



ARTIST REFUGE

In Swedish wilderness

Pilot Project offer - October 2020

WANT TO BE THE FIRST RESIDENT IN OUR PILOT PROJECT- ARTIST REFUGE "THE GREEN FOOTPRINT" ?

Residency at Artist Refuge is a perfect way to get away from daily life for some period and work on your creative projects and at the same time this is a possibility to try living a simple "off grid" lifestyle surrounded by the wild nature. If nature inspires you, here there are hiking possibilities directly from the property, available bicycle and canoe. Our property is located in vicinity of the mount Helags and the Helags glacier (most southern glacier in Sweden), and one hour drive to an ancient rock paintings via the highest public road in Sweden.



Do you want to be the first artist in our refuge The Green Footprint, located nearby lake in the beautiful Swedish Härjedalen and surrounded by forests and mountains ?

This October we decided to let an artist stay in our refuge for either 2 or 4 weeks at the price equivalent to the cost of living and covering costs on firewood, gasoline for generator and gas for cooking. At this stage we won't have a profit from the stay, but your stay will help us to get needed experience on how the facilities will function for the creative work stay.

We live a remote lifestyle in the Swedish wilderness . There is a nature around the property and it's calm. There is no artificial light disturbance. No neighbors. You are surrounded by endless forest, wildlife and beautiful mountains. The house is located on our own peninsula and has views of the mountains.

Our area is the coldest in Sweden and October can be cold. But October is also a magical month. The first part of October is unbelievably beautiful with autumn colors that I think can not be found in many other places. The last half of October you can experience a phenomenon which for me is one of the most beautiful things to witness - the sound from the lake when the water freezes to ice. In addition, in October there are chances to see the northern lights aurora.

Here are some facts about the place that you have to relate to.

Facilities:

1. The refuge is "off grid". It means it is not connected to the electric grid. You therefore can't have a desktop computer with you. We run a generator 3-5 hours every day at agreed times, and you can charge your mobile, laptop and powebanks (please bring at least one). There is no TV and Wifi. Internet and WiFi can be solved if it's must to have for your work - it will cost an extra fee.
2. The house is heated by wood stove. There is a gas stove. The refrigerator is most likely not necessary otherwise there is a shared food cellar.
3. We have a bigger room which can be used as atelier , but it can be too cold to use in in October - least if you have to work for a long period of time. Therefore, it must be an artist who primarily has desk work.

Logistics and transportation:

4. You can't just go outside and buy food - we live in remote location. There is a half of hour drive to a store with a smaller selection of food. So shopping is done together once a week, unless you have your own car.

5. The nearest train station or airport is 2.5-4 hours drive from here depending on weather conditions. There may be snow on roads in October. We can offer transportation against coverage of fuel costs.

6. As it was mentioned, the weather can be unpredictable in October and we can experience hard frosts, which means we have to shut off the water system and we therefore have to manually pick up the water from the lake. It is the purest water that comes from the mountains and no bacteria in it - we use it even for drinking.

Capacity:

7. There is room for 2 people, but you have to share a 140 cm wide bed (almost new Dux bed). And if you have a dog, it is also welcome (we have two dogs on site).

Cost of living:

8. Price for 2 weeks is 5,000 dkk and 10,000 dkk for the whole month.

9. There are two houses on the property - you stay in one of them, and my husband and I live in another together with our 2 dogs. I have a degree in visual arts from the Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen and am always open to art sparring and discussions.

Watch short video from the site and you're welcome to contact for further info and I will answer all your questions.

<https://vimeo.com/357813679>

Best regards,

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