

REALLY WILD

Ignite, inspire, achieve!

Academy

Arctic Summer Expedition

Expedition Highlights



Arriving in the land of the midnight sun is an experience like no other. The sun never really sets during the summer this far north which means the time available for exploring is almost limitless.

Stepping out into wild forests and exploring post-glacial landscapes carpeted with edible berries, canoeing through crystal clear waters and wild camping next to a river, then falling asleep to the sounds of running water and the crackling of a campfire is simply magical.



Sample the lives of intrepid explorers and those who still prospect for gold today as they camp out until the Arctic snows return. Enjoy local wildlife like reindeer and a true sense of freedom.

Relax, have fun, work hard and grow in character, capability and confidence.



Activities

Enjoy activities you will always remember:

- Expedition planning and organisation - getting ready to explore
- Canoeing and navigating over post-glacial landscapes
- Wild camping in virgin forests under the midnight sun or northern lights
- Practicing and developing bushcraft skills e.g. knifecraft, axe-craft, firecraft, campcraft, foraging, natural navigation, stalking and tracking
- Prospecting and panning for gold (*location dependent*)
- Learning about local history, the changing geo-political landscape and environmental protection
- Really Wild Method® mentoring and personal challenges
- Preparing amazing meals outdoors and enjoying a final celebratory banquet of delicious local foods, and awards ceremony on the final night



Location



We fly into Ivalo, a small town located 400km north of the Arctic Circle in Finland. Our beautiful and stunning location is set in the middle of a breath-taking national park near the borders of Russia and Norway. From May to September the landscape blooms. With its wild valleys, hills and forests, it is the perfect location to learn how to survive and thrive in the wild. Our second site in Finland is in Tornio and offers a similarly incredible experience.



Accommodation & Facilities



We will camp outdoors in the most stunning locations for the majority of the expedition in tents or hammocks.

On the first and last nights we will stay in gorgeous log cabins with open fires.



When near base camp, we also have use of a superb lodge in which we will take some of our meals and prepare for each of our journeys. Whilst there, we also have use of hot showers, saunas, and a wonderful barbeque shack in which to relax, swap stories and socialise.

Itinerary



Expeditions take place between May and September

Day 1 - Travel day, welcome meal and first steps in the midnight sun

Day 2 - Bushcraft skills and set up woodland camp

Day 3 - Navigation and journey on foot into the National Park

Day 4 - Canoe expedition

Day 5 - Canoe expedition

Day 6 - Gold prospecting and panning or wilderness skills challenge

Day 7 - Travel home

Digital resources for wrap-around learning before and after the trip

Life changing personal growth

Combining the joy and exhilaration of the Arctic with physically demanding activities creates a fantastic learning experience. When paired with our unique and proven methodology for success, (the Really Wild Method®) this experience regularly delivers life-changing results.

Opportunities include the chance to enjoy the thrills and spills experienced by world-famous explorers, to learn about taking responsibility for oneself and others, and to really understand the consequences of each and every decision we make, to learn how to survive and thrive in the wild and in life back at home.

Each participant will be encouraged to reflect on their actions, reactions and ambitions. The group will be encouraged to discuss their findings and use each others' strengths to create highly supportive and functional teams.

The expedition also brings alive several real-world subjects e.g. human and physical geography, the sciences, natural history, culture and politics.

Fully customisable, this trip is suitable for ages 10 and upwards.



Why us

The Really Wild team places each student's personal development and wellbeing at the heart of everything it does.

The team includes world-class and seasoned expedition leaders and survival instructors with many years of Arctic and wilderness training experience, excellent mentoring and teaching skills, and a real sense of adventure.

This unique combination not only provides for the most exciting of school trips, but ensures that outdoor skills and personal development outcomes are achieved to the highest of standards.

Getting to really know each student before their trip and creating personalised expedition challenges for them to support their own specific needs and ambitions, then relating and applying these experiences and lessons to their lives back home, are examples of how we achieve our positive and often life changing results.

Students also have the opportunity to earn a reference from our company directors that can prove invaluable when applying for school, college, university or work. In any event, what students achieve with us in the Arctic will certainly help them stand out from the crowd.

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