard to see anything cause the snow was really heavy. After a few hours we took a break at the hut where we were 3 days before. We prepared and ate the fish we caught.



Björn also showed us some tricks how to make fire.



After a few more hours of driving we reached the village of our guide Tommy. We had to leave the snow mobiles there, but I was allowed to drive a few more rounds on a big field which was great.



We spent our last part of the evening in a nice hotel. We enjoyed the bubble bath and the message. We had dinner together

Björn told us a lot of interesting things. He also gave us some more beers and caviar that he made especially for us.

He gave me and Florian a chain, because we were the youngest ones. It was made of an elk tooth.



Björn left us this evening and the following morning we went back to the airport.

We all had a great time together and I really learned a lot of things. Scandinavia is such a beautiful country and I can really say I made a lot of experience and it was totally worth it.

Special Thanks to Björn and the other guides.

