

KIRKENES

Winter guide 2022-2023

Valid from Dec – April



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

WHAT TO DO

BOOKING KIRKENES



Booking Kirkenes

Local expert, booking office for activities and local gift shop in the heart of Kirkenes. We are located in the main shopping street.

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



Kirkenes sightseeing and visit at the border (KI31)

Booking Kirkenes



Foto: Monika Raab

Local storytelling which gives you impressions about Kirkenes and surroundings. On this tour you get, in only 2 hours an interesting summary about Kirkenes history, daily life, relationship to Russia, climate and much more. Guided tour through the town of Kirkenes and surroundings incl visit at two viewpoints, the Russian border and the mining town. Several stops on our way for photographing. Our last stop is the viewpoint "Storfjell" where we get a nice view over the fjord. The morning departure fits also for all guests arriving and departing by Hurtigruten (pick up and drop off at pier included).

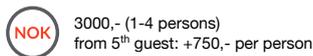
includes local guide/driver, transportation in Mercedes minibus, pick up in Kirkenes at hotels, airport, Hurtigruten pier or Snowhotel



2 hours



Daily 09.30, and 13.00



3000,- (1-4 persons)
from 5th guest: +750,- per person

Private tours with local guide (PRW01)

Booking Kirkenes



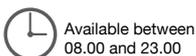
Book a tour with a private guide (English, German or Norwegian speaking). Tours in comfortable minibuses among the most attractive Sights in Kirkenes and the surrounding area. Our recommendation is to visit: Kirkenes with its monuments, Kirkenes viewpoint and Langfjord, the border area, the mining town and the snow hotel (2-3 hour tours).

Or a longer tour to the Pasvik Valley with the National park Center, or Neiden and the Skoltasami Museum (4-hour tours). We also offer Northern Lights tours by bus. We would be happy to make you a tour suggestion.

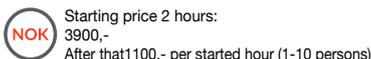
Includes local guide/driver (English, German or Norwegian speaking), transportation in Mercedes minibus, pick up in Kirkenes at hotels, airport, Hurtigruten pier or Snowhotel.



min 2 hours
max 9 hours



Available between
08.00 and 23.00



Starting price 2 hours:
3900,-
After that 1100,- per started hour (1-10 persons)

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"Great Adventures in Norwegian Lapland since 1996".

They offer snowmobile tours, king crab safaris and Northern light tours. For more offers please contact them.



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www.barentssafari.no

Snowmobile Safari Kirkenes (KI03)

BARENTS SAFARI



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:



1900,-
2100,-



4-16 years 950,-
1050,-

King Crab Safari by snowmobile incl meal (KI02)

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 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



2500,-



4-16 years 1250,-

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



2500,-



1250,-

Northern lights safari by Snowmobile (KI04)

BARENTS SAFARI



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



2100,-



1050,-

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

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

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Husky tours Kirkenes

Min 2 persons, 01. Dec – 20. April

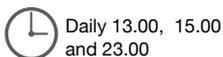
This tour is one of the best ways to travel in the Arctic Tundra. You get warm clothing and will be taken to your husky team. Our musher drives the sledge, and guests are taking part as passengers (2 per sledge).

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, 15.00
and 23.00



2300,-

7-11 years



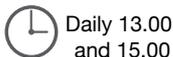
1150,-

incl. transfer (Thon
or Scandic hotel)

Husky Experience (ca 6 km)



1 hours



Daily 13.00
and 15.00



2000,-

7-11 years



1000,-

incl. transfer (Thon
or Scandic hotel)

Husky Hunting the Northern Lights



1 hours



Daily 21.00



2500,-

7-11 years



1250,-

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 23.00



2300,-

7-11 years



1150,-

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
and 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 13.00



NOK



3100,-



7-11 years

1550,-

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



2700,-



7-11 years

1350,-

incl. transfer (Thon
or Scandic hotel)

BIRK husky



may rent cross country skis, snow

shoes and fat bikes to explore our area as well. BIRK husky offers dog sled tours as you can see here in addition to a stay in our little cozy guesthouse right at the border to Russia, we serve local food in our Sami lavvu and you

may rent cross country skis, snow shoes and fat bikes to explore our area as well.

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9925 Svanvik
www.birkhusky.no



Exclusive day tour husky sledding – hands on, max 8 guests

BIRK



Minimum 2 – maximum 8 guests

Join us for a day out on the sled. Hands on tour where you get to harness up your own team of dogs with assistance of the guide of the day.

Two persons per sled, the guide will run a separate sled in front to lead the way. 20-30 km.

Lunch in Sami lavvu after tour. Pick up 10.00 – drop of 16.30



6,5 hours



10.00



NOK



3200,-



<12 years

2100,-

4200 kr per person single sleds

Exclusive evening tour husky sledding and a night in our little guesthouse – hands on, max 8 guests

BIRK



Minimum 2 – maximum 8 guests

Join us for an evening tour out on the sled, hunting the northern lights. Hands on tour where you get to harness up your own team of dogs with assistance of the guide of the day. Two persons per sled, the guide will run a separate sled in front to lead the way. 10-20 km. Dinner in Sami lavvu after tour. Accommodation in our cozy little guesthouse, breakfast at 7.30am before transfer back to Kirkenes starts at 8.30am. Pick up 17.00 – drop of next morning around 9.30am.



16,5 hours



17.00



3500,- twin room

3900,- single room

twin sled

<12 years



2400,-

Exclusive evening tour husky sledding – hands on, max 8 guests

BIRK



Minimum 4 guests per booking

Join us for an evening tour out on the sled, hunting the northern lights. Hands on tour where you get to harness up your own team of dogs with assistance of the guide of the day. Two persons per sled, the guide will run a separate sled in front to lead the way. 10-20 km. Dinner in Sami lavvu after tour. Pick up 17.00 – drop of 23.00



6 hours



17.00



3500,-

twin sled

<12 years



2500,-

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.

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glm@varangermuseum.no

Førstevannslia, 9900 Kirkenes

www.varangermuseum.no

Opening hours (winter):

Monday-Sunday: 09.00-15.00

Closed on national holidays.





Booking Kirkenes

Your Arctic Adventure starts with us – Travel with friends

www.bookingkirkenes.no

Visit our booking office and souvenir shop in the shopping street Dr. Wesselsgate 15 B

Local knowledge about all tours in the area: Northern light tours, Snowhotel, King Crab tours, Husky safaris, Local sightseeing and more

Maps and information brochures for free
Local souvenirs and gifts



ACCOMMODATION

Scandic Hotel Kirkenes



Stay in the city centre at Scandic Kirkenes.

We offer you a great start of your day, a delicious breakfast. In the evening you are most welcome to our restaurant. As our staying guest you have free access to our facilities. Enjoy a hot sauna, have a morning swim, or let the kids play in our pool. You can also work-out in our gym. The hotel is a very good starting point for you who want to experience everything from king crab safari, dog sledding, or if you just want to enjoy the beautiful nature here in the north.

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- scandichotels.no/hotell/norge/kirkenes/scandic-kirkenes



Thon Hotel Kirkenes



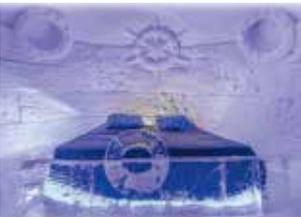
Thon Hotel Kirkenes with 143 bright and modern guest rooms, and capacity for up to 300 delegates, Thon Hotel Kirkenes is the town's largest conference hotel. The hotel is perched on the quay in central Kirkenes, with unobstructed views of the fjord.

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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



3100,-

7-11 years



1550,-

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



3100,-

7-11 years



1550,-

0-3 years



400,-

BIRK Guesthouse



Visit a cozy little guesthouse in the hart of the Pasvik valley. This is a normal Norwegian home made into a guesthouse, meaning there is a good atmosphere, but for you maybe small rooms. We hope you will visit to do some dog sledding or birding and maybe make new friends among our cozy guests from all over the world. The guest house only have 7 rooms, all different in shape and size, two with private bathrooms and 5 with 2 shared bathrooms. There is no available kitchen for self-catering in our guesthouse. We serve and easy Norwegian breakfast to all our

guests, this is included in the room prices. All other meals must be pre booked with information about food allergies, vegans or vegetarians.

Price:

Single room, shared bathroom: Kr 800,- Twin room with shared bathroom: Kr 1100,-

Double/twin room with private bathroom: Kr 1200,- Transfer not included in the room price.

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www.birkhusky.no

Visitor Centre for Øvre Pasvik National Park/NIBIO Svanhovd

45 km from Kirkenes in Pasvik



Visitor Centre for Øvre Pasvik National Park/NIBIO Svanhovd is located in beautiful and tranquil 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.

As our overnight guest, you have free access to our exhibition, botanical garden, gapahuk and sauna.

+47 464 13 600

svanhovd@nibio.no

Svanhovd 23, 9925 Svanvik

www.pasvik.no



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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 is open from 18:00- 22:00 Monday to Saturday. (Sunday closed)
Our restaurant is à la carte restaurant with spectacular view to the sea and our menu has focus on local food.

-  +47 78 97 10 50
-  kirkenes@olavtho.no
-  Johan Knudtzens gate 11, 9900 Kirkenes
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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 19:00 (groups may request other times). Preorder only.
Exclusive Arctic menus (excl transfer) from 745 NOK.
Snowhotel Visit & Dinner tours incl transfer every day 17:00, 1200 NOK
Incl transfer from Thon/Scandic hotel in Kirkenes (dept time 17:00).
Cafe in Gabba open 09-16 if you have Snowhotel entrance ticket..
See menus and book at www.snowhotelkirkenes.com, or contact us.

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-  Sandnesdalen 14, 9910 Bjørnevatt
-  www.snowhotelkirkenes.com



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.

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✉ 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.

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📷 Ritzkirkenes 📘 www.facebook.no/ritzkirkenes

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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✉ svanhovd@nibio.no

🏠 Svanhovd 23, 9925 Svanvik

🌐 www.pasvik.no



Neiden Fjellstue

45 km from Kirkenes in Neiden



We serve homemade food from local ingredients. Neiden Fjellstue is located by the Neiden River about 5 km from Finland. Our restaurant can host groups up to 60 persons.

Closed January and February - (only open on request for groups with 15+ persons / must be booked in advance).

Opening hours restaurant: 1.3.2022 - 31.4.2023 - open all week days 12.00 - 19.00.

For opening hours from 1 of May please check our web and facebook.

+47 78 99 61 41 or +47 995 51 517

info@neidenfjellstue.com

Finlandsveien 536, 9940 Neiden

www.neidenfjellstue.no/en



TRANSPORT

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Russian border

Kirkenes Taxi



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



1300,- for 1-4 persons

Kirkenes Taxi

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



1800,- for 1-4 persons

Barents Buss



Coaches from 20-50 seats

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Minibusses (8 and 16 seats) for private tours and transportation.

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Kirkenes is located at 69 degrees North, which is as far east as Istanbul and Kairo. 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 a 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.

Tours can be booked in the local Tourist office
(Dr. Wesselsgate 15B) or directly with the tour operator.

Please book the tours in advance (at least 24 hours).

All tours require min 2 persons.



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You can find more fun and exciting summer
activities to do in Kirkenes on our website.
Go to this adress, or scan the QR-code above.

WWW.VISITKIRKENES.INFO

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