

# KIRKENES

Winter guide 2024-2025

Valid from Nov – April



**SUSTAINABLE  
DESTINATION**  
LOCAL ENGAGEMENT  
IN A LONG PERSPECTIVE

## WHAT TO DO



### Booking Kirkenes

Booking office for the best activities in the area, private tour offers and local gift shop. You find us in the main shopping street in the heart of Kirkenes. We speak English, German, French and Norwegian. Welcome!

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Dr. Wesselsgate 15B, 9900 Kirkenes  
www.bookingkirkenes.no



### Kirkenes and Borderland sightseeing with a local guide (HW01)



In only 2 hours you get an interesting summary about Kirkenes history, daily life, relationship to our neighbours Finland and Russia, climate and much more. Guided tour through the town of Kirkenes and surroundings incl visit at two viewpoints, the border and the mining town. Several stops on our way for photographing.

The morning tour from 09.45 – 11.45 fits also for all travellers on Hurtigruten/Havila boat. Pick up at pier included. Tour is offered in English but on pre booking also in German, French or Norwegian language.



2 hours



Daily 09.45, and 13.00



3400,- (1-4 persons)  
from 5<sup>th</sup> guest: +850,- per person

### Kirkenes and Borderland Sightseeing & Visit Snowhotel (HW02)



Sightseeing in Kirkenes and surroundings, visit at the Snowhotel and the 150 huskies, together with a local guide in a modern minibus. First we take a Kirkenes sightseeing with stop at a viewpoint. We continue to the border between Norway and Russia. Your guide will provide information on the various historical events which took place in this area. Next stop is Kirkenes Snowhotel. Visit this cold world with it's beautiful ice sculptures. You can visit all the rooms, take pictures and order a hot beverage in the cafe. We also visit the dog yard where you can cuddle with the dogs, or you spend some time with the

reindeers roaming around the area. After this cool experience we go back to Kirkenes. Tour is offered in English but on pre booking also in German, French or Norwegian language.



2,5 hours



Daily 09.30, and 13.30



4500,- (1-4 persons)  
from 5<sup>th</sup> guest: +1125,- per person

### Hunt the Northern Lights in the Borderland – private tour (KI30)



Would you like to go on a Northern Lights hunt with your private guide/driver in a minivan? On this tour we drive to our large municipality to find the Northern Lights. Since there is no guarantee of the Northern Lights, the tour is conducted by an experienced local guide who will also give you interesting facts about the border area between Finland and Russia. Along the way we stop in dark places where light pollution is minimal. At these stops we try to see the Northern Lights. Often you can see a thousand stars, the moon and the incredibly beautiful landscape that surrounds us. Or just enjoy the silence.

If the Northern Lights do not appear on this tour we will visit both the Finnish border with a photo stop there and the Russian border (photo stop).

Tour is carried out in our new Mercedes minivan (max 8 guests). Tour is offered in English but on pre booking also in German, French or Norwegian language.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Northern lights are a natural phenomenon and can never be guaranteed. As a responsible tour provider, we can cancel the tour at short notice in case of very bad weather. In this case, the costs will be paid back to the customer.



3 hours



Daily 20.00



8000,- (1-8 persons)



### Varanger Brygge AS

Accommodation, boat rental, sauna and food experiences, based on the village of Bugøynes.

+47 916 81 000  
Nesseveien 18, 9935 Bugøynes  
www.varangerbrygge.no



### Sauna-cuisine

Varanger Brygge



#### Min 6 persons, mid October – mid May

Traditional wood-fired Jaameren Sauna combined with a refreshing bath in Varangerfjord. Followed by a culinary dining experience at Varanger Brygge, featuring storytelling about the village of Bugøynes and the local ingredients we have at our disposal.

**NOTE:** Available by reservation only.

Including round-trip transportation from Kirkenes to Bugøynes..



7 hours



3995,-

## BARENTS SAFARI



"Great Adventures in Norwegian Lapland since 1996". They offer Snowmobile Tours, King Crab Safaris, Hovercraft and Northern Light tours. For more offers please contact them.



+47 901 90 594  
Fjellveien 28, 9900 Kirkenes  
www.barentssafari.no

### King Crab Safari by snowmobile incl meal (KI02)



**Min 2 persons, 01. Dec – 20. April**

Pick up at hotel. Guided snowmobile tour to our catching places on the ice. King Crab Catch. Driving tour by snowmobile (2 person per snowmobile) with several stops to take nice pictures. After the snowmobile ride we sit by the campfire in the lavvo and enjoy fresh king crabs with garnish + coffee and tea. Transfer back to Kirkenes.

*NOTE: to drive a snowmobile, a valid driving license is required.*

*Persons without a license can only participate as passengers.*

*Includes transportation, guide, warm winter clothing, helmet, shoes, King Crab meal, coffee/tea.*

3,5 hours    Daily 09.00 and 13.00    NOK 2800,-    4-16 years 1400,-

### Snowmobile Safari Kirkenes (KI03)



**Min 2 persons, 01. Dec – 20. April**

15 min transfer by bus from Kirkenes to our base camp. Snowmobile trip with local guide and interesting facts on your way. Tour runs in a spectacular landscape and you are followed by skilled snowmobile guides. Before start by snowmobile you get warm clothes/helmet and your guide gives you a driving lesson and security briefing. The tour fits for guests arriving and departing by Hurtigruten boat.

*NOTE: to drive a snowmobile, a valid driving license is required. Persons*

*without a license can only participate as passengers. Tours by snowmobile are not suitable for children under 7 years.*

*Includes transportation, guide, warm winter clothing, helmet, shoes.*

3 hours    Daily 09.00 and 13.00    NOK 2300,-    4-16 years 1150,-

### Northern lights safari by Snowmobile (KI04)



**Min 2 persons, 01. Dec – 20. April**

Pick up at hotel. Snowmobile evening trip starts from our base camp 6 km away from Kirkenes. Guided tour. Several stops on our way to hunt for the Northern lights in spectacular surroundings. Before start by snowmobile our guide gives you a driving lesson and security briefing. We cannot guarantee a sighting of the Northern Lights – this relies on weather conditions. Transfer back to Kirkenes.

*NOTE: to drive a snowmobile is a valid drivers license required.*

*Persons without a license can only participate as passengers. In April not as Northern light tour.*

3 hours    Daily 18.00    NOK 2300,-    4-16 years 1150,-

### Northern lights – King Crab – Snowmobile incl meal (KI08)

BARENTS SAFARI



**Min 2 persons, 01. Dec – 20. April**

Pick up at hotel. Guided snowmobile tour to our catching places on the ice. King Crab Catch. Driving tour by snowmobile (2 person per snowmobile) with several stops to watch the Northern lights.

After the snowmobile ride we sit by the campfire in the lavvo and enjoy fresh king crabs with garnish + coffee and tea. Transfer back to Kirkenes.

*NOTE: to drive a snowmobile, a valid driving license is required. Persons without a license can only participate as passengers. In April not as Northern light tour.*

*Includes transportation, guide, warm winter clothing, helmet, shoes, King Crab meal, coffee/tea.*

3,5 hours    Daily 18.00    NOK 2800,-    4-16 years 1400,-

### Exclusive Hovercraft Tour

BARENTS SAFARI



**Min 2 persons, 01. Dec – 20. April**

On the 15 minutes bus ride from the hotels in Kirkenes to our camp you will get information about Kirkenes. You meet your Hovercraft pilot at the camp.

After getting aboard the fully enclosed and heated hovercraft, our pilot explains how the hovercraft works and give a short safety briefing.

Then the adventure can begin! Hovercrafting is a unique and magical way of exploring a frozen fjord. Nowhere else in

Norwegian Lapland is this experience available. We will do several stops for taking pictures and give you an interesting insight about nature, climate, wildlife and the way of living up here in the North. We serve coffee, tea and a snack.

2,5 hours    Daily 09.00 and 13.00    NOK 1650,-

### Northern Light Tour by Hovercraft

3 - 3,5 hours    Daily 18.00    NOK 1950,-

### King Crab Tour by Hovercraft incl. King Crab meal

4 hours    Daily 09.00, 13.00 and 18.00    NOK 2600,-



## SNOWHOTEL KIRKENES

Snowhotel Kirkenes offers the following tours and accommodation. In addition they offer tours to WW2 bomb shelter Andersgrotta, Northern Lights tours, Snowmobile tours, Ice fishing tours and Sami Culture tours.

See more information and book at [www.snowhotelkirkenes.com](http://www.snowhotelkirkenes.com)  
Snowhotel park open every day 9:00-16:00  
Entrance ticket 300 NOK | Children 6-11 half price | 0-5 free  
Snowhotel visit incl transfer 800 NOK | 13:00

+47 78 97 05 40  
Sandnesdalen 14, 9910 Bjørnevåtn  
[www.snowhotelkirkenes.com](http://www.snowhotelkirkenes.com)



### Husky tours Kirkenes

Min 2 persons, 01. Dec – 20. April

This tour is one of the best ways to travel in the Arctic Tundra. You get warm clothing and will be taken to your husky team. Our musher drives the sledge, and guests are taking part as passengers (2 per sledge).

*Please note: on this tour it is not possible to drive the sledge by your own, you participate as passenger. Including guide and warm clothing.*

### Husky safari Kirkenes (KI150) (ca 10 km)

2 hours Daily 13.00 NOK 3200,- 7-11 years 1600,- incl. transfer (Thon or Scandic hotel)

### Husky Experience (ca 6 km)

1 hour Daily 15.00 NOK 2500,- 7-11 years 1250,- incl. transfer (Thon or Scandic hotel)

### Husky Hunting the Northern Lights

1 hour Daily 21.00 NOK 3400,- 7-11 years 1700,- incl. transfer (Thon or Scandic hotel)

### Hunting the Northern Lights by AuroraExpress



Kirkenes is one of the best places in the world to see the amazing Northern Lights from September to March. With 200 aurora nights per year, and with the help of our experienced guides, you will have the best chance possible of hunting the northern lights. On this bus tour our driver will take you far from the light pollution, and drive towards the eastern border, west toward Finland, or south into the Pasvik valley, depending on the aurora forecast.

3 hours Daily 21.00 NOK 1700,- <12 years 850,- incl. transfer (Thon or Scandic hotel)

## King Crab Safari in Kirkenes (KI16)

Min 2 persons, 01. Dec – 20. April



King Crab Safari by snowmobile sledge on the ice. King Crab catch and delicious king crab meal will be served on this tour. The journey will culminate in a warm, rustic farmhouse restaurant by the fjord, where you will enjoy a feast, served the Norwegian way – fresh, juicy and irresistible!

*NOTE: In the beginning and the end of the season (Dec and April), the tour may go by boat, if the ice conditions are not suitable for snowmobile.*

*Including guide, warm winter clothing, helmet, shoes, King Crab meal, coffee/tea.*

4 hours Daily 13.00 and 17.00 NOK 3100,- 7-11 years 1550,- incl. transfer (Thon or Scandic hotel)



### Snowmobile tours

Are you ready to catch the arctic wind? Snowhotel Kirkenes offer Snowmobile excursions with several departures every day. Perfect for couples, who want to share a snowmobile and switch driving.

### Snowmobile Safari

Go for an exhilarating and epic tour on the frozen fjord, and into the wilderness surrounding the Snowhotel.

2 hours Daily 13.00 NOK 3000,- 7-11 years 1500,- incl. transfer (Thon or Scandic hotel)

### Snowmobile Experience

1 hour Daily 15.00 NOK 2500,- 7-11 years 1250,- incl. transfer (Thon or Scandic hotel)

### Snowmobile Pasvik Expedition

We go far into the forests of Pasvik Valley to the Russian border at the Pasvik River. Includes lunch.

4 hours Daily 09.30 NOK 4300,- 7-11 years 2150,- incl. transfer (Thon or Scandic hotel)

### Snowmobile Hunting the Northern Lights

Drive your own snowmobile into the arctic wilderness to find the northern lights.

2 hours Daily 21.00 NOK 3400,- 7-11 years 1700,- incl. transfer (Thon or Scandic hotel)



## Visit Bugøynes AS

Discover the hidden gem of Norway – the picturesque fishing village of Bugøynes which is also known by its Finnish name Pykeijä. Nestled by Varangerfjord and surrounded by pristine nature and tranquility, the village offers excellent fishing waters, a variety of hiking possibilities, the freshest seafood, king crab tours and a rich sauna culture in a Finnish-Norwegian village. In Autumn and Winter marvel at the Northern Lights just within the village – there are many good places for stargazing and aurora viewing. Book your stay and adventures through Visit Bugøynes AS – a family-owned travel company offering accommodation in charming wooden houses, king crab safaris, arctic bathing and sauna experiences, boat rental and Barents delicacies in their acclaimed Restaurant Bistron.

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### Arctic Bathing in Bugøynes



#### Minimum 2 persons

Arctic bathing, also known as ice bathing, is an exhilarating experience and offers a range of physical and mental health benefits. As you dip into the icy waters of Varangerfjord straight from the sauna, your body releases endorphins, leading to a natural high and improved mood. Additionally, the treatment of hot and cold is believed to boost circulation, strengthen the immune system, and improve resilience to cold temperatures.

Arctic bathing is not only a unique adventure but also a refreshing

way to connect with nature and promote overall well-being.

We offer two saunas, one big for up to 70 persons, and one small for smaller parties.

Barents Sauna Camp is located by Varangerfjord in the village of Bugøynes.

*Please note: bring your own swimsuit!*

1,5 hours All year round

NOK 300,- <14 years 150,-

### Bugøynes King Crab Experience



#### Minimum 2 persons

Join our Bugøynes King crab safari by RIB boats and learn how to catch this arctic creature! The Norwegian red king crab is one of the most important export products of Northern Norway and our local guide will tell you all about them and their invasion of the North-Norwegian coastline. On the way to our crab pots we learn also about the history of Bugøynes. If we are lucky, we might also see some seals, sea birds and porpoises. Each trip to the sea is different and that's what makes it exciting.

King crabs generally grow up to 3-5 kg and their meat is considered very tasty and healthy! After the safari, you will have a meal steamed from your own caught king crab at our "Bugøynes Bistron" restaurant. The king crab is served in the traditional Norwegian way with bread and mayonnaise.

As fresh as it gets!

All year round (weather dependent).

3,5 hours

Price incl. guiding, floatation suits and King Crab lunch  
NOK 1800,- <14 years 900,-

## Daytrip to Bugøynes



#### Minimum 4 persons

Visit the charming fishing village of Bugøynes from Kirkenes! Bugøynes (Pykeijä) is a small fishing village located 100km from Kirkenes by the gleaming shores of Varangerfjord. The charming village has a fascinating history since it was established by Finnish settlers in the 1800s. This is the reason why the village is also called Little Finland (Pikku-Suomi), or by its Finnish name Pykeijä. Bugøynes is also one of the few villages in northern Norway which was not burnt down during World War II.

The village is known for its king crab industry, Finnish sauna culture and picturesque surrounding. The daytrip offers the best bits of the Finnish-Norwegian village including a thrilling experience of arctic bathing straight from the sauna, and a king crab safari including a taste of the famous king crabs. During the day you will also learn many interesting facts of the area!

On Fridays all year round (or according to availability on other days)

*The tour is weather dependent. In bad weather the king crab safari can be replaced with a visit to Norway King Crab facilities.*

Price includes: return transfers from Kirkenes (1,5h/one way), Sauna & Arctic Bathing at Barents Sauna Camp, towels, King Crab tour with king crab lunch, guiding throughout the day.

*Please note: bring your own swimsuit!*

9 hours

All year round

NOK 3250,-



## Åtte Årstider Lodge (Eight seasons)

Welcome to Neiden and our Eight Seasons Lodge. We offer accommodation and nature experiences.

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Mikkelsnesveien 9, 9930 Neiden, Norway  
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www.8arstider.no  
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### Nordlys safari



#### Minimum 2 persons, maximum 8 persons

Experience winter and the Northern Lights in Neiden from October 11 to March 30. Offer available for our accommodation guests.

Our guests can join us on a trip using snowmobiles and sleds or our electric UTVs.

The tour departs from our tourist facility in Neiden.

From Kirkenes city center to our tourist facility in Neiden, the drive takes approximately 40 minutes.

Included: Thermal suit, winter boots, gloves, hat, and helmet.

2 hours

Thursday Friday, Saturday and Sunday from October 11<sup>th</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup>, 19.00

Eight seasons

## King crab safari in the Neiden fjord

Eight seasons



Minimum 2 persons, maximum 8 persons

Our guests are transported by car from our tourist facility in Neiden or Kirkenes to the Neiden fjord. The car ride takes approx. 15 minutes.

At the Neiden fjord, crab pots are pulled up with crabs. The catch is cooked and served in a traditional Sami lavvo. Also included is a delicious meal of fresh king crab.



3 hours



Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
10.00



NOK



1500,-



<12 years

750,-

## Ä'vv Skolt Sámi museum

45 km from Kirkenes in Neiden/ Njauddâm



Ä'vv conveys the little known history of the Skolt Sámi, the area's indigenous people. The Skolt Sámi land is divided between three countries; Norway, Finland and Russia, and the Skolt Sámi number less than 2000. They have a distinct culture and language.

In our exhibition Saa'mijânnam The Skolt Sámi Land, visitors can experience the area's history from the ice age until today.

Also take time to explore the museum shop that has a wide variety of Sámi handicrafts and books.

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post@dvmv.no

www.dvmv.no

www.facebook.no/skoltesamiskmuseum

Skoltesamisk\_museum

Opening hours (winter):  
Tuesday- Friday 10-15



## Welcome to the Borderland museum in Kirkenes

(1,5 km from the city center)



Our exhibitions show the history before and after the coming of the borders in this area and important historical milestones, such as Norwegian, Finnish and Russian immigration, the establishment of the mining company Sydvaranger AS, the national government's attitude towards the inhabitants, and WWII.

At our museum, you can also find a café with the best waffles in the city and a souvenir shop with Norwegian handicrafts, special souvenirs from the border area and literatures about local history.

+47 922 42 562 / 979 77 109

glm@varangermuseum.no

Førstevannslia, 9900 Kirkenes

www.varangermuseum.no

Opening hours (winter):  
Monday-Sunday: 09.00-15.00  
Closed on national holidays.



## Visitor Centre for Øvre Pasvik National Park



Our exhibition presents the Pasvik Valley's special nature, culture and history. Learn about the virgin forest in the national park and the most characteristic birds and animals in the area. The ticket also includes a film presentation about the national park, and fun, educational activities for children.

A perfect destination for a family outing!

Opening hours: Winter mid-August to mid-June: Monday-Friday 09 – 15

Weekends: pre-booking for groups

Information point Øvre Pasvik National Park and DarkSky location 60km from the visitor centre.

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Svanhovd 23, 9925 Svanvik

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## ACCOMMODATION

### Thon Hotel Kirkenes



Thon Hotel Kirkenes with 143 bright and modern guest rooms, and capacity for up to 300 delegates, Thon Hotel Kirkenes is the town's largest conference hotel. The hotel is perched on the quay in central Kirkenes, with unobstructed views of the fjord.

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### Scandic Hotel Kirkenes



Stay in the city center of Kirkenes.

As a staying guest you will have free access to our facilities; sauna, pool and a small gym.

We also have a nice lounge with a playground for children.

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## Snowhotel Kirkenes

### Overnight stay at Snowhotel Kirkenes 365 (KI27)



Snowhotel Kirkenes is a beautiful piece of snow architecture and Arctic nature. The Snowhotel is situated 10 km from Kirkenes and open all year round. The rooms are built of snow, decorated with beautiful ice sculptures and there is a average temperature of -4°C inside.

This package includes an overnight stay in the snowhotel with breakfast and a local 3 course dinner in our unique and warm restaurant.

**NOTE:** The menu is set and if you have special food preferences we need to know that already when you book.

*Includes warm sleeping bags and demonstration, dinner, breakfast and transport to/from Kirkenes.*



1 night



3900,- pp



7-11 years

1950,-

### One night in a wooden cabin "Gamme" at Snowhotel Kirkenes (KI27G)



Visit our coolest winter attraction, the Snowhotel, and stay overnight in a warm and cosy cabin. This packages includes a overnight stay in a high standard cabin. The cabins are located right beside the snowhotel and the restaurant, in beautiful surroundings. In the evening local dinner in the restaurant (warm part of the hotel), breakfast.

**NOTE:** The menu is set and if you have special food preferences we need to know that already when you book.

*Including 3-course dinner, overnight stay, breakfast, transport to/from Kirkenes.*



1 night



4000,- pp



7-11 years

2000,-

## Visit Bugøynes AS – Hedvig House



Welcome to the charming fishing village of Bugøynes! We offer rooms and apartments in our warm and welcoming Hedvig House – located by the seafront just a short walk from the village services. Our homey house offers 5 cozy rooms and 2 spacious apartments. You can rent a room or the whole house. Our apartments are private and offer everything you need for a longer stay. We hope to welcome you as our guest in beautiful Bugøynes! Open all year round

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## Visitor Centre for Øvre Pasvik National Park/NIBIO Svanhovd

40 km from Kirkenes in Pasvik Valley



Visitor Centre for Øvre Pasvik National Park/NIBIO Svanhovd is in beautiful and quiet surroundings in the Pasvik Valley. Our special and homely atmosphere creates an inspiring venue for accommodation and is a natural starting point for trips into the Pasvik Valley.

Our kitchen focuses on serving local and short traveled food. As our overnight guest, you have free access to our exhibition, botanical garden, gapahuk and sauna.

We also provide great opportunities to observe the northern lights and the starry sky with minimal light pollution from our roof terrace in the winter season.

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## Åtte Årstider Lodge (Eight seasons)



Welcome to Eight Seasons Lodge in Neiden! Opened in August 2024, our cozy cabins offer comfort and a range of year-round experiences. This winter, our main activities are crab safaris and Northern Lights tours.

Located in the heart of Neiden, our lodge is 30 km from Kirkenes Airport and 44 km from Kirkenes town center. Just 250 meters from Storfossen in the Neiden River—famous for summer salmon fishing—and 300 meters from the Skolt Sámi Museum.

Each cabin accommodates up to four people and includes a bedroom with a double bed (150 cm) and a loft with two single beds (90 cm), both fully made up. The cabins feature a private bathroom with towels, a small kitchen equipped with an oven, fridge, dishwasher, and basic utensils, as well as a veranda with outdoor seating.

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## FOOD



### Scandic Hotel Kirkenes

Have a good meal in Kirkenes. Scandic Kirkenes offers you small and large dishes with the best local ingredients. Our restaurant is open Monday to Friday, or on request. Welcome!

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- ✉ kirkenes@scandichotels.com
- 🏠 Kongens gate 1-3, 9900 Kirkenes
- 🌐 scandichotels.no/hotell/norge/kirkenes/scandic-kirkenes



### Thon Hotel Kirkenes

The restaurant, serving king crab among other delights, is open daily from 18:00 to 22:00. Our restaurant is an à la carte restaurant with a spectacular view of the sea, and our menu is centred around showcasing the best of local cuisine.

- +47 78 97 10 50
- ✉ kirkenes@olavthon.no
- 🏠 Johan Knudtzens gate 11, 9900 Kirkenes
- 🌐 thonhotels.com/our-hotels/norway/kirkenes/thon-hotel-kirkenes/



### Snowhotel Kirkenes restaurant 10 km from Kirkenes

Enjoy unique atmosphere and arctic cuisine in secluded wilderness. We strive to always add an extra touch to our dishes. That's why we say you not only get a meal. You get a story. Entrance to the Snowhotel is always included when you eat in our restaurant, you can even get a drink or two in our icebar after dinner.

All dinners served at 18:30 (groups may request other times). Preorder only. 3 course menus (excl transfer) from 800,- NOK. Snowhotel Visit & Dinner tours incl transfer every day 17:00, 1700,- NOK. Incl transfer from Thon/Scandic hotel in Kirkenes (dept time 17:00). Cafe in Gabba open 10-16, with lunch from 12. See menus and book at [www.snowhotelkirkenes.com](http://www.snowhotelkirkenes.com), or contact us.

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## Amundsen Bakeri in Kirkenes



Welcome to our bakery and patisserie in the middle of Kirkenes. We have the best cakes and a large selection of different food and hot and cold drinks. Perfect lunch spot near both Scandic and Thon hotel. We are open Monday - Saturday.

- +47 78 99 34 80
- ✉ ribago@online.no
- 🏠 Dr. Wessels gate 17, 9900 Kirkenes
- 📷 Amundsenbakeri
- 📘 www.facebook.no/amundsenbakeri

### Ritz Ribago in Kirkenes



Welcome to our restaurant in the heart of Kirkenes. Try our delicious pizza from our own bakery - or choose from our ala carte menu - where you will find something for everyone. We are open every day.

- +47 78 99 34 81
- ✉ ribago@online.no
- 🏠 Dr. Wessels gate 17, 9900 Kirkenes
- 📷 Ritzkirkenes
- 📘 www.facebook.no/ritzkirkenes

### Bugøynes Bistroy



Taste traditional delicacies from the Barents including cod, pollock, whale and of course the famous King Crab. We specialize in homey dishes by using local ingredients which are prepared from scratch. We also serve home-made bread and bakery products. We are very passionate in serving quality dishes with tastes that will surprise and satisfy our guests. Restaurant Bistroy locates in the village of Bugøynes, which is only a 1,5h drive from Kirkenes. You can also combine a visit to Bistroy with a sauna and arctic bathing experience to make the trip even more special! Open Monday-Saturday 9-17

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- 📘 www.facebook.com/BugoynesBistro



## Visitor Centre for Øvre Pasvik National Park/NIBIO Svanhovd

45 km from Kirkenes in Pasvik



In the winter season we focus on groups and conferences but welcome all guests. We usually serve our dishes from a buffet. We serve a variety of local food in harmony with the different seasons such as fish from Pasvik river and vegetables from our own garden.

Svanhovd has an open kitchen solution and as our guest, you will be able to order food directly from our kitchen staff.

Opening hours:

Winter: Mon-Fri 9-15 Saturday and Sunday: closed

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## PLACES AROUND KIRKENES

### Bugøynes



Foto: Visit bugøynes

Bugøynes is a beautiful fishing village situated approx. 100 km west of Kirkenes. As the village was not burnt by the Germans during World War II, many old buildings are preserved. Bugøynes has strong cultural influences from the many Finns who migrated here in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, and is often referred to as "Little Finland".

Bugøynes is a centre in Norway for the commercial fishery of king crabs, which are exported live around the world.

For more information, please visit:

[www.visitkirkenes.info/en/aroundkirkenes/bugoynes/](http://www.visitkirkenes.info/en/aroundkirkenes/bugoynes/)



### Neiden



Foto: Monika Raab

Neiden is a fascinating small village situated near the Finnish border approx. 40 km west from Kirkenes. The people in Neiden have their history and origin from Skoltesami. Neiden, which lies along the Neiden River, consists of two villages: Neiden on the Norwegian side and Näättämö on the Finnish side.

For more information, please visit:

[www.visitkirkenes.info/en/aroundkirkenes/neiden/](http://www.visitkirkenes.info/en/aroundkirkenes/neiden/)



## Pasvik



Foto: Monika Raab

Pasvik Valley is a stunning region located at the crossroads of Norway, Russia, and Finland. Stretching over 100 km, it features dense forests of pine and birch, along with ancient forests and wetlands protected within Øvre Pasvik National Park. The valley is a haven for diverse flora and fauna, where eastern and western species converge, including Norway's highest population of brown bears and over 220 bird species. The Pasvik River flows through the valley, forming the border with Russia before continuing to Finland's Lake Inari.

Øvre Pasvik is also home to the world's northernmost Dark Sky Park, where the night sky shines free from light pollution. Here, you can marvel at Saturn's rings, Jupiter's storms, and distant galaxies. This unique sanctuary is not only a paradise for stargazers but also a vital effort to preserve natural darkness for generations to come.

For more information, please visit:

[www.visitkirkenes.info/en/aroundkirkenes/the-pasvik-valley/](http://www.visitkirkenes.info/en/aroundkirkenes/the-pasvik-valley/)



## Kirkenes Peninsula



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Kirkenes is located on a peninsula. Around Kirkenes there are nice trails and hiking opportunities that are accessible even if you do not have a car. Nice hiking terrain is for example when you walk past Grenseland-museum, and turn left. Here you will also find a lake "Fjellvann" with a prepared beach, where you can swim in the summer.

For more information, please visit:

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### Russian border



#### Min 1 – max 4 guests

In this tour we take you to Storskog and the Russian border. We also take you to the old border crossing at Skafferhullet, and to a lookout point over Kirkenes.



1 hour



1600,- for 1-4 persons

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### Hunting the Northern Light



#### Min 1 – max 4 guests

Discover the northern light, also known as Aurora Borealis. This tour will take you to Storfjellet, 16 km outside Kirkenes, where there is little light to disturb your view of this magnificent phenomenon.



1,5 hours



2300,- for 1-4 persons

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### Booking Kirkenes



8 seats Mercedes for private tours and transportation.

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Kirkenes is located at 69 degrees North, which is as far east as Istanbul and Cairo. Russia and Finland are our closest neighbours, and this strategic location has been an important factor in the dramatic history of Kirkenes. You can learn more about the area at the local Borderland Museum or at one of our guided tours.

The climate in Kirkenes is special and very dry, especially in winter. The clear and stable weather makes Kirkenes one of the best spots to observe the Northern lights during winter. Come and visit this winter wonderland during Dec – April. We offer a great range of activities all year round, in a place where winter and summer are like night and day!

#### Facts:

- Kirkenes is the main town in Sør-Varanger municipality with approx. 10.000 inhabitants.
- Due to Kirkenes northern location, you can experience midnight sun from 19. May until 25. July and polar night from 28. Nov until 15. Jan.
- Kirkenes is a modern day town, placed in the middle of wild nature. The town has a good infrastructure with both airport, harbour, hospital, and a variety of stores.
- July is the warmest month, with an average temperature of 12,4 °C. The coldest month is January with - 10,5 °C.
- Kirkenes is one of the main ports for harvesting king crabs in the Barents Sea, which is why we call ourselves the King Crab city.
- The municipality is huge with 3900 sq ft, and we recommend visiting the most famous places in the Kirkenes area like the Pasvik valley, Neiden, Bugøynes and Grense Jakobselv.



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