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Explore Sweden Finished!

A journey of epic proportions – Explore Sweden has taken many of the world's top adventure racers and shown them the beauty and ruggedness that is Sweden. From coasteering and swimming in the High Coast area, to mountaineering in the Kebnekaise, to cycling, trekking and orienteering in the Örnsköldsvik area , racers have travelled over 750 km .



The race began at the Högbonden light house, where teams sprinted down to the sea to CP 1. A unique start to what has turned out to be a unique race. Racers were treated to many challenges, which included rappelling off the High Coast bridge. Team Nokia set the stage, as they were the first team to arrive at the airport and win destination one. As a reward they were the first team to get some much needed sleep. Over the next several hours teams trickled in until Flight one left to as yet an unknown destination two.

Destination two proved to be the most demanding of the race. A mass start in the village of Nikkaloukta, had teams begin their journey up into the mountains of Kebnaikaise, for many this would prove to be their last stage of the race as many were too tired to go on, or suffered from dehydration and had to be heli lifted off the mountain. For those teams that were pushing up front they were treated to stunning views from Sweden's tallest peak, and trekked across the always dangerous glaciers. Once down from the mountains teams then inline skated for 77km to the finish of destination two, once again Team Nokia proved to be the fastest.

The final destination, began with a wild rafting section as teams started in intervals behind leading Nokia. This may be the final section of the race but the end is far from in sight as racers were greeted with a 220 km bike stage. During this leg Seagate, Cross, and Lunhags closed the gap to Nokia and were only one hour behind entering the orienteering section. The Finns of Nokia Adventure however, held on for the win as they ran over the finish line after 90 hours and 12 minutes. According to the Nokia team "One of the most demanding if not the most demanding race ever taken part in".

The battle continues out on the course between Seagate and Team Cross Sportswear. At the last CP before the last orienteering the gap was just 25 minutes.

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