



We are a Wilderness Guide Association (WGA) certified training institute with a highly experienced team of qualified instructors who have great passion for their work.

Personal growth, respect for people and nature, self-awareness, proactivity and learning by trial and error are some of our key values. We believe we are all learning every day, both instructors and students and therefore prefer a positive learning curve above judging and rating students on a specific moment. It is all about consciousness and attitude, all the rest is secondary.

Our international network is growing every day, both on a professional and personal level, would you like to join us on our journey?

The EWES team.

Ecoregion: Arctic / Antarctic - Coldweather

Plan, organize, equip, and safely implement a multi-day (typically 7 or more days) winter camping expedition; in environments which may include open water, fast ice, river&lake ice, snow, land ice, forest, tundra, alpine plateau's, hilly and mountainous terrain.

**note: work accordingly local laws and profesional guiding legal requirements.*



SKILLS OF A WILDERNESS GUIDE

LEVEL 2

“An experience is something that happens for you.”

- ◉ Guide groups on demanding expeditions in wilderness areas.
- ◉ Organize a travel or expedition on international level with a length of more than 7 days.
- ◉ Train and prepare participants within its professional profile.
- ◉ Be aware of technical, mental and physical condition of participants at any time.
- ◉ Apply adequate techniques in order to minimize environmental impacts.
- ◉ Understand and transmit local social and cultural behavior.
- ◉ Interpret and share knowledge on local flora & fauna.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
MIN./MAX.

6/8

SPECIFIC TRAINING MODULES

INTRODUCTION MODULE

- ◉ A 10-day course delivered in a semi-virtual and homestudy modality.

10
DAYS

PRACTICAL MODULE

- ◉ A 20 days intensive instructor-led on-site training and self-training activities.

20
DAYS

REQUIREMENTS

- ◉ Be at least 18 years of age.
- ◉ Intermediate level of English.
- ◉ Level 1 WGA training.
- ◉ Level 1 qualification level/proven experience and training.
- * Level 1 WGA training.

After the specific training modules a training period is required and participants are assessed to obtain the W.G.A. level certification.



COURSE CONTENT

TRAINING CONTENT INCLUDES:

1. Planning & Organisation
2. Leadership skills
3. Winter navigation.
4. Interpretative guiding.
5. Safety, Risk & emergency management.
6. Arctic wildlife safety.
7. Winter camping & improvised shelter techniques.
8. Overland winter travel techniques.
9. Backcountry skiing (with pulk).
10. Snowshoeing (with pulk).
11. Ski Kiting introduction.
12. Land Ice travel, safety and rescue.
13. Rivers and lakes.
14. Sea Ice travel, safety and rescue.
15. Living off the land techniques.
16. Survival.
17. Nutrition & Cooking.
18. Tracking.
19. Equipment (Planning, Organisation, repair and adapting techniques).
20. Communications (SAT, radio, PLB).
21. Energy management.

PROGRAM

DAY 1	23 Jan	📍 Meet at Stora Sjöfallet Mountain Center.
DAY 2	24 Jan	📍 Preps.
DAY 3-11	25 Jan-2 Feb	📍 Sarek Expedition.
DAY 12	3 Feb	📍 Transport to Baltic sea - Ice rescue.
DAY 13	4 Feb	📍 Baltic Sea - Ice rescue.
DAY 14-16	5 Feb-7 Feb	📍 Kite.
DAY 17-20	8 Feb-11 Feb	📍 Sea Ice expedition.
DAY 21	12 Feb	📍 Departure.

W.G.A LEVEL 2

A level 2 guide has found her/ his field of interest and is committed to promote and guide environmentally responsible activities/ expeditions in areas that can be challenging. Guided activities demand very thorough planning and special skills and knowledge also about the chosen environment and the local culture.

A level 2 guide knows his/her market value well and might run an own business, employing other guides and promoting the Wilderness Guides Association's certifications and standards.



INCLUDED

- Introduction module.
- Practical module.
- Instructors.
- Specific group equipment.
- Insurance.

NOT INCLUDED

- Flighttickets and transports.
- Accommodation.
- Personal equipment.
- Food.
- Travel insurance.
- Any other concept not mentionend in included.

A guide can apply for Level 2 certification after:

- A minimum of 28 days of training (level 2 course).
- A minimum of 28 days of extra guiding within Level 2 competences (with at least one week non-stop with overnight experience).
- A minimum of 3 specializations.
- The guide must have a valid WFA certificate.

COSTS & DATES

2.150€

PRICE PER COURSE

23/01 - 12/02

2021

INSTRUCTORS

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WGA Level 3 Arctic



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WGA Level 3 Arctic



OTHER SPECIALIZATIONS

Please visit www.wildernessguideassociation.com to learn about all levels and specializations recognized by the Wilderness Guides Association.

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