

ALTA CRUISE PORT

Events: Borealis Winter Festival & Finnmarksløpet Dogsled Race, March; Alta Soul & Blues Festival, June
Midnight Sun: May 18-July 28 **Northern Lights:** September-April **Dark Season:** November 26-January 17
Useful Links: <http://www.northadventure.no/> <http://www.visitalta.no/>



Northern Lights. Photo: Altafoto.no

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ALTA

The City of the Northern Lights

For thousands of years, people have lived in this sheltered area at the end of the Altafjord. Today, the people are still here, but they've added a central harbor, airport and modern infrastructure. The darkness of winter holds our elusive Arctic jewel, the Northern Lights, and Alta has been a favoured spot for scientists and tourists alike to observe them for over a hundred years. In the summer, the Midnight Sun lights the way for outdoor tours, adventures and exploration. Dogsleds, reindeer, riverboats, Stone Age carvings, Sami culture and more... it's no wonder people come from around the world to visit.

ATTRACTIONS/ EXCURSIONS

Alta Museum

Duration: 2 hours
This award-winning museum sits amid thousands of Stone Age rock carvings, visible in summer. Indoor exhibits year-round. It also has one of the best views of Altafjord, no matter what the weather.

Hunting for the Aurora Borealis

Duration: 3-4 hours
Join your guides out under the winter night sky to search for the elusive and beautiful Northern Lights. Enjoy the quiet of the Arctic wilderness as you search, and let the guides help you set up your camera just right.

Northern Lights Husky

Duration: 2 hours
Veteran dog musher Trine Lyrek, competitor in Iditarod and Finnmarksløpet, welcomes you to visit with her dogs, learn about the sport and her experiences, and in the winter, take a ride on a dogsled.

Alta Canyon (Sautso) and Dam

Duration: 4 hours
Sautso, Northern Europe's biggest canyon, lies 45 km outside Alta. In summer, journey to the canyon, stop for photos, and tour the 110-metre-tall dam that is part of Norway's power generation system.

Riverboat Tours

Duration: 2 hours
The area's old-style wooden riverboats are still very much in use during the summer. Join an experienced pilot and cruise along the river through often shallow and white water. Boat trips can be arranged lasting from 20 minutes to 2 hours.

Dogsled Riding, Driver or Passenger

Duration: 3 hours
Drive your own dogsled, or take the passenger seat and just enjoy the ride. In summer, use a wheeled cart instead of the sled. Learn about the sport and raising huskies from a veteran dog musher.

Pæskatun

Duration: 2 hours
Slate quarry in the rugged hills near Alta. The hosts demonstrate old and new techniques for producing slate, and tell the history of the rough and difficult trade that has been a cornerstone of the Alta economy for two centuries. Be the first human ever to touch a 700-million year old rock surface!

Boazo Sami Siida

Duration: 2 hours
See a Sami "siida", or reindeer camp. The host families will welcome you and tell you about the Sami culture, lifestyle and traditions, both for reindeer herding and in daily life. Real, live reindeer are part of the experience, of course!

Maze and Cavzo Safari

Duration: 4-5 hours
A genuine Sami village on the high plateau south of Alta. In summer, take riverboats to a nearby old church, or farther up to the Alta Dam in Sautso. In winter, take part in "Sami Games" to learn about the old ways.



Boazo Sami Siida. Photo: Altafoto.no



Northern Lights Cathedral. Photo: JP-foto Alta



Alta Canyon. Photo: Altafoto.no

Reindeer Sledding NEW!

Duration: 4-5 hours
Take a journey into the interior of Finnmark county. Meet a Sami family, learn about their history and traditions, and go for a peaceful ride on a reindeer-pulled sled along a frozen river.

Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel

Duration: 2 hours
(Jan-Apr) An elaborate and beautiful hotel made entirely of snow and ice every winter. Decorated with ice sculptures and carvings made by local artists. Around 30 rooms, plus lounges, a gallery, a chapel, and a bar where even the glasses for drinks are made of ice.

Ice Sculpture Course NEW!

Duration: 3 hours
(Jan-Apr) Join ice artists at the Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel. See the gorgeous and magical hotel interior, learn how the artists carved the ice and snow inside, and try your own hand at making an ice sculpture.

Snowmobile Tours

Duration: 4 hours
In winter, try driving your own snowmobile. A professional, experienced guide will outfit you and teach you what you need to know. Ride through wild, Arctic terrain as you explore the area.

Northern Lights Cathedral NEW!

Duration: 1 hour
Tour Alta's newest landmark, the Northern Lights Cathedral. Learn about the construction and symbolism of this church from your guide, and marvel at the blending of holy meaning, natural elements and modern design, both inside and out.

Tirpitz Museum

Duration: 2 hours
Dedicated to telling the story of and showing artefacts from the German Navy's occupation of the Alta area in World War II, with a focus on the fearsome battleship Tirpitz that was anchored here.

Hiking in Alta

Alta has extraordinary nature. Winter and summer, hikes and tours that range from moderate to strenuous activity levels are available in many locations and destinations in the Arctic wilderness. Hikes can be arranged for anywhere from 30 minutes to several hours.

Overland Excursions

Duration: 7-10 hours
Visit nearby towns and attractions, accompanied by a guide with stories and local knowledge to bring the area to life.
Hammerfest - the northernmost city in the world
Kautokeino - visit the unique Juhs silver gallery
Karasjok - Sapmi Park and Sami Parliament
North Cape - visit the area's northernmost point

PORT & TOURIST INFORMATION

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TOURIST INFORMATION

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Distance from port: 4 km
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Phone/Fax: +47 99 10 00 22
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Terminal/Restrooms in pier area: NO
Shuttle bus: YES, but must be ordered as a shore service
Parking place for buses: YES, 20-100 m to gangway
Taxi: YES
Rental cars: YES
Public transportation: YES, 500 m to bus stop
Shopping: YES, 4 km

Local currency: NOK
ATM: YES, banks in city centre, 4 km
Currency exchange: YES, banks, 4m from port
Tax refund: NO
Public telephones in pier area: NO
Internet access in pier area: NO
Mailboxes in pier area: NO
Distances - airport: 500 m, Alta Airport
Distance to city centre: 4 km
Nearest hospital: Alta Health Centre, 4 km

PORT SERVICES / FACILITIES & INFORMATION

Bunkers delivery /method: NO
Supplies: YES
Waste handling: YES
Waste water method: Tank on truck
Tugboats: NO
Anchorage*: YES
Pilot: YES
Emergency: YES
Medical emergency: 113
ISPS approved: YES
Designated quays for cruise ships: NO
Ship tenders allowed: YES
Beam: 50 m
Max size ship in port: 264 m
Max number of passenger per day in port: 3000

Max number of ships per day in port: 2
Ship's stay min /max: No limitation
Environmental limitations /restrictions: NO
Port facilities according to
Cruise Norway's guidelines: YES
Maximum ship length: 264 m
Maximum ship draft and depth in sea: 8.50 m
Maximum ship air draft if bridge: 65 m

* IF ANCHORAGE

Type of bottom: Sand
Minimum depth: 8.5 m
Distance from anchorage to tender pier: 200 m



QUAY:
Terminalkaia
Marinekaia

LENGTH:
169 m
59 m

DRAFT:
9.5 m
10.5 m

AIRDRAFT:
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BEAM:
40 m
9 m

HEIGHT QUAYSIDE:
3 m
2.5 m

