



## Dog Sleigh

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### History

Dog sledding began in Canada and Alaska where, in the far north, people were dependent on their dogs for protection, companionship, hunting, trapping and, most of all, transportation. Sled dogs enabled explorers such as Byrd, Peary and Amundsen to explore the frozen wastelands of two continents. They have helped men in two World Wars and, the Canadian Mountie owes much of his fame to his team of sled dogs.

### Location

La Plantin – Located between Méribel Village and La Tania

### Operation Times

Daily tours are available weather permitting.

2 sessions daily – Occasionally 3 depending on conditions

1100hrs – 1400hrs – 1530hrs

### Operation

Each participant is in charge of his or her own sledge; 3 husky dogs pull each sledge. We're not talking about walking next-door's dog here! Learn how to control a sledge by using your own body weight to steer around the corners and to help the dogs up the steeps by running with the sledge. This can be a truly strenuous activity

### Duration & Format

10 - 15 minute - organization of equipment / safety brief

40 - 45 minute - activity operation

5 - 10 minutes - handing in equipment and saying good-bye to the dogs.

### Restrictions

Minimum Age - 12 years old with parental consent, all participants need to be reasonably fit as dog sledding is a strenuous activity. There are NO sit on rides

### Equipment that should be supplied

3 dogs / 1 sledge

### Suggested Items

Ski Clothing - Jacket, ski trousers, hat, gloves, glasses and normal shoes or boots

### Numbers

Minimum - 4 people

Maximum - 8 people

### Equipment Spec.

#### Dogs

There are four different official breeds of sledge dogs, the most famous being the Siberian Husky, the others are the Alaska, Malamute, Samoyede and Greenland dog They all have the same features in common, they are all hard working, resistant to very low temperatures and are affectionate but also unfortunately prone to escape to hunt. Each dog in the team wears an individually fitted harness that is made of lightweight nylon webbing material; each harness is padded around the neck and shoulders for the dogs comfort. The team of dogs are then hitched to a rig or sled by means of a central rope or gang line as it is otherwise known. Other equipment includes the snub line and snow hook used to secure the team when stationary.

#### Sledge

Although introduction of new materials and designs have increased both speed and performance, sleds have changed very little from those used in the early days of racing, they have basically remained true to the traditional design and construction.