

VISIT KIRKENES REGION

Summer guide 2023



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BOOKING KIRKENES



Booking Kirkenes

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Our office is located in Kirkenes, in the main shopping street. We give you advice for your stay in Kirkenes and you can book all available activities with us. We are experts on local excursions. A tour with Booking Kirkenes will give you the most personal experience you can get in our area.

KS06 Kirkenes sightseeing with local guide – exclusive tour with max 10 guests



Foto: Monika Raab

01. May - 30. November

Our most popular tour! 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. The morning departure fits also for all guests arriving and departing by Hurtigruten/Havila.

Languages: Norwegian, English, German.

Includes local guide/driver, transportation.

Pick up in Kirkenes (hotels and pier) or Snowhotel is included.



2 hours



Daily 09.30 and 13.00
(other departures on request)



2600,- (1-4 persons), from
5 persons +650,- per person

Private tours with local guide



Foto: Monika Raab

01. May - 30. November

Book a private without any other guests. You get a personal experience with one of our local guides/drivers in a new comfortable minibus. Sightseeing tours in Kirkenes, to the Russian border, Pasvik valley, Grense Jakobselv, Neiden or Bugøynes. A visit at the local museum, the Snowhotel or a meal can be included. Languages: Norwegian, English, German.

Includes local guide/driver, transportation.

Pick up in Kirkenes, Kirkenes airport, Hurtigruten/Havila pier or Snowhotel is included.



min 2 hours
max 9 hours



Available between
08.00 and 23.00



Starting price 2 hours:
4000,- for 1-8 persons
after 2 hours:
1200,- per started hour (1-8 p.)

KS02 Guided Kirkenes walk with local guide



Foto: Monika Raab

02. May - 30. November , only weekdays

Walking tour Kirkenes with local guide. Start at our office in the main shopping street. In just 1 hour you get interesting facts about Kirkenes history, the 2. World War and the daily life. Please book the tour in advance.



1 hour



Available between
08.00 and 23.00



400,- per person

BARENTS SAFARI



"Great Adventures in Norwegian Lapland since 1996".

They offer boat tours, king crab safaris and guided tours by e-bike. For more offers please contact them.



+47 901 90 594

Fjellveien 28, 9900 Kirkenes

www.barentssafari.no

KS15 Riverboat safari to the Norwegian borderline at Boris Gleb



We visit Boris Gleb - An Icon of the Norwegian-Russian border history. You follow our riverboats from Kirkenes to our facility at the borderline. Local guiding on our way.

We serve you cloudberry with cream, followed by coffee or tea. You'll be as close to the border that you can almost touch it!

Included: Transport from/to your local hotel, warm outfit, lifejacket and rain poncho if necessary.



3 hours



Daily 09.00
and 14.00



1250,-

<12 years



625,-

KS16 King Crab Safari by riverboat to the Norwegian borderline

incl. king crab meal



Meet and eat the King crab from our crab pots, as we visit Boris Gleb - An Icon of the Norwegian-Russian border history. You follow our riverboats from Kirkenes to our facility at the borderline.

We serve you fresh King Crab with white wine, cloudberry with cream, followed by coffee or tea. While the crabs are being prepared, you'll learn that the cultural history of the Laplanders and the Orthodox church are closely connected to the border area.

Included: Transport from/to your local hotel, warm outfit, lifejacket and rain poncho if necessary.



3,5 hours



Daily 09.00,
14.00, 18.00



1750,-

<12 years



875,-

KS12 E-bike tour Kirkenes sightseeing

BARENTS SAFARI



We take you on a guided cultural and historical E-Bike Tour in and around Kirkenes.

We stop at the most interesting local highlights.

Included: Transport from/to your local hotel, high-visibility vest, bicycle helmet and rain poncho if necessary.



1,5 hours



Daily 10.00, 12.00,
14.00, 16.00



550,-

KS13 E-bike tour in and around Kirkenes

BARENTS SAFARI



We take you on a guided tour from Kirkenes into the beautiful nature of the border area. We stop at the most interesting local highlights.

We'll serve coffee, tea and a snack on this tour.

Included: Transport from/to your local hotel, high-visibility vest, bicycle helmet and rain poncho if necessary.



3 hours



Daily 09.00
and 14.00



850,-

SNOWHOTEL KIRKENES



SNOWHOTEL
KIRKENES

Snowhotel Kirkenes offers the following tours and accommodation. From autumn you can also book Northern Lights tours, and already in October dogsledging and snowmobile program starts. Contact them for more information.

+47 78 97 05 40

Sandnesdalen 14, 9910 Bjørnevåtn

www.snowhotelkirkenes.com



KS40 King Crab Safari by RIB boat on the fjord incl. King Crab meal

SNOWHOTEL



Min 2 persons

An experienced guide will take you for an unforgettable King Crab Fishing tour on a RIB boat where we will cruise along the fjord.

Our guide will take you for a marine sightseeing outside Kirkenes.

Sometimes porpoises (arctic dolphins) pops up around the boat, and stick around for a while. Then we head out for the cages to catch the biggest king crabs. You will be hands on deck, and help pull the cages from the depths of the fjord. Your catch is served in a traditional, renovated boat house by the fjord. Lunch will be fresh, fresh, fresh!

The tour guide will provide you with protective clothing and necessary equipment.

Normal health condition required. No access for wheel chair.

Pickup from Thon or Scandic hotel (and Hurtigruten 09.30)



3 hours



Daily 09.30 and 13.00
18.00: min 6 pers, on request



1900,-

7-11 years



950,-

KS41 Husky mountain hike

SNOWHOTEL



Join us on a mountain hike with your own Husky. At our Husky Kennel, eager huskies are looking forward to take you on a hike. After a short meet and greet, the hike up to the mountain plateau starts. We will take a break at the summit, and if the weather permits, we will make a fire. Good hiking boots are recommended. **REQUIRES** Normal physical health. Note: walking route can be modified, depends on weather conditions.

Pickup from Thon or Scandic hotel



2 hours



Daily 13.00



900,-

<12 years



450,-

Snowhotel Kirkenes 365 visit

SNOWHOTEL



Welcome to Snowhotel Kirkenes 365 - the most special hotel in Kirkenes, located 10 km outside town. As the first hotel completely made of snow and ice in the world, we proudly present that we are open 365 days! Enter a real life winter wonderland, all seasons of the year. Entrance to whole park, incl Snowhotel, Reindeer, Husky and puppy farm.

Entrance ticket



Open daily
09.00 - 16.00



200,-

<12 years



100,-

free under 6 years

Snowhotel Visit guided tour with Pickup from Thon or Scandic hotel



Daily 13.00



850,-

<12 years



425,-

Andersgrotta

SNOWHOTEL



Snowhotel Kirkenes are proud to present one of the best historical attractions in Kirkenes.

Visit Andersgrotta - Kirkenes' largest bomb-shelter, built in 1941. Kirkenes was one of the most strategically important places in Europe during world war 2, and was one of the most heavily bombed cities in the world.

Learn about the life of civilians during war-time.

Year-around available for groups 1-6 persons, price NOK 1200,-

Online booking. For bigger groups contact info@snowhotelkirkenes.com
Departures 12:30, other times on request for groups.

Not recommended for children under 12 years.

In period 20.06. - 20.08. open for normal ticket sale. Tickets bought at entrance.



Daily 12.30



200,-



EIGHT SEASONS

We know the area, the peoples and culture of the north and across borders.
We want to offer the best of experiences of all seasons.



+47 412 88 809 / +47 951 26 929

post@8arstider.no

www.8arstider.no

King crab safari in the Neiden fjord

Eight seasons



First trip from 02. June 2023

Our guests are transported by car from the centre of Kirkenes to the Neiden fjord. The car ride takes about 20 minutes. Once at the Neiden fjord, we drive a short distance with our electric UTVs to the place where we pull up pots with crabs. The catch will be cooked and served in a traditional Sami lavvo.

Helmets and life jackets must be worn on parts of the trip.

This equipment is included in the price. Also included is a good meal of fresh king crab.



3,5 hours



Friday, Saturday and
Sunday: 13.00



1500,-

<12 years



750,-



VARANGER BRYGGE

Opplevelser i og rundt Varangerfjorden. Spesielt fiske i den arts mangfoldige Varangeren.



+47 916 81 000

9935 Bugøynes

post@varangerbrygge.no

www.varangerbrygge.no



Accommodation in Bugøynes

Varanger Brygge

Year-round – minimum 2 nights

Accommodation in completely renovated houses in the authentic village of Bugøynes.



550,- /night, person



Deep sea fishing

Varanger Brygge

Spring/Summer/Autumn – minimum 3 persons

Species and trophy fishing in the Varanger Fjord.



4-6 hours



2495,- /person

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
www.facebook.no/Grenselandmuseet

Opening hours:
Monday-Sunday: 09.00-15.00
summer season (Jun. 20th-Aug. 20th):
Monday-Sunday: 09.00-17.00
Closed on national holidays.



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 Skolt Sámi Land*, visitors can experience Skolt Sámi history from the ice age and until today. This summer, we also have a temporary art exhibition with pictures by John Savio, as well an audio exhibition called *Koll'ješkuätt Start to listen*.

+47 952 62 163
post@dvmv.no
www.dvmv.no
www.facebook.no/skoltesamiskmuseum
Skoltesamisk_museum

Opening hours:
summer season (Jun. 17th-Aug. 20th):
Monday-Sunday 09.30-16.30
Out of season :
Tuesday- Friday 10-15



ACCOMMODATION

Scandic Hotel Kirkenes



Stay in the city centre of Kirkenes at Scandic Kirkenes with pool, sauna, gym and restaurant.

The hotel is a very good starting point for you who want to experience everything from king crab safari, dog sledding, river boat safari or if you just want to enjoy the beautiful nature here in the north.

- ☎ +47 78 99 59 00
- ✉ kirkenes@scandichotels.com
- 🏠 Kongens gate 1-3, 9900 Kirkenes
- 🌐 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.

- ☎ +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



Gamme cabins overnight – location 6 km from Kirkenes.




Our cabins are inspired by the traditional hunting and fishing hut, "gamme", that you find in the wilderness of Lapland - the Sami areas of the Arctic. If you are seeking accommodation in Kirkenes, the Gamme Northern Light Cabins will without a doubt fulfill your expectations. Your stay include breakfast and a 3 course dinner in our unique farmhouse restaurant Låven, with a fantastic view to the fjord.

		2200,- incl. breakfast+dinner	<12 years	1100,-
		1450,- incl. breakfast		725,-



Snowhotel 365

The only hotel in the world completely made of snow and ice, which is open for overnight 365 days a year. So now you can get a window into winter wonderland even in the middle of summer! Spend a magic night in snow or ice, and complete your bucket list dream.

		2200,- incl. breakfast+dinner	<12 years	1100,-
		1450,- incl. breakfast		725,-

- ☎ +47 78 97 05 40
- ✉ info@snowhotelkirkenes.com
- 🏠 Sandnesdalen 14, 9910 Bjørnevattn
- 🌐 www.snowhotelkirkenes.com





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



Neiden Fjellstue 45 km from Kirkenes in Neiden

Cabins for rent located by the Neiden River about 5 km from Finland.

+47 78 99 61 41 or +47 995 51 517
info@neidenfjellstue.com
Finlandsveien 536, 9940 Neiden
www.neidenfjellstue.no/en



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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 every day. In our garden you can also enjoy an ice cream, coffee or something cold to drink, perfect on a sunny day. Welcome!

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



Thon Hotel Kirkenes

The restaurant is open every day from 18:00- 22:00
Our restaurant is à la carte restaurant with spectacular view to the sea and our menu has focus on local food.

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🏠 Johan Knudtzens gate 11, 9900 Kirkenes
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Snowhotel Kirkenes - 8 km from Kirkenes

Enjoy unique atmosphere and arctic cuisine in secluded wilderness. An experience of wild luxury awaits you at the most special restaurant in Kirkenes - Snowhotel "Låven" restaurant. Our Restaurant concept is based on short-travelled, pure local ingredients, such as reindeer, lamb, arctic fish and king crab.

You can choose between two dining options:

1. Snowhotel Visit and dinner: Includes Snowhotel guided tour, welcome drink and 3 course dinner.
Menu: Chef's choice from arctic ingredients. Meeting time 18:00, dinner time 19:00
2. À la carte open 17-21. Choose from our à la carte menu.

Entrance to Snowhotel included.

Please reserve table for dinners via our webpage.

We also have lunch available for preservation, see menus at our website.

Snowhotel Visit and dinner NOK 1200,- Children under 7 years pay half price

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Amundsen Bakeri in Kirkenes

Welcome to our bakery and patisserie in the middle of Kirkenes. We have a large outdoor terrace for fine weather days. We are open Monday - Saturday and Sundays if the weather allows it.

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



Ritz 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

Visitor Centre for Øvre Pasvik National Park/NIBIO Svanhovd 45 km from Kirkenes in Pasvik



Svanhovd has an open kitchen solution and as our guest you will be able to order food directly from our kitchen staff. We usually serve our dishes from a buffet and have strong focus on using local food such as fish from Pasvik river and vegetables from our own garden. The cafe is open and we serve lunch/dinner every day during the summer season.

Opening hours: Summer mid-June to mid-August:
Monday – Friday 09 – 20 Saturday and Sunday 10 – 18
Winter mid- August to mid- june: Monday – Friday 09 - 15

- +47 464 13 600
svanhovd@nibio.no
Svanhovd 23, 9925 Svanvik
www.pasvik.no





Neiden Fjellstue

45 km from Kirkenes in Neiden

Opening hours restaurant:
01.5. - 24.6.: 12.00 - 19.00
26.6. - 01.8.: 09.00 - 21.00

We serve homemade food from local ingredients. Neiden Fjellstue is located by the Neiden River about 5 km from Finland.

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

info@neidenfjellstue.com

Finlandsveien 536, 9940 Neiden

www.neidenfjellstue.no/en



PLACES AROUND KIRKENES

Bugøynes



Foto: Sigurd Salberg Pedersen

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 19th 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/

Neiden



Foto: Trym Ivar Bergsma

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 Näättämo on the Finnish side.



For more information, please visit:

www.visitkirkenes.info/en/aroundkirkenes/neiden/

Pasvik



Foto: Arne Wikan

Pasvik Valley is a beautiful region located near the borders of Norway, Russia, and Finland. It spans over 100 km and is home to dense forests of pine and birch, as well as protected areas of ancient forests and wetlands. The valley is known for its diverse flora and fauna, where eastern and western species meet. The region is home to Norway's highest population of brown bears and over 220 bird species. The Pasvik River flows through the valley, forming the border between Norway and Russia, and continues south to Lake Inari in Finland through the Øvre Pasvik National Park.



For more information, please visit:

 www.visitkirkenes.info/en/aroundkirkenes/the-pasvik-valley/

Kirkenes Peninsula




Foto: Monika Raab

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:

 www.visitkirkenes.info/en/aroundkirkenes/kirkenes-penisula/

TRANSPORT

Kirkenes Taxi



+47 78 99 13 97
booking@kirkenestaxi.no
Presteveien 1, 9900 Kirkenes
www.kirkenestaxi.no



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



1600,- for 1-4 persons

Barents Buss



Coaches from 20-50 seats for daily airporttransfers, private tour and other tailor made transportaion.

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www.barentsbuss.no



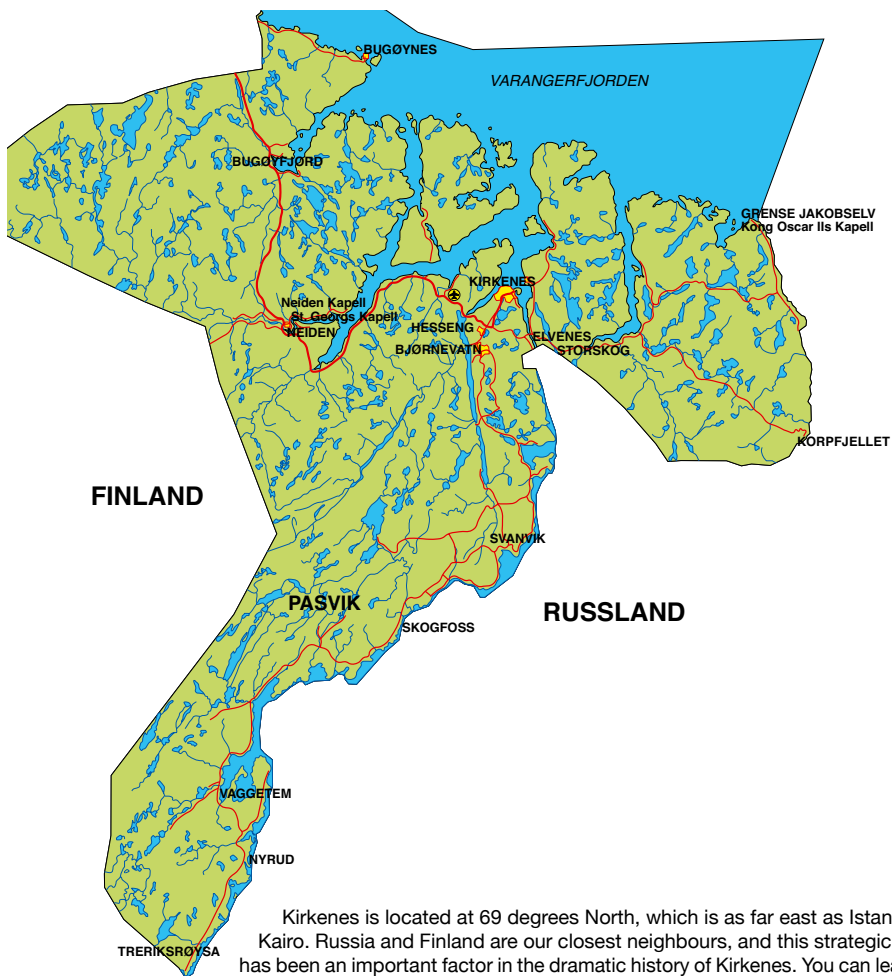
Booking Kirkenes



Minivan 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 Booking 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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