



ARCTIC GUIDE COURSE (WGA Level II)



Arctic Sweden (January 21 – February 10, 2024)
Online Preparational Modules: (10 Days, December, 2024)



ARCTIC GUIDE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COURSE

The Arctic Guide, WGA Level II, Professional Learning Course is an intensive and highly demanding course for those you would like to build further on:

- Personal development and (expedition) leadership skills
- Technical skills related to Cold weather Expeditions on Ice caps, Nordic terrain and Seaice (fast) – (WGA Level II Ecoregion)

We invite you to become part of its future by participating in this unique course, sharing your knowledge and experience with others, certifying as a Professional WGA Arctic Guide and become part of a unique professional network. While providing you with a firm foundation for joining and supporting the nature guiding industry in Europe, this is also a unique chance to gain first-hand experience in community engagement and ethical wilderness guiding in iconic natural areas in Europe by the hands of some of world's best Wilderness Learning Guides. By combining the hard skills necessary in the wilderness with the soft skills needed to create memorable experiences for guests, this course offers you **personal learning and technical training** in wilderness expeditions, **leadership, survival and rescue practices, wildlife observation, interpretative guiding and expedition planning and organization.**

After successfully fulfilling this Learning Course you will receive a certification of the European Wilderness Education School (EWES) and are well on your way for the Arctic Guide Certification Level 2 as certified by the Wilderness Guides Association (WGA).





LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 01** Awareness and consciousness on personal growth
- 02** Natural leadership and self-care
- 03** Transmission of sustainable practices to minimize environmental impacts
- 04** Understanding of participant's behavior and apply leadership techniques efficiently in order to manage group dynamics
- 05** Learning of technical skills: cross country skiing with pulks, survival, wintercamping, land&sea ice safety and rescue, communications, wildlife safety, tracking, navigation.
- 06** Business development and networking.
- 07** Skills and knowledge building necessary to design, organize, execute and guide professionally Cold Weather Wilderness Expeditions in the Arctic Ecoregion
- 08** Push your comfort zone and deepen your own connection to your self
- 09** Full immersion in expedition guiding in Arctic Ecoregion: Nordic, Land & Sea Ice.





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COURSE DETAILS



Language of course:
English



Minimum requirements:
Strong motivation, physically
in shape, English, WGA Level
1 or similar experience



**Minimum/maximum of
participants:**
6/10



Inscription deadline:
1 of September 2023



Online preparation:
10 Days – December 2023
Project Introduction, Navigation,
Leadership and Expedition planning

Part 1. Nordic terrain and Land Ice:
Sarek
21-30 January 2024







Part 2. Sea Ice: Baltic Sea
Jan 31- Feb 10, 2024



Total Training Time:
80 hours online / 21 days practical
training



COURSE STRUCTURE

1 PART 1	REMOTE - ONLINE  Introduction, navigation, equipment, preparation and organization.	10 DAYS	
2 PART 2	NORDIC TERRAIN AND LAND ICE  Sarek National Park, wintercamping and Storjsofallet hotel. Sweden	10 DAYS	
3 PART 3	Baltic Sea  Hinderson Island, wintercamping and Jopikgarden Sweden.	11 DAYS	

Course fee:

€2.950 (for WGA members)
€3.250 for non-members

Services included:

- Online learning
- Practical Learning Module Sarek
- Practical Learning Module Baltic Sea
- Certified Learning Guides
- Local costs of Learning Guides
- Safety equipment
- Liability Insurance

Not included:

- Personal equipment
- Accommodation & food
- Flights and local transport
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance covering location and activity
- Any other service not mentioned in Services included.



THE ARCTIC GUIDE LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATION

In order to obtain a WGA certification through EWES, in addition to this course a valid WFA certificate is required. EWES will offer a 15 % discount to the participants of this course. After a 28 practical period you will be able to opt for the official WGA certification. For more information, please visit the website:

www.wildernessguideassociation.com



MEET THE LEARNING GUIDES...



Gerard van den Berg (UIMLA Guide, WGA Level 3 Guide, Mountain Guide)

Gerard has been enjoying outdoor life as long as he can remember, having a special interest in how indigenous still survive, travel and live in remote wilderness areas. He studied Physical Education, with specialty of Physical Education for criminal youth and earned my teachers degree. During his study time he followed courses in adventure pursuits, wilderness survival skills and bushcraft. He is a certified Wilderness Guide (Level III Arctic WGA, Level II Desert, Level II Boreal Forest), with professional qualifications in Spain (Mountain guide, Climbing instructor); and a certified International Mountain leader (UIMLA). Gerard's special sense of seeing people and supporting in the personal development gives a magic value to his teachings.



Josetxu Estebanez (UIAGM Mountain Guide/ WGA Level III)

Originally from Cantabria, his work and expeditions allows him to travel around the globe. When he can he dives, paraglides, skydives, kayaks, rafts, climbs, ski's, climb icefalls, mountain bike with his dear friends. He has been working as a Professional mountain rescuer for 28 years in Spain and served as a Rescue swimmer on a patrol boat. As a UIAGM guide he has led clients around the world on alpine and mountaineering expeditions. His professionalism, eye for details and love for people and nature makes him a true star.



Jose Manuel Naranjo (Polar Guide)

As a polar expeditionary person, José Naranjo has a long and awarded experience. He has won the Spanish Geographic Society Award. Lots of expeditions carried out by him from the TransGreenland 2001 an expedition that crossed Greenland from the south to the north in total autonomy with a sled hauled by giant kites, TransBaltic 2003 expedition, Penny Icecap 2009 and crossing of the route North Pole Geographical to Canada after having skied for 40 days in a row on the frozen Arctic Ocean. What we most admire in him are his personal skills, down to earth, his passion for sharing and motivation.



WE ARE

Creating experiences of **Being and learning in nature**

We believe all life on earth is connected. **We are one. . . we are nature.**

We are **co-creating** a world in which all beings are connected to everyone and everything.
We do this by creating experiences of **being and learning** in nature and inspiring to lead and live from
that wisdom.

The experience of our guides and experts allow us to explore to the edge within a **caring and
empowering environment** and the best safety standards framework.

After fifteen years **learning, growing and evolving** EWES has transformed into an intentional community
of purpose driven, committed, passionate individuals who thrive in the knowledge, a continuous pursuit
for genuine growth and evolution targeting **health, awareness, and most of all joy for life.**

Dare to join us on that wonderful journey. . .



Association EWES is a trainings institute certified by the Wilderness Guides Association (WGA)
and accredited by the Institute of Profesional Education of La Pobla de Segur in Catalunya.





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