

May - September 2010



Summer activities in Kirkenes



Welcome to Kirkenes

The frontier town at 70°North 30°East

There is a whole range of activities waiting for you in the frontier town of Kirkenes. Join one or more of the scheduled trips and excursions offered and gain an insight into the rich culture and history of this region.

Visit the surroundings and experience the fantastic nature we have!

- Kirkenes and the municipality of Sør-Varanger has approximately 9500 inhabitants. Finnmark is Norway's northernmost county, and it is the largest in Norway
- Kirkenes is as far east as Istanbul and Cairo, and as far north as Point Barrow in Alaska
- The Midnight sun can be seen in Kirkenes from the 18th May until the 26th July
- The average temperatures in Kirkenes are:
May +5° C, June +8° C, July +14° C, August +11° C.
- Sights in Kirkenes: The Borderland Museum and Savio Museum, Andersgrotta, Russian monument, monument "Mothers in war", viewpoint Prestefjell
- Shopping: Kirkenes has a wide selection of shops and services, as well as a shopping center, "AMFI Kirkenes", where you will find among other things the pharmacy, the post office and the liquor store. Please ask for a city map for more information
- Restaurants: Gapahuken restaurant, Gabba restaurant, Ritz, Rica Arctic Hotel, Rica Hotel Kirkenes, Thon Hotel, Pizzeria Siciliana, Shang Hai Restaurant, Surf & Turf, Tanjas Spiseri (in AMFI), Sparelandkafé, Centrum Café.
- Accommodation: Rica Arctic Hotel, Rica Hotel Kirkenes, Thon Hotel, Barents Frokost Hotel, Hotel Wessel, as well as private accomodation, camping ground, and cabin rental
- Bars and pubs: Ritz, Ofelas, Rallarn Pub, Henry's Bar (Rica Arctic Hotel)
- Other activities: Cinema, swimming pool, fitness center, hiking, fishing and hunting

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Booking and other information:

Excursions are to be booked at your hotel reception or through the operators one day in advance, before 3 pm.

- Cancelling: Booked activities must be cancelled one day in advance, before 3 pm, if not you will have to pay 100% of the price (other cancelling rules for groups)
- We recommend bringing warm clothes/good shoes along. On most of the excursions warm clothes are incl. in the price.
- The operators have the right to cancel excursions in case of bad weather/driving conditions.
- Not all activities are run the whole summer, please check each activity.
- Some activities run all year, please check each activity.
- Some activities include a meal. They are signed with the symbol *knife and fork*.
- All tours depart from Kirkenes and transport from/to Kirkenes is incl. in the price. Other places of departure on request (hotel, harbour, airport etc.).
- We can take no responsibility for any possible errors or lack of information. Changes (prices, time of departure..) may also have been made after the brochure was printed.

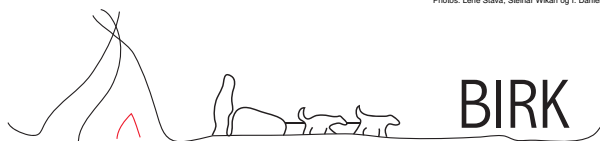
For more information about Kirkenes: www.kirkenesinfo.no

The Pasvik valley - Experience the Borderland!


Summer- and winter activities • safari by riverboat
fishing trips • local food in a lavvo • sauna and hot tub
bear tracking • dog-sledging • accommodation







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Day	Activity	Price pr person	Duration	Comment
M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 1 Andersgrotta Andersgrotta is a wartime bomb-shelter and was reopened for visitors in 1990. A guided tour and a video are showing why and how this bombing affected the civilians in Kirkenes. Located in town centre. Radius Kirkenes, Tel: +47 78 97 05 40 www.radius-kirkenes.com	Nok 100,- Children under 12 years: Nok 50,-	10.30-11.00 11.00-11.30	Includes: Guiding in the Andersgrotta, film presentation Valid: 01.05 - 30.09 Other times on request for groups of more than 5 persons
M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 30 Gabba Reindeer- & Huskypark Only 1500m from the centre of Kirkenes, you will find the Reindeer and Husky Park where you have the opportunity to visit a Sami tent – lavvu, feed reindeers and pet the husky dogs. If you are lucky, you may also hear the Sami chanting – joik. If you are hungry, visist our special restaurant built in wilderness style and serving local food – a unique experience. Please also see KS 31 – Gabba Restaurant. Radius Kirkenes, Tel: +47 78 97 05 40 www.radius-kirkenes.com	Entrance only Nok 100,- Children under 12 years: Nok 50,- The price does not include transfer from/to town	Open from 10.00-15.00	Valid: 01.06 - 30.09
M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 31 Gabba Restaurant A special kind of restaurant with home made lunch and dinner courses, made from local ingredients, served in cosy and exotic wilderness environment. Only a few minutes from the centre of Kirkenes – a few minutes by car or 25 minutes by foot. Radius Kirkenes, Tel: +47 78 97 05 40 www.radius-kirkenes.com	Price: According to menu Children under 12 years: According to menu	Lunch: 11.00-14.00 Dinner: 20.00-22.00	Valid: All year 
M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 6 Sightseeing to the Russian border and the mining town Bjørnevatn A guided trip by bus to the Russian border and to the iron ore mines in Bjørnevatn. Our first stop is a historical border crossing between Norway and Russia. We visit the border and have a glance at the Russian community of Boris Gleb on the other side. Your guide will provide information on the various historical events. We continue to the mining town Bjørnevatn. The mines were closed in 1996 and was reopened again in 2009. Here we gain an insight into 90 years of mining history. We continue our trip to the viewpoint "Storfjell" where we get a nice view over the fjord. Pasvikturist AS, Tel: +47 415 44 346 www.pasvikturist.no	Nok 480,- Children under 12 years: Nok 240,-	1300-14.45 1,75 hours	Includes: Transport from/to Kirkenes, guide Valid: All year

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M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 8 Husky and watchdogs in the land of brown bears, a Pasvik sightseeing including lunch We give you a sightseeing in the beautiful Pasvik Valley – along the border to Russia. Pasvik has a long and interesting history that we give you an insight into on our way to our husky kennel. At our kennel you will get a guided tour and the possibility to cuddle with our dogs as much as you like. In addition to around 50 huskies we have watchdogs that keep our kennel free of brown bears – our location is in the middle of Norway’s biggest population of this amazing animal. After the tour we serve lunch based on local ingredients outside or in our traditional Sami lavvu. BIRK husky, natur & mat, Tel: +47 909 78 248 www.birkhusky.no	Nok 890,- Children under 12 years: Nok 400,- (in company of an adult)	12.30-16.30 4 hours	Includes: Transport, guide and good information about the dogs and the way you run a kennel like this. Lunch based on local ingredients. Valid: 01.05 - until ca. middle of october 
M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 10 Pasvik sightseeing We visit view point “Høyde 96”, the National park Center, the church in Svanvik and a former customs station. Beautiful nature – interesting history – the home of the brown bears. Barents Safari, Tel: +47 901 90 594 www.barentssafari.no	Nok 800,- Children under 12 years: Nok 400,-	14.00-18.00 4 hours	Includes: Transport from/to Kirkenes, guide, admission ticket, coffee/tea and cookies Valid: 01.05 - 30.09
M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 14 Kirkenes in a Nutshell Visit Andersgrotta, a Russian Trawler and the Norwegian-Russian Border Storskog. During this trip you have a chance to see all the most important points in Kirkenes area! Radius Kirkenes, Tel: +47 78 97 05 40 www.radius-kirkenes.com	Nok 550,- Children under 12 years: Nok 275,-	On request 2,5 hours	Includes: Transport, guide, visit in Andersgrotta, to the Russian border and Gabba reindeer park. Valid: Summer
M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 32 Sightseeing in the Pasvik valley and visit of the National Park Centre A guided trip by buss to the Pasvik valley. The valley is one of the last wilderness areas in Europe and known for its big brown bear population. You get both, a nice nature experience and information about the interesting history of this area right beside Russia. We follow the Pasvik river (border river to Russia) all the way to Svanvik. We visit the chapel and the National Park Centre which provides information about fauna and flora. Next stop is the viewpoint “Høyde 96” where you can visit the observation tower. Fantastic view over the border into the Russian neighbourhood Nikel. We serve coffee/tea and cookies before returning to Kirkenes. Pasvikturist AS, Tel: +47 415 44 346 www.pasvikturist.no	Nok 750,- Children under 12 years: Nok 375,-	16.30-20.00 3,5 hours	Includes:Transport from/to Kirkenes, guide, admission tickets, coffee/tea and cookies Valid: 01.05 - 30.09

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M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 15 Riverboat tour to the Russian borderline Visit Boris Gleb - An Icon of Norwegian-Russian Border History. You'll learn that the cultural history associated with the region of Norway that borders Russia is rich, varied and interesting. We serve you a cup of coffee and the local cloudberries at the 10 o'clock tour. In addition, at the tours at 1500, 1800* and 2100*, grilled salmon with salads and white wine is included. Local cloudberries with cream. Fully licensed. Sell of souvenirs. Barents Safari, Tel: +47 901 90 594 www.barentssafari.no	Nok 800,-/ 840,- Children under 12 years: Nok 400,-	10.00-12.30 15.00-17.30 *18.00-20.30 *21.00-23.30 2,5 hours	Includes: Guide, transport from/to Kirkenes, boat trip, warm clothes, rain poncho and life jacket, meal as described in the program. Max 60 persons. *Tours at 18 and 21 must be booked in advance. Valid: 01.06 - 30.09. 
M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 17 Boat trip along the Russian borderline in Pasvik valley Start from Kirkenes and driving by bus app. 20 min to our base "Solvang Gård" in the beautiful nature of the Pasvik Valley. We go on board and start our boat trip on the Pasvik River to experience the nice nature and Russia on the other side of the river. The boat trip takes 1,5 h with several stops on our way. We go ashore on a small island which is half Russian and half Norwegian. This is as close you can get to the Russian border! After the boat trip we will sit down around the fire place and enjoy a light meal + coffee/tea. A very personal tour with much information about history, nature and the way of living in the North. Pasvikturst AS, Tel: +47 415 44 346 www.pasvikturst.no	Nok 900,- Children under 12 years: Nok 450,-	15.00-19.00 4 hours	Includes: transport, boat trip, guide, coffee/tea, light meal Valid: 01.06 - 01.09.
M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 29 Idyllic riverboat safari in the very youngest part of Norway A memorable experience with our riverboat in the youngest part of Norway. The tour starts at Nordmo Farm, Holmfoss and goes along the Pasvik river to Skoltefoss. Here we are stopped by the dam near the Russian power plant, where the Skoltefoss used to roar. During the trip, we cross the national border, and sail on the Russian side of the river for a while – legally, without visa. We stop at Harefoss, where we enjoy a meal made of local ingredients. Nordmo Gård, Tel: +47 78 99 53 19 www.nordmogard.com	Nok 1200,- Children under 12 years: Nok 600,-	16.00-21.00 5 hours Must be booked in advance	Includes: Transport from/to Kirkenes or airport/Hurtigruten, guide, boat trip and food. Valid: 15.06 - 20.09. 
M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 20 The original King Crab Safari We guarantee the largest and freshest King Crabs in the World. Join us in the boat and see our diver catch the King Crab. Enjoy a close up and true experience of the King of the Ocean and the view of the Barents Sea. The King Crab specialist presents a unique multimedia presentation. Finally we serve the fresh and self-caught crab for lunch in our restaurant by the fjord. Includes also a short stop by the Norwegian-Russian border. Optional: Swimming/floating in the cold Barents Sea in a survival suit (Nok 500,- extra). This activity is rated as the best international product in 2009. Arctic Adventure Resort, Tel: +47 951 50 755 www.arctic-adventure.no	Nok 1290,- Children under 12 years: Nok 645,-	13.00-17.00 4 hours Other times on request with min. 6 pers.	Includes: Guide, transport from/to Kirkenes, necessary clothing, boat trip, multimedia show about the King Crab, lunch with fresh King Crab. Valid: 15.06 - 15.08 (Before/after the season: min. 6 pers.) 

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M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 33 Evening Trip with King Crab catch and Midnight in Grense Jakobselv Our King Crab catch will be prepared on the campfire and served in a simple, but beautiful surrounding. After our dinner will we continue to Grense Jakobselv, where we will arrive right before midnight and hope to see the midnight sun. Kirkenes Fjord Fiske, Tel: +47 482 80 801 www.fjord-fiske.no	Nok 1300,- Children under 12 years: Nok 650,-	18.30-01.30 7 hours	Includes: Guide, transport from/to Kirkenes, necessary clothing, King Crab meal, boat trip Valid: 18.05 - 25.07. 
M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 34 King Crab Tour Our King Crab catch will be prepared on the campfire and served in a simple, but beautiful surrounding. Kirkenes Fjord Fiske, Tel: +47 482 80 801 www.fjord-fiske.no	Nok 850,- Children under 12 years: Nok 450,-	18.00-23.00 5 hours	Includes: Guide, transport from/to Kirkenes, necessary clothing, King Crab meal, boat trip. Valid: 01.05 - 30.09 
M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 35 Quad Safari (ATV) to the Russian border After we have picked you up (ca. 20 minutes prior departure) and introduced you to our safety instructions, will we start to the viewpoint Kjer-ringstupet, where you will learn more about the history and culture of this region. We also stop our quads at the iron ore mines at Sydvaranger, before we finally reach the Russian border at Skafferhullet, a former border crossing point, from where we can observe a Russian dwelling and a Russian chapel. At today's border crossing between Russia & Norway, Storskog, we will have a break with coffee/tea. We will return to Kirkenes via Prestefjellet, viewpoint over Kirkenes and the harbour. Barents Safari, Tel: +47 901 90 594 www.barentssafari.no	Nok 1390,- (p. pers., 2 persons per ATV) Nok 1790,- (per pers., 1 person per ATV) Driving licence required!	10.00-13.00 14.00-17.00 18.00-21.00 3 hours	Includes: Transport from/to Kirkenes, guide, quad ride, required outfit + helmet, coffee/tea and cookies Children should be at least 12 years old to be a passenger on the ATV. Valid: 01.05 - 30.09
M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 36 Quad Safari (ATV) in the Pasvik Valley After we have picked you up (ca. 20 minutes prior departure) and introduced you to our safety instructions, will we start into the Siberian Taiga Forest. We stop at a bear's cave and visit the Hight 96, where we can have a look at the Russian city Nikel and a coffee/tea break. Then will we drive to Svanvik, where we visit the Øvre Pasvik National Park Center, the Svanvik Chapel, and the border river between Norway and Russia. Return to Kirkenes Barents Safari, Tel: +47 901 90 594 www.barentssafari.no	Nok 1490,- (p. pers., 2 persons per ATV) Nok 1890,- (per pers., 1 person per ATV) Driving licence required!	14.00-18.00 4 hours	Includes: Transport from/to Kirkenes, guide, quad ride, required outfit + helmet, coffee/tea and cookies. Children should be at least 12 years old to be a passenger on the ATV. Valid: 01.05 - 30.09

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M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 37 Quad (ATV) Midnight Sun Safari, Barents Sea After we have picked you up (ca. 20 minutes prior to departure) and introduced you to our safety instructions, will we first drive to Storskog, the official border crossing point between Russia and Norway. Then we will pass a wild and fascinating mountain scenery, drive along the small border river between Russia and Norway, where we can see watch towers and boundary posts. And finally will we reach the Barents Sea and a former settlement, called Grense Jakobselv with the King Oscar II's stone chapel. We will enjoy a little coffee/tea break before we head back to Kirkenes. Barents Safari, Tel: +47 901 90 594 www.barentssafari.no	Nok 1490,- (p. pers., 2 persons per ATV) Nok 1890,- (per pers., 1 person per ATV) Driving licence required!	20.00-01.00 5 hours	Includes: Transport from/to Kirkenes, guide, quad ride, required outfit + helmet, coffee/tea and cookies. Children should be at least 12 years old to be a passenger on the ATV. Valid: 01.05 - 30.09
M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 28 Husky hike with local lunch Visit our cosy huskies at the kennel at Sollia Gjestegård. You will come in close contact with the dogs, and get the opportunity to give them snacks, take pictures and cuddle them. We will bring a couple of the huskies with us on a short hike to a nice viewpoint, where we can look into Russia. Learn about the life and history of sledge dogs while enjoying the landscape and the huskies playing around us. It takes about 20 minutes walking to the viewpoint. The trip ends with a local lunch. Sollia Gjestegård, Tel: +47 78 99 08 20 www.storskog.no	Nok 690,- Children under 12 years: Nok 340,- Family price, min 2 adults and 2 children: Nok 1600,-	10.00-13.00 3 hours	Includes: Transfer from/to Kirkenes, guide, visit in kennel, lunch made from local ingredients, juice, coffee and tea. All rights Min. 2 persons Valid: Summer ✂
M x Tu x W x Th x F x Sa x Su x	KS 38 Sled dog tour with wagon and Sami dinner in Pasvik Join us in the beautiful Pasvik valley, we will give you a guided tour up to BIRKs kennel at Melkefoss, south of Kirkenes, right at the Russian border. At the kennel we will show you around and do a tour with our sled dogs pulling us in a wagon. The tour will partly go along the border river deviding Norway and Russia. At the kennel you will also meet our watch dogs that keep our kennel free of brown bears. We round up the night in our Sami lavvu with a dinner made on Sami traditions. BIRK husky, natur & mat, Tel: +47 909 78 248 www.birkhusky.no	Nok 1250,- Children under 12 years: Nok 750,- (children only with minimum one paying adult)	17.00-22.30 5,5 hours	Includes: Transport from/to Kirkenes-Pasvik, guide, tour with sled dog wagon, Sami dinner, one drink included with dinner and coffee or tea. (Drink for dinner: glass of mineral water, beer or wine) Valid: 15.05 - until the weather does not allow us to go out with the wagon in October ✂

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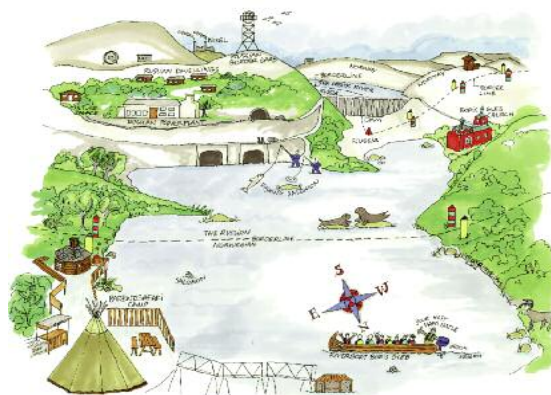
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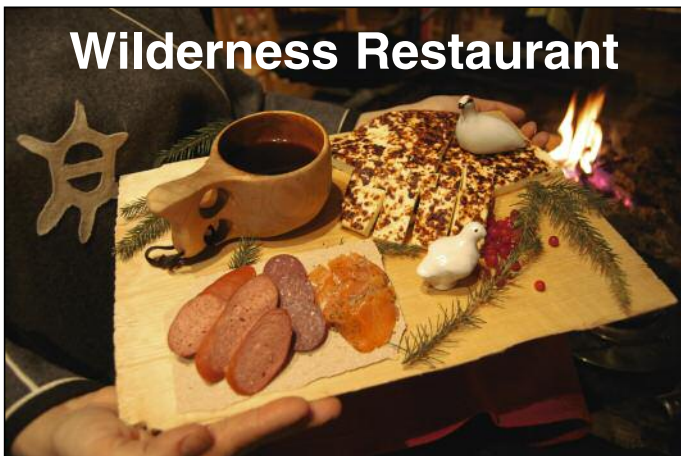
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