

SVALBARD 31. AUGUST – 4. SEPTEMBER

The 4th day we had signed us up on a dog-sled ride. [Green Dog](#) supplied dogs and guide.



Here we are at Green Dog in [Bolterdalen](#), innermost in [Adventdalen](#).



The dogs are ready. Green Dog has over 150 dogs, but I do not know if there were so many in this site.



Here I make myself familiar with the dogs. They like to be petted and scratched.



Each of the dogs have their own house, and all the dogs have names. The dog name are written on the houses.



They are very eager and they are barking all the time.



This is Piotr Damski. He will be our tour guide on this ride.



I speak with another dog.



This is the sled. There is no snow in the valley now, so wheels are necessary.



Here they are lined up.



We are receiving instructions.





We wait while the dogs are made ready and put up in teams.
We've borrowed thick overalls, so we will be cold.



I'm speaking with one of the dogs.

Our dog team is almost ready, and I'm holding the lead dogs so they do not start to run.



The guide is sorting out some disorder of the ropes.

I'm still holding the lead dogs until all teams are ready.



Just before everyone is ready. All dogs are very eager to get started, so they are barking furiously.



Here we go. The barking is ended. It is panting instead.



The dogs are following the leading team. There is only one control option on the move, which is the brake. We must drive with the brake at all times, otherwise they run much too fast.



Some of the nature in Adventdalen.



There is many creeks and small lakes in the area.



Here we are almost halfway. We stopped because the guide had to help one of the teams that got a little problem.



We drive to the airstrip that the Germans built during the war. Now there are drilling operations there to explore storing possibilities for CO2.

Here we have turned and are headed back.



We are waiting on two dog teams that come against us.

They fetch water to the dogs here. When they are finished it's our turn to fetch water to the dogs. They got water 3 times on the trip.



Here we are waiting. I stand on the brakes in case the dogs start running. Once the brake is released, they start to run.



More nature.



Soon we are back to where we started.



The dogs are relaxing after the trip.



We are helping to get the dogs back in place.



The 5th day is the journey home. This is at the airport. A collection of signs that shows the distance to a number of places in the world.