

# TRAVEL GUIDE NORD-TROMS



WHERE CONTRASTS INSPIRE PEOPLE

**NORD-TROMS**

## WELCOME TO NORD-TROMS!

Between Tromsø and Alta you will find a region full of contrasts, dramatic landscape and a mix of friendly people. From the Finnmark plateau and the Finnish border in the south, to the rough coastline in the north, you'll find highland, high alpine peaks filled with glaciers, green valleys, rivers loaded with salmon, narrow fjords and islands in all shapes. This nature has shaped people throughout Generations. Now, let it inspire you!

In Nord-Troms we live in harmony with the nature elements. The meeting of the three tribes is the best way to describe the people of Nord-Troms. We are Norwegians, but we are also Sami and Kven (from Finland and Sweden). All these cultures has been mixed and blended into what we are today.

During the Second World War, the people in our region was evacuated to other parts of northern Norway. After the war, they were determined to move back and they actually managed to rebuilt this region. We are very thankful of what they did together - and gave us the opportunity to live here today.

We hope you will enjoy your stay and let yourself be inspired by us. The locals in our region are helpful so if you have any questions during your stay, just ask anybody!

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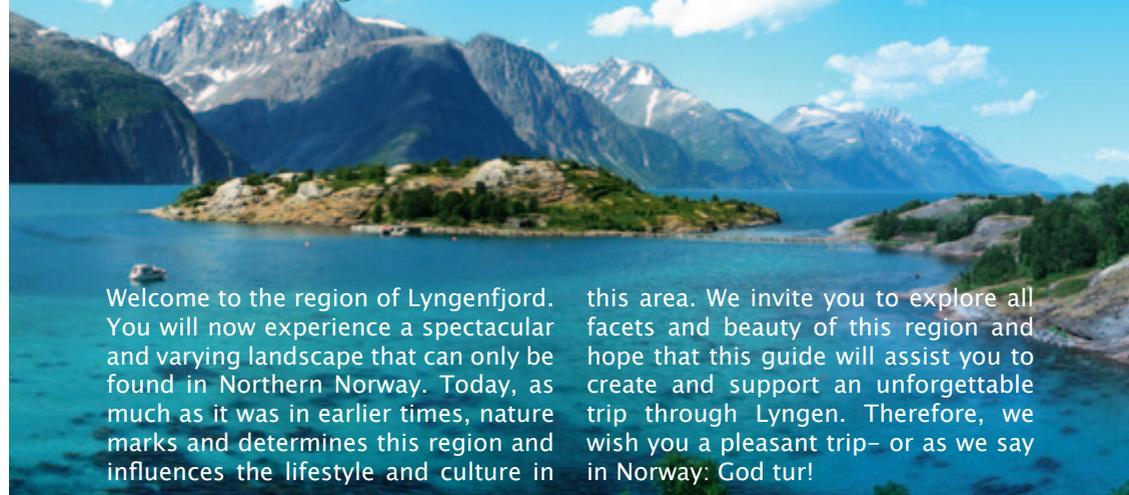
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## LYNGENFJORD



Welcome to the region of Lyngenfjord. You will now experience a spectacular and varying landscape that can only be found in Northern Norway. Today, as much as it was in earlier times, nature marks and determines this region and influences the lifestyle and culture in

this area. We invite you to explore all facets and beauty of this region and hope that this guide will assist you to create and support an unforgettable trip through Lyngen. Therefore, we wish you a pleasant trip– or as we say in Norway: God tur!

### LYNGENFJORD WEST

Driving from Oteren to Lyngseidet will take around 55 minutes, depending on the amount of photo-stops. You will drive 42 kilometers on a windy road along the Lyngenfjord and through many small villages. A numerous of small parking lots invite to short breaks and to take pictures of the breathtaking scenery.

### STEINDALEN

It is a 16 kilometer drive from Oteren to the village of Steindalen. Here you can hike up the valley of Steindalen on a well-marked path and after 3 hours, you will reach the glacier. You can walk to a certain degree on the glacier since it is rather flat and does not have glacier gulches. Experienced glacier hikers can of course continue further up if they have the right equipment.

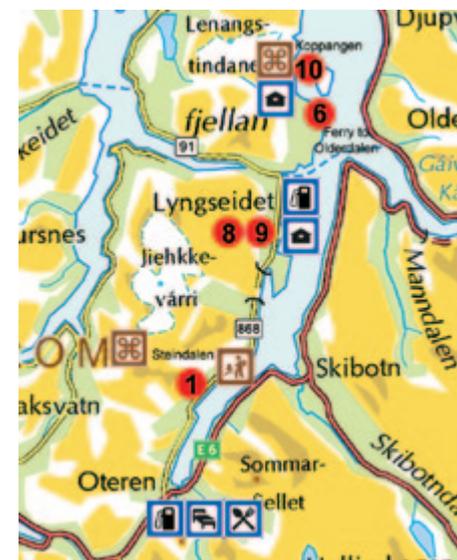
1. IMA Tursenter: Phone +47 901 95 865, [www.ima-tursenter.no](http://www.ima-tursenter.no)

### RASTEBY

After another 4 kilometers, you will come to Rasteby. In Rasteby, you can see a newly renovated „Nothjell“. This is an old “building” where formerly fishing nets have been dried.

### FURUFLATEN

Furuflaten will be the next stop after a 5 kilometer drive. Here you find a small shop. Furuflaten is known as an industrial village. It is also a good starting point for hikes into the Lyngsvalley, signs are put up just before the bridge.



## LYNGSEIDET

Lyngseidet is the center of the Lyngen region with more than 800 inhabitants. You can find a tourist information, some grocery stores, sports- and an electricity shop, some clothes shops, a gas station, building market, library and a bar & disco. The ferry to Olderdalen leaves from here too. (Time tables on [www.tromskortet.no](http://www.tromskortet.no))

### Here you find different types of accommodation:

- Lyngseidet Gjestegård: Phone: +47 928 56 221, [www.gjesteegaarden.no](http://www.gjesteegaarden.no)
- Magic Mountain Lodge: Phone: +47 77 71 11 30, [www.magicmountainlodge.no](http://www.magicmountainlodge.no)
- Sørheim Brygge: Phone: +47 41 20 14 80, [www.sorheim-brygge.no](http://www.sorheim-brygge.no)

### Holiday houses in the Lyngseidet area:

- Lyngen Home: Phone +47 917 83 778, [www.lyngen-home.com](http://www.lyngen-home.com)
- Astrid's Feriehus, Årøybukt: Phone +47 920 38 575 (winter only)
- Kjelkebakken Gård: Phone +47 480 56 134, [www.kjelkebakkengard.no](http://www.kjelkebakkengard.no)
- Heimstad Gård: Phone +47 916 46 538, [www.heimstadgard.no](http://www.heimstadgard.no)
- Solvik Gård/Fablab: Phone +47 918 52 232, [www.fablab.no](http://www.fablab.no)

### Activities

- Solvik Gård: Phone +47 916 07 707, [www.solvik.no](http://www.solvik.no)
- Tour in Lyngenalps: Phone +47 917 35 497, [www.tourinlyngenalps.no](http://www.tourinlyngenalps.no)

**Hiking:** A popular trip in Lyngseidet is to hike or ski to the Skihytta. From the tourist information, follow the signs to find the way. After hiking around 3,5 km, you will reach this cabin which is located directly over the treeline and offers a great view over the Lyngenfjord.

## A TRIP TO KOPPANGEN

On the end of the road that follows the Lyngenfjord, after a 17-kilometer bumpy drive, you will reach the small fishing village Koppangen. It is a charming and remote place, where the mountains going straight from the sea several hundred meters up. You can rent one of the small typical "Rorbuer"-cabins at Koppangen Brygger.

- Koppangen Brygge Ph: +47 900 87 005, [www.koppangembrygger.no](http://www.koppangembrygger.no)

## SVENSBY

The distance from Lyngseidet to Svensby is 21 kilometers. A campground, cabins and the local Svensby culture Café is located here. Try the homemade ice-cream which is made with self-picked, local berries.

**Hiking:** If you turn to the right on the road to the campground and continue up the hill, you will arrive at a parking lot. From here there is 3,8 kilometers to the Trollhytta, an open cabin for skiers and hikers. Furthermore, you can find a small museum in the old Sami farm "Gamslett Gård", next to the sea. The museum is mainly open in the summer.



Gamslett gård. Photo: Anders O. Hauglid/NTRM

From Svensby, you can take the ferry to Breivikeidet. The ferry takes about 20 minutes and after another 45 kilometers drive you get to Tromsø. Ferry time tables: [www.tromskortet.no](http://www.tromskortet.no)

- Lyngen Culture Café: Wed–Thu: 14.00 – 19.00, Fri–Sun: 11.00 – 19.00
- 11. Svensby Tursenter: Phone +47 917 09 936, [www.svensbytursenter.no](http://www.svensbytursenter.no)
- 12. Solheim Gård: Phone +47 995 43 097, [www.solheimgard.com](http://www.solheimgard.com)



View from Lyngstuva. Photo: Georg Siche Schmidt

## JÆGERVATN

11 kilometers from Svensby, you will arrive in Jægervatn. Here you find a parking lot, just before the bridge, which is a good starting point to take a tour around the deep blue glacier lake or if you have, a trip in a canoe or kayak.

## LENANGSØYRA

In Lenangsøyra, 11 kilometers from Jægervatn, a Shrimp factory situated. This factory delivers shrimps all over Scandinavia and the shrimps are especially popular in Sweden. But here, in Lenangsøyra, you can buy them fresh and almost right from the sea.

Right next to the factory is a small grocery shop and a gas station.

## NORD-LENANGEN

In Nord-Lenangen, you find a small grocery shop. The shop is also a gas station and post office. From Nord-Lenangen it is a 34 kilometers drive to Svensby.

## LENANGSSTRAUMEN

It is 2,8 kilometer from Nord-Lenangen to Lenangsstraumen. Here you can take a bite of local food in "Hansens Gatekjøkken". Just past the Gatekjøkken, is Lyngen Havfiske & Tursenter, here you can rent rorbuer and rent boats. Additionally, they offer guided hiking trips and other forms of activities. Just a little further along the way, you will find another option for overnight stay at the Lyngen Fjordcamp. Here you find a small grocery shop Joker.

13. Lyngen havfiske og tursenter: Phone +47 77 71 35 00, [www.lyngenhavfiske.no](http://www.lyngenhavfiske.no)
14. Lyngen Fjordcamp: Phone +47 971 65 210, [www.lyngenfjordcamp.com](http://www.lyngenfjordcamp.com)

## LYNGSTUVA

If you continue the last 7 kilometers to the end of the road, you will reach Russelv. From here, a 3-kilometer long path leads you to Lyngstuva, a small lightning house on the northern end of the peninsula. You will have an amazing view over the surrounding islands and if you are there between middle of May to middle of July, this place offers the best view on the midnight sun in the whole area.



## LYNGENFJORD EAST

### OTEREN

Oteren is the first village when you enter the Lyngen region from Tromsø/Narvik. There is a turnoff towards Lyngseidet. Right next to this turnoff, you will find the hotel Lyngskroa with a public restaurant and a bar. The hotel has its own wine cellar with over 3000 different wines.

1. Hotel Lyngskroa, Phone +47 77 71 50 00, [www.lyngskroa.no](http://www.lyngskroa.no)

If you continue north towards Hatteng, we recommend a stop at the end (or for you, the beginning) of the Lyngenfjord. In spring and autumn, many birds rest here on their way south or north. At this special place, the river Signaldalselva flows into the fjord providing an area with lots of food for the birds.

### HATTENG

After around 4 kilometers drive, you can turn off the E6 to Hatteng. Just after the first turnoff to Hatteng, you will find a rest area with toilet and picnic tables.

Right after turning off the E6 you will see a sign to Storfjord Kirke, a traditional wooden church from 1952. Continuing on the road, turning right towards Hatteng, you will first pass the town hall on the right-hand side, before arriving at a grocery store and Hatteng Grillbar & Camping.

The small restaurant "Grillbar", offers fast-food as well as traditional, Norwegian dishes. The grocery store offers everything necessary for day-to-day life.

2. Hatteng Grillbar & Camping: Phone +47 77 71 49 99

### ADDITIONAL TRIP OPTION TO SIGNALDALEN/KITDALEN, THREE COUNTRY CAIRN "TRERIKSRØYSA"

From Hatteng, you can take a little side trip into Signaldalen or/and Kitdalen. Both valleys lie in front of the Otertinden (1.356 m), looking like the Matterhorn in the Alps.

The Valley Signaldalen is about 20 kilometers long and can be explored around 11 kilometers by car. Coming towards the end of the road, you will find a farm called "Rognli Gård". You can park the car and hike about 4 hours to the Gappohytta. This cabin is operated through the "Troms Tur-lag" and you need a key to get into the cabin. From Gappohytta it is about 12 km to

the cabin Goldahytta, which is a good starting point to get to the spot where Norway's, Sweden's and Finland's boarders meet - the Three Country Cairn "Treriksrøysa".

You can drive 12 kilometers into the valley Kitdalen. This valley is really popular among Mountainbikers, since you can bike up into the mountains over the top of the mountains and plateaus where you get to the next valley Skibotndalen.

### BOLLMANSVEIEN

Half way between Skibotn and Hatteng, you will find a sign "Krigsminne" - and a parking lot where the Bollmanns- or Russeveien start. This is a path that was built by Russian prisoners during Second World War and leads up to a point 550 meters above sea level. The path is easy and comfortable to walk and offers a spectacular view over your surroundings and the Lyngenfjord itself.

## ADDITIONAL TRIP OPTION TO E8 SKIBOTNDALEN – KILPISJÄRVI – TRERIKSRØYSA

Before you enter Skibotn, right after driving over the Skibotn river, you will find the turnoff to the E8 towards Finland. The boarder is about 38 kilometers away and after 45 kilometers, you reach the first small town Kilpisjärvi. In Kilpisjärvi you find a gas station, supermarket and accommodation. During the summer there is a boat service from Kilpisjärvi that takes you across the lake and to a 3 km path that leads to the point where the borders of Norway, Sweden and Finland meet.

10 kilometers after the turnoff towards Finland, you will see a sign “Lulleskogen”, turn off on the narrow road and drive to the parking lot. Here begins a 2,5 kilometer path through the forest of the Lulledalen (Lulledalen skogsti). This path is a paradise, especially for those that are interested in plants and flowers. You can find 16 different orchids along the path for example the ghost orchid or the lady’s slippers.

3. Helligskogen Fjellstue: 11 Kilometers before the boarder on the right hand, Phone: +47 901 26 133, [www.helligskogen.no](http://www.helligskogen.no)

## SKIBOTN

Shortly before coming to Skibotn from Hat-teng, you will see a sign to the left with „Krøkebærsaft“, which leads to a small “shop” where locally produced juice of the black crowberry can be bought.

Before you enter Skibotn you will find a Statoil gas station. They offers as well some of the typical Norwegian fast-food. Right across the street from the gas station, you will find the local Pub Broen Pub.

In Skibotn you find different campgrounds. The Strandbu, Skibotn Camping and Old-erelv Campground is opened all year round and offers caravan and tent places, cabins to rent, a small restaurant, washing machine, barbecue and sauna.

You can find a small road along the shore where different kinds of birds can be seen

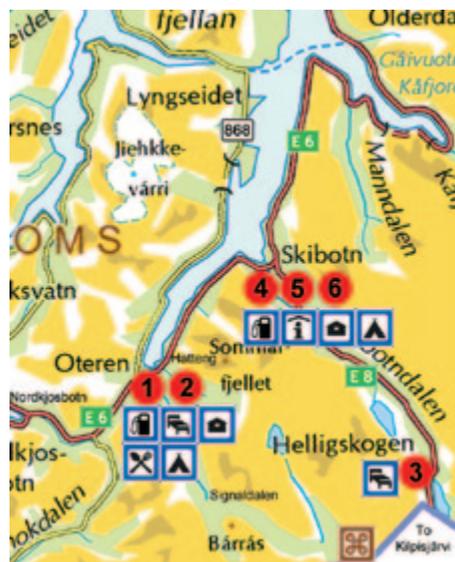
and you will have a lovely view over the Lyngenfjord towards the Lyngen Alps.

In the center of Skibotn you find a small local shop „Joker“.

Skibotn has been one of the major trading places throughout the 18. Century in North Troms. Merchants from Finland, North and South Norway as well as from Sweden came to Skibotn to exchange goods like reindeer, fish and tools. The goods were sold in little wooden cabins. Once a year, this tradition is revitalized and a marked is held in the center of Skibotn. Driving through Skibotn, you find one of those old sales cabins to the right of the church. The museum is opened throughout the summer.

4. Olderelv Camping: Phone +47 77 71 54 44, [www.olderelv.no](http://www.olderelv.no)
5. Strandbu Camping: Phone +47 77 71 53 40 [www.strandbu.no](http://www.strandbu.no)
6. Skibotn Camping: Phone +47 77 71 52 77

In summertime you find a Touristinfomation in the center of Skibotn.



## FROM SKIBOTN TO MANNDALEN

The route between Skibotn and Manndalen provides its drivers with amazing scenery and great views across the Lyngenfjord and to the Lyngenalps on the other side. After leaving Skibotn, you will see a stony beach, parking by the road, here you can go down to the beach, it invites for picnics and swimming (for those that do not mind cold water).

## MANNDALEN

One of the most popular attractions in Manndalen is the Center for Northern People (Senter for nordlige folk). The center is idyllically situated in the valley Manndalen and aims at the research and preservation of the Sami and other northern cultures. Besides a library, the center comprehends a small museum and a Café.

The Riddu Riddu Festival takes place every summer in July. The festival is one of the biggest in the region and combines the music of different cultures. Artists come from all over the world to play under the midnight sun. During the Festival, various activities can be found, for example different workshops and a handcraft market. Visitors can camp on the area next to the festival. Further information can be found under: [www.riddu.no](http://www.riddu.no).

Furthermore, you find a gas station and two shops (Joker und Coop) in Manndalen. On Saturdays, you can visit the “Husfliden”, a shop that sells local handcraft. You can get yourself a memory from your vacation or a small gift for those who are waiting at home.

In Manndalen, you can find two types of accommodation. Manndalen Sjøbuer rents out cozy cabins that lie directly by the sea and offers an amazing view. Further, various activities for example hiking or boat trips can be booked here. Sjøbukafeen based at Manndalen Sjøbuer offer dishes based on local food. Close by you will find Løkvollstranda Camping, cabins for rent, which is also romantically situated next to the sea.



**Possibilities for Hikingtrips:** Driving towards the end of the valley of Manndalen there are various possibilities for hiking trips.

1. Manndalen Sjøbuer: Phone +47 41 60 47 38, [www.sjobuer.no](http://www.sjobuer.no)
2. Løkvollstranda Camping: Phone +47 467 81 933

## BIRTAVARRE

16 kilometers after leaving Manndalen, you will reach the end of the Kåfjord, a branch of the Lyngenfjord. Turning off the E6 you will first see a turn to the right towards the campground High-North Camping that rent out cabins and sell fast-food during the afternoons in the summer.

Continuing is to the left is a gas station and a Joker shop, both are open every day, also on the weekends. A couple of hundred meter further, you can find a Coop supermarket that sells groceries, building supplies and functions as a post office. Here you can buy almost everything. Opposite from Coop, you find another Husfliden that sells local handcraft. Situated around 500 meters further into the valley of Birtavarre is a small medical center “Helsestasjon” in case you need medical support (Telephone: +47 479 72797).

3. High-North Camp Birtavarre: Phone +47 77 71 77 07, <http://en.high-north.com>



Must do	Must see
1. Treriksrøysa – Three Country Cairn	A. Skibotn Markeds plass
2. Hike to Halti	B. Gorsabrua
3. Visit Havnes	C. Spåkenes
4. Hike to Steindalsbreen	D. Koppangen
5. Hike to Lyngstuva	E. Jægervatnet
6. Sea fishing	F. Arnøya
7. Fishing in The Reisa River	G. The Mollis waterfall
8. Visit Spildra	H. Jøkelfjord



Gorsabrua. Photo Jan R. Olsen

## KÅFJORDDALEN – ANKERLIA – GORSABRUA – HALTI

Driving from the E6 into the valley of Kåfjorddalen you will dive into an area that is barely known and that offers numerous possibilities to drive into the mountain, go hiking and bicycling and get a glimpse of the culture of the Sea Samis. Throughout the 20th century, mining was one of the major income generators in the valley. Until today you can see the consequences of the mining. The area is marked by old trees that died under the poisonous sulfur smoke, weathered ruins of melting huts and houses. Old paths and left overs of former cable cars as well as old entrances to now closed mines add on to the mystery of this old mining place. Everything is described in detail when you get to the parking lot of Ankerlia, a parking lot around 10 kilometers away from Birtavarre.

From the parking lot at Ankerlia, you can go by foot the path that takes you across the river and after 500 m you get to an old mining area. Here you also find numerous signs about the history of the place. Furthermore, there are many hiking options signed out.

The most popular trip begins in Ankerlia and leads through the old ruins along the river up into the Mountains to the bridge Gorsabrua. In the beginning, the path goes modestly uphill whereas the last part is rather steep. After two hours, you will reach the bridge that is crossing a 155-meter gulch. It will be 1,2 kilometers on the other side of the bridge to get back to the upper parking lot. Tip: On Saturdays, in the summer season, you can try Bungee jumping from the bridge. Prebooking necessary.

- Bungee Jumping: Phone +47 908 70 977, [www.bungee.no](http://www.bungee.no)

Starting from the parking lot in Ankerlia, you can continue to follow the gravel road. The road is winding itself up into the valley where you will cross a gulch on an old wooden bridge. About two curves later, you can walk 1,8 kilometers to the Gorsabridge. If you continue driving, you will get up to treeless plateaus where you can watch

sheep and reindeer. You can continue driving into the Mountains till you come to a crossing (10 kilometers from Ankerlia) and soon you will see the Guolasjavri Lake.

The road runs along the lake till its southeastern end (18km from Ankerlia). There is a parking lot, which is a perfect starting point for other tour options. You can hike up Halti which is Finland's highest Mountain (1.324 Meter) or you can hike into the direction of the valley Reisadalen and the Reisa Nationalpark.

## OLDERDALEN

From Birtavarre to Olderdalen, you have to drive 19 kilometers. Arriving in Olderdalen you might notice a small red wooden church (Kåfjord Kirke from 1949) that welcomes you up on the right-hand side when arriving in Olderdalen.

Around 2 kilometers before Olderdalen, you find the Siam Café & Catering offering Thai food with Norwegian influence that can be consumed in the cozy restaurant with the view of the fjord.

In the center of Olderdalen you find the ferry to Lyngseidet. (Ferry time table on [www.tromskortet.no](http://www.tromskortet.no)) The ferry takes about 45 minutes. On the ferry pier, you can also find a small kiosk offering simple, fast dishes.

If you continue to the center, you find a small Coop supermarket that offers groceries and everything for the day-to-day life as well as fishing gear Furthermore, there is a mechanic, a flower shop and a gas station situated in the center of Olderdalen.

Next to the the gas station, you find the Håkon Gjestehus and Café, a small but modern and cozy pension.

- Siam Cafe & Catering:
  1. Håkon Gjestehus (Pension) & Café: Phone +47 995 88 635, [www.siamcatering.org/overnatting.html](http://www.siamcatering.org/overnatting.html)

(Location on map, page 17)

## NORDMANNVIK

It is a 10 kilometers drive from Olderdalen to Nordmannvik. Before crossing the bridge in the beginning of Nordmannvik, you will find a parking lot on the right hand side. Here a small map shows the Nordmannvik valley inviting for a hiking trip.

After crossing the bridge, you can see a small shop that sells groceries and things needed for daily life. They further rents out cabins: the Lyngen Fjordbuer:

2. Lyngen Fjordbuer: Phone +47 909 47 452, [www.lyngenfjordbuer.no](http://www.lyngenfjordbuer.no)

## DJUPVIK – SPÅKENES

After another 9 kilometers, you will arrive Djupvik. Djupvik is quite stretched out and offers different forms of accommodation, for example the Artic Lyngen Sjøcamp and the Lyngen Lodge. There is also a little shop in Djupvik.

3. Artic Lyngen Sjøcamp: Phone +47 417 69 069, [www.artic-lyngen.no](http://www.artic-lyngen.no)
4. Lyngen Lodge: Phone +47 47 62 78 53, [www.lyngelodge.com](http://www.lyngelodge.com)



Photo: Tor Petter Christensen

The peninsula Spåkenes is a good place to do some short walks. Driving north from Djupvik, through some serpentines you will see a parking lot with toilets on the right side of the road. From there, you walk around 300 meters back till you see a path into the forest to the right hand side. You could park here as well, but the local authorities appreciate if you rather not. The path is about 2 kilometers long and leads to an old fort from the Second World War. From this place, you will have a fantastic view especially when you want to see the midnight sun.

There is a road that leads around the peninsula (follow the sign in Djupvik to the left into direction of Spåkenes). There is not much traffic on this road and hence is inviting for short walks. Furthermore there is a farm the Slottet Gård that sells dried and smoked fish. Right after the farm is a small sign that directs to a small hut and viewpoint. Here you can overlook the sea and the tidal flat to watch different kinds of birds.

## SPÅKENES-LANGSLETT

A short ferry ride across Rotsund gives you access to Uløya. (Ferry time table on [www.tromskortet.no](http://www.tromskortet.no)) This island has two communities, Havnnes and Ulløybukt. Feel free to leave the car on the main land and continue on foot on the island, or bring your car and spend some time exploring the island. There are several marked hiking trails on the island and it is also a popular destination for off-piste skiing.

On the southernmost point of Uløy, where Rotsund opens out into the broad Lyngen Fjord, lies Havnnes, strategically positioned, with a panoramic view in all directions. Havnnes is Norway's most northern preserved trading place that is still in business. Most of the houses are from around 1800. It is described as one of the country's most beautifully situated trading places. The magnificent Lyngen Alps rises steeply up from the fjord to the west. Havnnes trading place were not burned down during World War II. After returning from the evacuation in May 1945, there were found



Havnnes. Photo: Hege B. Jakobsen

posters in German with instructions not to burn the place since it was of historical value. Most of the buildings are preserved. They have found objects from the Stone Age which proves that people have lived here for more than 6000 years. Havnnes can offer overnight accommodation, fishing and boat rental.

At Ulløybukt you will find Arctic Panorama Lodge who has accommodation, restaurant and bar, they also provide a variety of activities.

5. Havnnes Handelssted: Phone +47 77 76 44 00, [www.giaever.net](http://www.giaever.net)
6. Arctic panoramalodge: Phone +47 916 12 520, [www.arcticpanoramalodge.com](http://www.arcticpanoramalodge.com)
7. Rotsundelva camping: Phone +47 77 76 41 24

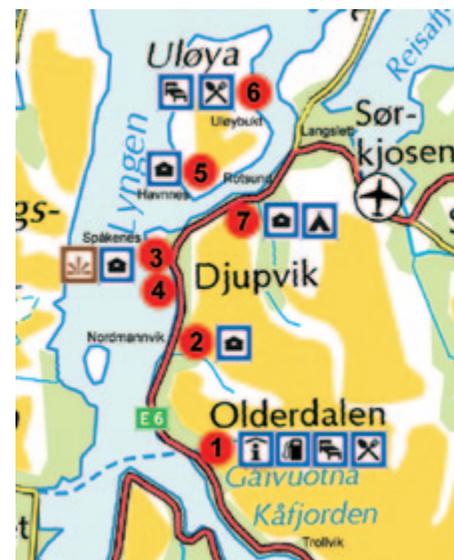




Photo: Rune Benonisen

## LANGSLETT-ÅRVIKSAND

If you want to see the Midnight Sun in its best setting, with the open sea all the way to the North Pole, we recommend you to go out to Arnøya and Årviksand. Take the exit in Langslett, on the west side of the Reisa mountain, on to road number 866. The exit is marked with "Skjervøy".

## BAKKEBY

After 6 km you get to Bakkeby. Fiskarbondens stuer (Fish-farmers house) in Bakkeby is a private museum where they have preserved the old house by the fjord. They will show you around and tell you how people traditionally used to live in the North. With a combination of fishing and farming, the families got food and income to manage. In the winter, when cod fishing was the best, the men were out fishing and the women and children stayed at home looking after the livestock. In the summer they all worked at the farm.

1. Fiskarbondens stuer: Phone +47 993 64 958, [www.fiskarbondenstue.no](http://www.fiskarbondenstue.no)
2. Latteren hus- og hytte-utleie: Phone +47 997 96 440, [www.latteren.no](http://www.latteren.no)

## SKJERVØY

Crossing from the main land to the island of Kågen the road goes in an undersea tunnel spanning the Maursundet. At Kågen you will have the choice of going to Skjervøy which is the fishing center of the region. The harbor is full of fishing boats and the community is centered around the harbor, with shops and other services. The Hurtigruten stops at Skjervøy twice a day. To and from Skjervøy you can take the local boats, to Karlsøy and Tromsø or to Burfjord, passing the island of Kvænangen.

Skjervøy Church is the oldest wooden church in Troms and Finnmark. Built in 1728 it was a part of the "Sami mission" to bring Christianity to the Sami population.

3. Hotel Maritim: Phone +47 77 76 03 77, [www.hotell-maritim.no](http://www.hotell-maritim.no)
4. Skjervøy fiskecamp: +47 907 24 555, [www.skjervoy-fiskecamp.com](http://www.skjervoy-fiskecamp.com)
5. Kaien Skjervøy: +47 77 76 29 47, tourist information.

## LAUKØYA AND ARNØYA

Arnøya is accessible by the ferry from Laukøya. The ride takes approximately 20



View from Skjervøy towards Arnøya. Photo: Heidi Moen

minutes and the ferry times are posted at the pier or log on to [www.tromskortet.no](http://www.tromskortet.no). There are several small villages on the two islands and the main livelihood is fishing. The landscape is dominated by high peaks and flat valleys. You will find grocery stores at Arnøyhamn and Årviksand.

Årviksand is a great base for sea fishing. They offer yacht with good standard. Be captivated by steep mountainsides and enjoy the view of the Midnight sun over the open sea. Arnøya is also well suited to hiking the highest peak at 1,168 m There are several marked trails from Årviksand the old settlements, including the Rotvåg

as the battlefield during the War of 1944. During winter Arnøya offers high quality skiing. The massive mountains stretching across the island is a mecca for skiers. Arnøya has a fantastic hunting ground. We hunt the hare and grouse. The hunting season is from 10sept. to 31 des. Hunting with dogs is allowed from 01.okt to 31. des.

6. Lauksletta overnatting: Phone +47 920 89 824
7. Årviksand kystferie: Phone +47 77 76 25 04, [arviksandkystferie.blogspot.no](http://arviksandkystferie.blogspot.no)
8. Visit Årviksand. Phone: +47 412 19 911. [www.visitaarviksand.no](http://www.visitaarviksand.no)
9. Crazy Cod Farm. Phone: +47 954 79 578. [www.crazy-cod.com](http://www.crazy-cod.com)
10. Angell's Guesthouse. Phone: +47 908 59 091



Photo: Mariann Agledahl



## LANGSLETT-OKSFJORD

Storslett national park village is the main service center in the region. Here you will find a large variety of shops and services, like bank, post office, pharmacy, Vinmonopolet (wine and liquor store), garage both for cars, caravans, MC and bikes, and a variety of retailers. In Sørkjosen, next to Storslett, you will find the airport and harbor.

Storslett got its status as National park village in 2008 due to its unique position as a gateway to the Reisa National park. The 800 square kilometer national park is dedicated to preserve the Reisa River. The most spectacular view in the park is the Mollis Waterfall with its 270 meter drop. The waterfall is accessible by riverboat or you can take a 20 km hike from Saraelv.

Take the exit in the middle of Storslett, on to road 865, to get to the Reisa National park. Drive up the Reisa valley, which fol-

lows the Reisa River, until the road ends at Saraelv after 45 km. From here it's a 10 km hike to the park boarder at Sieimma. After 1 km hike from the road there is a Visitor Point called Ovi Raishiin. Here you will find information about the park and there is also small huts for sleeping. To book these log on to [www.reisa-nasjonalpark.no](http://www.reisa-nasjonalpark.no).

The Reisa River starts in the national park on the Finnmark plateau and flows through the Reisa valley down to Storslett. The river has a breed of large salmon, in addition to sea trout and arctic char, and fishing is accessible for everyone –just remember to buy a license first. We can also recommend you to rent a canoe and go paddling, either on the river or on one of the lakes in the valley.

The delta, where the river flows into the fjord, is a nature reserve, internationally protected by the RAMSAR convention due to its wetlands. On Kvennes, on the east

Oksfjordvannet at E6, 25 km north of Storslett. Photo: Heidi Moen



Mollisfossen. Photo: Wenche Offerdal

side of the delta, you can enjoy a network of hiking trails and picnic areas. The exit from E6 is marked, 1,5 km from the center of Storslett.

During the summertime you can get a booklet at the tourist information that includes more than 20 marked trails in the area. They are all marked and include everything from easy hikes to more challenging trails to the highest peaks.

1. Reisa fjord hotel: Phone +47 77 76 60 00, [www.reisafjord-hotel.com](http://www.reisafjord-hotel.com)
2. Henriksen Gjestestue: Phone +47 77 76 76 77, [www.henriksengjestestue.no](http://www.henriksengjestestue.no)
3. Storslett Hotel: Phone +47 77 76 52 00, [www.storsletthotell.no](http://www.storsletthotell.no)
4. Boreal opplevelser: Phone +47 907 34 296, [www.boreal.as](http://www.boreal.as)
5. Sandnes camping: Phone +47 77 76 49 15
6. Fosselv camping: Phone +47 916 36 193
7. Oksfjord camping: Phone +47 77 76 05 54
8. Reisa Friluftssenter: Phone +47 77 76 55 01
9. Reisaastua: Phone +47 91 33 45 60
10. Svartfoss Adventure: Phone +47 997 94 095, [www.svartfoss.com](http://www.svartfoss.com)



## KVÆNANGSFJELLET- KVÆNANGSBOTN

Gildetun -The most spectacular view in Norway? When crossing the Kvænangsfjell-let you will pass the mountain lodge Gildetun. From there you will have a majestic view of Kvænangen. The scenery includes two counties, Troms and Finnmark, four municipalities, Nordreisa, Kvænangen, Alta and Loppa, the Kvænangsfjord with its many islands, and the Øksfjordjøkul (Øksfjord glacier).

1. Gildetun: Phone +47 77 76 99 58, [www.gildetun.no](http://www.gildetun.no)

At Sørstraumen the E6 bridges Northern Europe's 2<sup>nd</sup> most powerful tidal current. This creates great fishing spots and again gives the area a rich bird life. At Sørstraumen handel you will find a gas station, groceries and café.

We recommend that you take the detour, 40 km, around the Kvænangsbotn, the inner most part of the fjord. On the west side the road clings on to the cliff side, offering a dramatic, but safe view. You will also pass

the Navit River and the Navit waterfall. You can also take a hike to the upper parts of the river which is a protected area. In the south of the fjord, there are several good fishing rivers.

2. Sekkemo camping: Phone +47 902 34 615
3. Nord-Troms hytteferie: Phone +47 416 00 252
4. Bjørkenes camping: Phone +47 77 76 81 09

## BADDEREN- LANGFJORDBOTN

The small village of Badderen was once part of a copper mine network. From Badderen there is an old mining road going over the mountain to Alta. Hiking on this road presents the contrast of Nord-Troms nature, starting from the green and lush forest by the fjord to the barren and rough landscape on the mountain. Noticing the birch trees becoming lower, smaller and twisty as you get higher and on the mountain it transform into a different type of birch, in Sami called "skerri" which grows flat and outwards and not up.

Burfjord is the center of the Kvænangen municipality. Here North Troms Museum

has an exhibition about life in the north. The tourist information is located at the museum. At Burfjord there is grocery shops, bank and gas station. You can also take the boat from Burfjord out to one of many islands in the fjord. The can also take you to Skjervøy.

9. Låvan: Phone +47 934 03 588
10. Synatur: Phone +47 77 76 91 77, [www.synatur.no](http://www.synatur.no)
11. Spindaj (on the island Spildra): Phone +47 917 66 885, [www.spindaj.no](http://www.spindaj.no)

The Jøkelfjord glacier is one of a kind in Europe, being the only continental glacier that calves into the ocean. You can enjoy the view of the glacier either from the view point by the road or through the local company Synatur. They offer boat safaris to the glacier in addition to kayak rentals.

Crossing over to Langfjord you will leave North Troms and enter the county of Finnmark. You can find more information about our neighbors in the north at the café in Langfjordbotn.

5. Ravelsnes gård: Phone +47 959 14 887, [www.ravelsnes.com](http://www.ravelsnes.com)
6. Arctic FjordCamp: Phone +47 974 73 239, [www.arcticfjordcamp.no](http://www.arcticfjordcamp.no)
7. Alteidet camping: Phone +47 974 87 345
8. Laukeng hytter: Phone +47 77 76 82 39, [www.laukeng.no](http://www.laukeng.no)



Kvænangen. Photo: Roy Størkersen



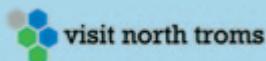
"Catching the sun": Spildra. Photo: Silje Elisabeth Bjørklund Isaksen



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