

Where to go dog sledding

Richard Wheeler wants to take his girlfriend to a winter wonderland not too far from home

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I want to take my girlfriend dog sledding. What are my options around February time, somewhere not too far away and not too expensive? **Richard Wheeler, Stourbridge**



Sunday Times travel expert

Richard Green responds: Your best bet is Norway, Finland, or Sweden – where you can do a long weekend in either with a couple of days sledding included, from about £1,000pp.

[Transun](#) has a four-night trip from £995pp, which includes non-stop flights from Stansted to Tromso in Norway, from where you transfer to Finnish Lapland and the Dawi Arctic Lodge.

You'll have two magical days out with your team of dogs, eating lunch by an open fire, and covering about 25 miles a day, with a night in a simple wilderness cabin, before returning to the lodge, and then some sightseeing and a night in Tromso, before an early flight back to Stansted the next day.

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The price includes use of an all-in-one thermal suit with boots, a necessity when temperatures can drop as low as -35C.

If you don't mind a bit of DIY in the planning – buying your own flights and train tickets – and slightly less sophistication, then [Nature Travels](#) has 4-day dog sledding trips in Sweden from £554pp. You'll be picked up from Undersåker train station and overnight at the tourist lodge there.

Then in the morning you meet your team of dogs and wiz off through the Vålådalen nature reserve. After a night in a simple lodge, with an outside loo, you skim over the Lundörpas back to Undersåker, and another night at the tourist lodge. Thermal suit and boots are £36pp extra, and travel costs about £200pp more. Nature Travels can advise on this.