



# 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.

#### 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!

#### Home visit with local artisans

Duration: 2 hours  
Visit with a local knitting or sewing expert in their

home studio. Learn about traditional Norwegian handicrafts and compare notes with local artisans over coffee or tea.

#### 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.

#### Sorrisniva Igloo Hotel

Duration: 2 hours  
(Jan-Apr) Visit an elaborate and beautiful hotel made entirely of snow and ice every winter. Decorated with



Alta Museum. Photo: Ingvild Telle

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.

#### 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



Northern Lights Cathedral. Photo: Boreal Travel AS

church building, a fun an interactive Northern Lights exhibition that will help bring the science and history of the aurora borealis to life.

#### 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.

#### 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 with a duration of 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.



Borealis Alta. Photo: Boreal Travel AS

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.

### PORT OF ALTA

Position: (69,977,23386)  
Visiting address: Havneveien 24  
E-mail: Havnevakt@alta.kommune.no  
Website: site Althavn.no  
Phone: +47 97 14 03 40  
VHF: Channel 16/12  
Berths for cruise: Terminalkaia  
Distance to town centre: 4 km

### DOCKING INFORMATION

Landing largest ship: 265 m  
Air draft  
Tidal movement  
Low tide: 3.66 Medium water: 1.98 High tide: 75 cm  
Terminal contact: Arnt Trygve Nilsen,  
Port Captain, mobile +47 90 63 45 18

### TERMINAL FACILITIES (TURNAROUND)

Taxi  
Shuttle bus  
Distance to airport: 200 m

### TRANSIT AND T/A EQUIPMENT

Forklifts

### PORT SERVICES

Fresh water bunkering  
Sludge landing  
Grey water landing  
Special waste  
Crew facilities

### SECURITY & ENVIRONMENT

Fenced terminals (ISPS)  
Security service  
Max ships per day: 2  
Max pax per day: 4,000

### ANCHORAGE

Max GT: 76152 tonn  
Type of bottom: sand  
Minimum depth: 8.40 m  
Distance from anchorage to tender pier:  
1,000 m - 2,000 m



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

