



Alta Canyon. Photo: Roger Johansen Photography

ALTA

The town 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 harbour, 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 century. In the summer, the Midnight Sun lights the way for outdoor tours, adventures and exploration. Dog sledding, 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 exclusive 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.

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, as a passenger

Duration: 3 hours
Joining a dog sledding tour in the passenger seat is a great opportunity to feel the strong bond between man and dog. In summer, use a wheeled cart instead of the sled. Learn about the sport and raising huskies from a veteran dog musher.

Home visit with local artisans

Duration: 3 hours
Visit with local Samis and learn about Duodji, the term used for tradition handicrafts. These craftsmen often practice techniques that have been used for generations. Learn about Sami Culture and their traditional outfits.

Pæskatun

Duration: 2 hours
Visit a 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!

Maze and Cavzo Safari

Duration: 4-5 hours
Visit 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.

Reindeer Sledding

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.

Northern Lights Cathedral and BorealisAlta

Duration: 1.5 hours
Tour Alta's best-known landmark, the Northern Lights Cathedral. Learn about the construction and symbolism both inside and out at this unique architectural gem. Then, visit BorealisAlta inside the church building, a fun and interactive Northern Lights exhibition that will help bring the science and history of the aurora borealis to life.



Alta Museum. Photo: Ingvild Telle

Tirpitz Museum

Duration: 2 hours
This museum is 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.

Experience our northernmost chocolate factory

Duration: 2 hrs
Experience our northernmost chocolate factory, learn about the secrets and the magic of chocolate making. You will meet our lovely chocolate team. At the beginning of the tour you will learn more about our factory and the arctic inspired ingredients. We will share our story and inspiration for creating these delicious handmade chocolates and how the arctic influences us in this creative process. Our guests will learn about the different local ingredients, berries we use to create unique flavours and taste from our region. The visitors will get the chance to try our locally handmade chocolate and learn about the story behind each product. We will then gladly answer all upcoming questions and have a nice, and interesting discussion about chocolate making.



Northern Lights Cathedral. Photo: Boreal Travel AS

Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel

Duration: 2 hours
(Jan-Apr) Visit 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

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.



Borealis Alta. Photo: Boreal Travel AS

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 town in the world Kautokeino - visit the unique Juhls silver gallery Karasjok - Sapmi Park and Sami Parliament North Cape - visit the area's northernmost point.

Walking tour of Alta

Take a tour with North Adventure's Guides and go for a walk around downtown Alta to learn more about what is hiding in this quiet, Arctic town centre.

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PORT INFORMATION

Designated cruise quay: Terminalkaia/Marinekaia
ISPS: Yes
Maximum ship length: 270/200 m
Maximum ship draft: 8,4-9,5
Maximum beam: 40
Maximum air draft: No limit
Bollard strength (certification): 100-150-200 ton
Tidal movement: 2,46 m tidal difference

ANCHORAGE/ TENDER (YES OR NO)

Max size: No limit
Ship tenders allowed: Yes
Type of bottom: Sand
Depth: 40-350 m

PORT SERVICES

Gangway available: No
Tugboats: No
Crew facilities: Yes
Bunkers delivery: No
LNG bunkering: No
Waste handling: Yes
Grey water: Yes

SUSTAINABILITY

Shore Power: No
EPI: Yes
ESI: No
Max ship per day: 4
Max passenger per day: 4500
Restrictions in harbour: Yes

GENERAL INFORMATION

Turnaround facilities: Yes
Terminal/Restrooms in pier area: Yes/No
Shuttle bus: Yes
Parking place for buses: Yes
Public transportation close by port: Yes/No
Distance from port to airport: 150 m
Distance from port to city centre: 4 km
Distance from port to nearest hospital: 4 km



Quay	Water depth	Length	Height	Fenders	Shore Power	Grey Water	Max Ship size
Terminalkaia	8.4 m	170 m	2.4 m	Tyre	90-120	Yes	270 m
Marinekaia	9 m	63 m	2.9 m	Tyre	50-90	No	200 m

