**6th World Reindeer Herders’ Congress – brief information on travel, accommodation, etc**

**Jokkmokk municipality**

Jokkmokk is a small town in Swedish Lapland with approximately 2800 inhabitants. The official name of the town is Jokkmokk (in Swedish), Jåhkkamåhkke or Dalvadis (Julev Sámi) and Johkamohkki (in North-Sámi). Jokkmokk is known for the centuries-old Jokkmokk Winter Market, an annual event that draws thousand for handcrafts made by Sámi people. The market also features food stalls and live music, Sámi artifacts, including silverwork.

There are five Sámi communities (Sami reindeer villages) within Jokkmokk municipality with approximately 25000 reindeer. The number of reindeer herders in Sweden is approximately 4700 and 85% of those are in Norrbotten county of which Jokkmokk is a part.

**How to get to Jokkmokk**:

**By car:**

By car you reach Jokkmokk either driving along the Inland Road E45, or from the coast: turn off either at Piteå for Route 347 changing to E45, or at Luleå onto Route 97. The north entrance is via the Inland Road/E45.

**By air:**

[Luleå airport](http://www.swedavia.se/lulea/) Kallax, (LLK) is located approximately 170 km southeast of Jokkmokk. From the airport you can take bus to Jokkmokk. There is also an airport car service twice a day between Jokkmokk and Luleå airport. There are several flights per day from/to Stockholm.

[Gällivare Airport](http://www.gellivare.se/Projekt/Lapland-Airport/) (GEV) is located 100 km north of Jokkmokk. There are few flights per day to/from Stockholm.

[Kiruna Airport](http://www.swedavia.se/kiruna/) is located around 220 km north of Jokkmokk. Bus or airport taxi to Kiruna centre. There are few flights per day to/from Stockholm.

**By bus:**

Buses run from all the above cities to/from Jokkmokk.

Several car rental companies also have offices at the airports.

**By train:**

The nearest railway station on the Main Line is Murjek. From Murjek it takes about an hour by bus to Jokkmokk.

**Travel agency in Jokkmokk**

More detailed information on how to travel to Jokkmokk, timetables for buses, trains, flights, accommodation etc. is available at the website of Destination Jokkmokk, [www.destinationjokkmokk.se/resa/](http://www.destinationjokkmokk.se/resa/), telephone: +46 971 58 222. They can also assist in booking travel to Jokkmokk, and organize accommodation in Jokkmokk.

**Accommodation in Jokkmokk** - <http://arcticcampjokkmokk.se/>

Arctic Camp has cabins of different sizes and the cabins have fully equipped kitchen, and it is possible to rent beddings. Most of the cabins have toilet and shower.

There are also places for campers and caravans.

There is also a restaurant from where you can buy breakfast. Breakfast must be order on beforehand. There is also a playground for children and swimming pool. The camping is located approximately 3 km from Jokkmokk downtown.

Hotels and hostels in Jokkmokk;

* hotel Jokkmokk, [www.hoteljokkmokk.se](http://www.hoteljokkmokk.se),
* Åkerlunds hotel, [www.akerlund.se](http://www.akerlund.se)
* Skabram hotel, approximately 3,2 km outside Jokkmokk, [www.skabram.se](http://www.skabram.se)
* Jokkmokk Vandrarhem Åsgard. www.svenskaturistforeningen.se/anlaggningar/stf-jokkmokk-vandrarhem

The organizers have reserved cabins the Arctic Camp in Jokkmokk for the delegates to the Congress.

***The weather in Jokkmokk in August***

This is late summer/early spring and average temperature is approximately between +15C and 20C. The weather is usually nice and sunny at this time of the year but in the evening it might be cooler. It is recommended to bring sweater, outdoor clothes and shoes for autumn.

**Currency**

In Sweden they use Swedish krona (SEK). In most shops, hotels, hostels, cafes and restaurants you can use credit cards as VISA and Mastercard. There is AVT/minibank/bankomat in Jokkmokk.

Many Sámi institutions are located in Jokkmokk, such as:

**Samernas Utbildningscentral** - www.samernas.se

Samernas Utbildningscentral is an education centre offering education on reindeer husbandry, Sámi food culture, Sámi handicraft etc.

**Ajtte museum** – www.ajtte.com

Ájtte is the main museum for the Sámi culture, a special museum for the nature and culture in the mountains and an information centre for mountain tourism. At the musuem is displayed traditional Sámi cloths and equipment, man exhibitions and there is also a souvenir shop. In addition there is a restaurant; Aja, serving traditional Sámi food.

**Laponia, World Heritage in Sweden** - www.laponia.nu/en

Laponia World Heritage is a Sámi cultural landscape with traces of human activity dating back thousands of years, at the same time, as it is Europe’s biggest contiguous cultural landscape. In 1996, UNESCO designated Laponia a World Heritage Site for both its culture and its nature. Laponia is administrated and managed by a committee consisting of representatives from 9 Sámi communities, Jåhkåmåhkke/Jokkmokk and Jiellevárre/Gällivare municipalities, the County Administrative Board in Norrbotten County and the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency. The Sámi delegates are in the majority in the committee, but all decisions are to be made with the consent of all parties.

**Sámi Duodji** – [www.sameslojdstiftelsen.com](http://www.sameslojdstiftelsen.com)

The foundation for Sáme handicraft Sámi Duodji, was established in 1993 by the Sámi organizations Svenska Samernas Riksförbund and Riksorganisationen Same Ätnam. The foundation’s activities are financed by the Culture committee in the Sámi Parliament and by the Ministry of Culture. The activities includes activities in Sweden and within three main sectors: handicraft and culture heritage, livelihood and business, marketing and communication. Research and innovation are included in all three sectors.