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## Destination 2 complete

Explore Sweden has just completed destination 2, in Sweden's harshest alpine environment Kebnekaise. Racers spent many hours trekking, snowshoeing and climbing through Sweden's biggest glaciers and up its highest peak. This proved to be too much for some teams as the medical staff was called upon to assist those in trouble. These teams were extremely weak and could not continue a helicopter had to be dispatched to rescue them from the mountain.

Team FJS was the first to complete this section, followed closely by Nokia Adventure. After this stage, teams had a 77km inline skate to the airport to catch their flight at 12 noon. Shortly after Team FJS started the inlines they had to turn back due to illness with one team mate. Only Team Nokia, Cross Sportswear, Maybe, Lundhags, and Seagate completed this destination.

We have arrived at the final destination – 3, at Vindeln. Teams are anxious and excited with what lies ahead. The teams were greeted by hundreds of curious spectators gathered around the start area. The start of destination 3 lies in a beautiful setting beside a raging white water river.

Some teams have decided to exit the race here and will head back to Hampnäs Registration Centre.

The rest of the teams will spend the next few hours packing, sleeping, and dreaming of how they can catch the leaders Nokia Adventure.

At 5pm Nokia Adventure started leg 3, followed 5 minutes later by newly combined and unranked Team Supplierpipeline and Team Spirit. The rest of the teams still competing will leave the start area in intervals based on the time they are behind Nokia Adventure.

Team Cross, Team Lundhags and Team Seagate, are the next three teams to start the final leg.

The toll of the race is beginning to show. Many of the teams have team mates suffering from sleep deprivation and general fatigue, but these are the lucky ones. Others are battling more serious injuries which will make travel more painful and slow. Until now weather has been on the side of the racers, clear, sunny and warm. Today however Mother Nature has brought rain, high winds and gloomy skies. Some teams seem to thrive in this environment, others we will have to wait and see.

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