

Fascinating & remote

KIRKENES

1 night



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Located on the Barents Sea, just ten kilometres from the Russian border, Kirkenes lies at the furthest extremity of northeast Europe. Turning point of the Hurtigruten voyage, this small town is arguably influenced more by its neighbours in Finland and the former Soviet Union, than by its cosmopolitan capital, over 2000 km away to the south.

The deep fjord in which the harbour lies limits the effect of the Gulf Stream but it still manages to remain ice-free for most of the winter. Mining, saw mills and catering for the Russian fishing fleet all help to keep this vibrant little town alive and kicking, despite its remote location. Home to a fantastic Snow Hotel in winter months and base for several exciting excursions, from dog sledging to King Crab fishing, Kirkenes also boasts

several fascinating small museums, recounting the history and heritage of this remote frontier. *Please see our winter brochure for more information and itineraries in Kirkenes and the Snow Hotel.*

Extra nights		
Rica Arctic Hotel/ Rica Kirkenes Hotel	Twin from	64
	Single from	99

Prices are per person in £ and based on two people travelling together sharing a twin room including breakfast.



Photo: Arctic Adventure Resort

Bathing in the Barents Sea

EXCURSION RECOMMENDATIONS

KING CRAB SAFARI

This excursion offers a unique experience of seeing your guide catch the largest and freshest King Crabs in the world. These incredible crustaceans can span 2 metres and weigh up to 15 kilos. They will be prepared and cooked for you when you return to shore – a rewarding meal at the end of a fabulous excursion.

- ▶ **Operating:** Daily, mid June – mid August & Tue, Wed, Thu during January to April
- ▶ **Price:** from £114
- ▶ **Duration:** 3 hours ▶ Pre-bookable

BATHING IN THE BARENTS SEA

This is an invigorating and memorable experience. With special survival suits to keep you warm, you can enjoy the unique experience of floating in the icy waters.

- ▶ **Operating:** Daily, mid June – mid August & Tue, Wed, Thu during January to April
- ▶ **Price:** from £50
- ▶ **Duration:** approx 40 min
- ▶ **Pre-bookable,** combined with the King Crab Safari.

QUAD (ATV) SAFARI TO THE BARENTS SEA

Meet our local guide who will provide an introduction to the ATV before you start driving towards the Russian border at Storskog. Continue towards King Oscar II's chapel at the Barents Sea where you will have a coffee break.

- ▶ **Operating:** Daily, May – September
- ▶ **Price:** approx 1390 NOK
- ▶ **Duration:** 5 hours ▶ Bookable locally