



Vardø

ARCTIC NORWAY

A visit to the edge of Europe is more accessible than you may think. Several flights a day arrive at Svartnes Airport in Vardø, and from there it is only a 5 minutes drive to Vardø town. There are several direct flights each day from Oslo and Tromsø to the main regional airport in Kirkenes (Høybuktmoen). The flight time from Oslo to Kirkenes is 2 hours. Flights north are serviced by Widerøe, Norwegian and SAS, however only Widerøe has connecting flights to Vardø. Hurtigruten has a Kirkenes - Vardø boat connection that corresponds with flights to / from Oslo. Many visitors rent a car in Kirkenes and drive to Vardø (3.5 hours). In any case Vardø and Varanger is truly the accessible arctic! Welcome!

Vardø by polar night





Vardø Hotel

Vardø Museum

Knut Bye Kolonial

Biotope

Nordpol Kro

Wild Varanger

Vardø Harbour

Vardø Rådhus

Vardø mid march

Strandtorget Cafe

ABC dining

Unni's Cafe

Pakora dining

Reinøya

Hornøya



Life in the north offers enormous variety through the seasons. The same goes for activities and experiences in Vardø. A true arctic snow storm should be on everyone's bucket list. The same is true for experiencing the midnight sun and enjoying a trip to the timeless arctic tundra. The hiking opportunities are many. Vardø is also known as a festival city with open and heartwarming people. Visit one of Vardø's many festivals. Everything from birds to blues is celebrated. Vardø's first fortress was built in the 1300s and ever since Vardø's history has been full of drama, ups and downs. Whatever the circumstance Vardø will continue to be one of the most exciting places in the arctic.



Vardø is a fishing town. Has been. Always will be.





The northern lights can be experienced in Vardø from September to April. This spectacular phenomena is a must on everyone's bucket list, and Vardø is a premium place to experience the Auroras. After a trip out in the evening you can warm up at "North Pole Pub". Nordpol Kro is northern Norway's oldest pub, built in 1886, and it has a key role in Norwegian polar exploration history. Nordpol Kro was the last stop for Fridtjof Nansen before the FRAM 2 expedition continued towards the North Pole in 1889. You can also visit the Steilnes Memorial. In the middle ages Vardø's Mount Domen was officially the gateway to hell. The monument is commemorating the trial and execution of 91 people for witchcraft.

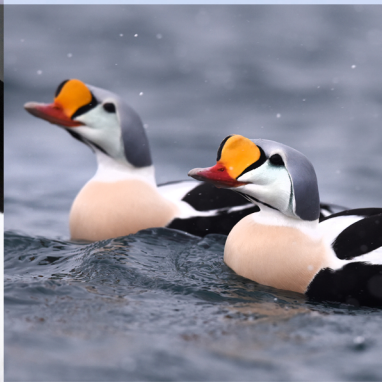


Steilnes Memorial



Nordpol Kro

Varanger is well known as the world's finest arctic birding destination, and Vardø is the perfect base camp for a Varanger visit. The rich Barents Sea provides all of the components needed for an impressive birdlife. A shallow Varanger fjord means food is available for thousands of arctic seabirds. Hornøya bird cliff is one of Europe's most unique nature attractions. 100,000 seabirds live around the nature reserve (5 minutes by boat from Vardø). You can walk in the bird colony and experience species like Puffin, Guillemot, Brünnich's Guillemot, Shag and Razorbill in large numbers. White-tailed Eagles and Gyrfalcons regularly hunt on Hornøya. Even with a mobile phone you can take great bird photos.



Hamningberg is a charming fishing village vacated in 1965, but keen homeowners have taken care of the houses, which today are summer houses for Vardø families. In the summer Riisbruket café opens. The 45 minute drive from Vardø is spectacular with its rocky landscape, often being described as a lunar and otherworldly experience.

Komagdalen offers some of the finest nature in Varanger. From the treeless tundra and marshlands down to the Varanger fjord, the birdlife is especially rich. Komagvær is only 25 minutes drive from Vardø. At the end of the gravel road up the valley you will find a car park and the main gateway into the Varanger peninsula national park.



Hamningberg



Komagvær

In Vardø you will find everything from gourmet food of local produce to Asian food and pub food. The Vardø Hotel restaurant is famous in northern Norway for its amazing seafood. A visit to Vardø tastes great!

Accommodation in Vardø also comes in a variety of comforts and budgets, from Vardø Hotel with great views of the harbour, to apartments for rent and furthermore to the small guesthouse Skagen Bo og Havfiske. Guided tours and activities are also on offer through the Vardø company Wild Varanger. For visiting nature enthusiasts we recommend the Biotope guide book 'Birding Varanger'.



Within walking distance of Vardø town are several small wind shelters. Enjoy the Auroras, the midnight sun or the birdlife in comfort.





Vardø is a street art town



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