



**▶ WOW! SITES IN THE REGION**

1. Malla lookout point – along the trail in Malla Strict Nature Reserve.
2. Three-country border cairn – a border that has never been the subject of a war. Visit three countries in 30 seconds!
3. Saana fell – conquer the iconic landmark of Finland.
4. Salmivaara look-out point in Kilpisjärvi.
5. Lyngstuva – the northern tip of the Lyngen peninsula with unobstructed views all the way to the North Pole (if you could see that far).
6. Dalberget day hut – enjoy the most impressive view of the entire fjord.
7. Engnes trail – enjoy easy access to great views. You can also continue to Skjervøytrøtlet in summer for breathtaking views of the Midnight Sun over the northern horizon.
8. Gorsabrua – the bridge over Northern Europe’s deepest canyon. Standing on the bridge over the 150 m drop is not for the faint hearted and, if you are brave enough, you can even bungee jump off the bridge!
9. Waterfalls and rapids to check out in Finland are 9A. Kitsiputous, 9B. Tshakaljoki, 9C. Siilaskoski and 9D. Lammaskoski. While they may be smaller than the falls in Norway, they are nothing short of beautiful.
10. Bläisvatnet (The Blue Lake) – the Instagram-friendly glacier lake. It did not become famous for nothing. The deep blue colour surrounded by the sharply pointed mountain peaks make it a must-see..
11. Heritagetrail Reisa National Park – explore the heritage of the Reisa Valley.
12. Steindalsbreen glacier – an easily accessible and spectacular glacier. An additional wow comes when you realise how fast the glacier is disappearing.
13. Ärviksand – an amazing beach, old fishing village and historic trails.
14. Halti peaks – visit Finland’s highest point and the highest point of the Räisduottarhåldi massif.
15. Skibotndissa - Scenic swing overlooking the Lyngenfjord.

**▶ CULTURE, HISTORY, INFORMATION**

1. Skibotn marketplace – an important 19th century marketplace that is now a museum (open in the summer).
2. Centre of Northern Peoples, Manndalen – a cultural centre and museum focusing on the Coastal Sami people.
3. Holmenes Gård – an historic Coastal Sami farm in an idyllic setting (open in the summer).
4. Manndalen Husflidslag – a craft shop for lovers of authentic handicrafts and souvenirs.
5. Halti National Park Centre – get all the information you need before visiting the Reisa National Park.
6. Ovi Raishiin - Visitors Point – the gateway to the Reisa National Park.
7. Havvnnes, Uløya – a well-preserved trading post dating from the 19th century.
8. Seppalatunet, Skjervøy – gain an insight into the history of Skjervøy and be tempted by art, handicrafts and local food.
9. Aurora Salmon Centre – learn about the aquaculture industry and experience how Norwegian salmon is produced.
10. Aurora Spirit Distillery – visit the world’s northernmost whisky distillery at Ärvybukt in Lyngen.
11. Heritage trail, Reisa National Park – explore the heritage of the Reisa Valley.
12. Spåkenes coastal fort – see remnants of World War II while admiring views of the Lyngenfjord and Lyngen Alps.
13. Bollmannsveien road – enjoy wonderful views and gain an insight into local war history on this historic hiking path.
14. Gamslett combination farm – a typical fisher-farmer homestead dating from the 18th century (open in the summer).
15. Engnes coastal fort, Skjervøy – combine war history with a hike to this natural gem by the open sea.
16. Kilpisjärvi Nature Centre – get all the information you need to explore the wilderness around Kilpisjärvi.
17. Järämä fortification – a restored section of the Sturmbock-Stellung fortifications built by the Germans during World War II.
18. Iitto Nature Trail – walk along the boardwalks through Iitto Mire Reserve and its many palsa mires.



AURORA SPIRIT DISTILLERY



GORSA BRIDGE ©PETR PAVLICEK



SAANA FJELL ©TOMI VALD



IMOFOSSEN WATERFALL ©BAARD LOEKEN

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VISIT LYNGENFJORD

ABOUT

There is an international border between Finland and Norway, but this should not stop you from exploring a region blessed with an amazing variety of nature, activities and of course us, the locals.

On the Finnish side of the border, you will find the village of Kilpisjärvi with a population of 100 in the municipality of Enontekiö. This village has all necessary services including accommodation, shops, restaurants and many activities you can do on your own or on a guided tour. You will also find many hiking trails leading from the village and into the surrounding wilderness.

The Lyngenfjord region on the Norwegian side of the border is different. You will find many villages, both large and small, scattered along the coastlines of the fjords. Some villages have shops and some restaurants. However, some of the accommodation options are situated in quite remote and consequently spectacular places.

We recommend you allow enough time to explore the whole region. You won't regret it!



NORTHERN LIGHTS OVER KILPISJÄRVI ©TOMI VALO



DOG SLEDDING ©LYNGEN ADVENTURE

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ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION

Guided or on your own, the Lyngenfjord and Kilpisjärvi region is an outdoor adventure paradise for everyone. With dozens of trail options and many services, we can promise that everyone can find an activity suited to their level. **Local guides** will not only show you the best trails, but they will make sure you are safe and get the most out of your trip. Ask them about the nature, history or life in the region, and you are guaranteed to learn something new on each trip!

SKIING

Skiing is one of the main activities you can do from the first snowfall (typically in November) until May. The region around Kilpisjärvi and the inland region in Norway towards Finland attract cross-country skiers but it's also a good starting point for ski trekking. This is an excellent place for day trips or more adventurous trips from cabin to cabin or with a tent.

The Lyngen Alps in Norway are world renowned for **ski touring** experiences. The combination from Summit to Sea attracts people from all over the world.



SNOWMOBILING IN KILPISJARVI ©KILPISAFARI

SNOWMOBILING

Other winter activities in the Lyngenfjord and Kilpisjärvi region are numerous. Guided tours give you a safe experience and are highly recommended. On the tours by snowmobile, you can enjoy the wilderness in a safe way. From Kilpisjärvi, you can visit Halti, Finland's highest peak, and the three-country cairn at the border of Finland, Norway and Sweden.

DOG SLEDDING

Dog sledding is one of the most popular winter experiences in this region. Other popular activities include snowshoeing, ice fishing, ice climbing and experiences related to reindeer and Sami culture.

NORTHERN LIGHTS

The Northern Lights are the reason why many people visit us in winter-time because this region is one of the best places in the world to see this natural phenomenon. Watching the magical lights dancing in the sky is a spectacular sight and a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The Northern Lights season in this region starts in September and lasts until early April. Several

CURIOUS FACTS!

Some of the oldest visible rocks in the Lyngen Alps can be seen by the trail to Blåisvatnet (The Blue Lake) (14 on the map).

There are about 140 glaciers in Lyngen Alps.

The highest peak of Halti is in Norway.

The Lyngen Alps rose to mountains about 65 million years ago. Scientists believe that the remains of the prior flat landscape remains untouched under the flat glaciers like Jiehkevarri. Saana fell was once located between the equator and South Pole.



HOT TUB WITH A VIEW ©ARCTIC LAND ADVENTURES

The highest peak in Finland is not Halti, but the fell next to it, Ridnitsohokka (1,317 masl).

The local children in the Lyngenfjord region have been used as "the meat kids". You were able to import a certain amount of meat from Finland to Norway per person, so when going shopping to Kilpisjärvi the backseat was filled with neighbouring children to increase the quota.

The shortest way to Finland's highest point on the Halti massif is from Norway.

Norway's biggest santa Claus can be found in Lyngseidet.

The 4,000 year old rock paintings in Reisa National Park were only found accidentally by the park workers in 2010. The workers were having a lunch break by the riverside when one of them saw something that caught his interest.



WATERFALL IN SØRKJOSEN ©PETR PAVLIČEK

Steindalsbreen Glacier (15) has been retreating by an average of 17m per year since 2000.

The Kven language originates from old Finnish. Kven has official minority language status in Norway and you can hear and read Kven in many locations in our region. Kven is also taught at some schools for Kven children.

The World's northernmost whisky distillery is in Lyngenfjord.

Finland's highest waterfall is Kitsiputous in Kilpisjärvi. It has a height of 118 m and its highest freefall is 29 m. Northern Norway's highest waterfall is Mollisfossen in Reisa National Park, which is 269m with the highest freefall of 144m.

The World's northernmost three-country border is the one between Finland, Sweden and Norway. It is less than 1 km further north than the three-country border Finland and Norway share with Russia.

The southernmost point of the Lyngenfjord and Kilpisjärvi region is 300 km north from the Arctic Circle. For comparison, mainland Iceland is completely south of the Arctic Circle.



SKITOURING ©MOUNTAIN SPIRIT

places in our region are extremely dry, which makes them perfect for experiencing the Northern Lights. We highly recommend visiting the valleys around Skibotn and the area surrounding Kilpisjärvi.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Mountain biking trails in the region mainly offer challenge and speed, but there are also many trails suitable for beginners. If you don't have your own bike, you can rent one or go on a guided MTB trip. You also have the option of renting a fat bike and riding the trails.

GET INTO THE WATER!

You can rent gear, but it's even better to go on a guided tour with an experienced local guide. Try stand up paddle board (SUP) or rent canoes, kayaks and row boats in Kilpisjärvi, go kayaking under the Midnight Sun in Lyngenfjord or canoe down the Reisa River. Riverboat trips take you up into the Reisa National Park in an effortless way, if paddling is not for you.

HIKING

If you do one hike a day in our region, you would need more than four months to complete all the marked trails! In Kilpisjärvi, most trails depart from the village centre. For Lyngenfjord trails, check out our free brochures, which you will find at most accommodation options and all info points in the region.

MULTI-DAY HIKES

The most famous long trail in our region is of course the Nordkalotruta (The Arctic Trail, Kalottireitti). You can start from Kautokeino, hike through Reisa National Park to the Finnish border, continue across the wilderness area to Kilpisjärvi and go further for a total of 800 km. You can go on other multi-day hikes by combining shorter trails, and many of these are great combinations of two countries.

WAR HISTORY

War history has a strong presence in the region. The Lyngen Line, a German World War II defence line against a

potential attack from Russia, was built mainly by Prisoners of War. It stretches all the way from Järämä in Finland to the Lyngenfjord. The line included several lookout points and forts. Remains are still visible, even in places that have not been restored. Many locations have been restored and are open to the public, such as Järämä fortification, Spåkenes, Engnes or Aurora Spirit's NATO bunkers, which portray a fascinating story about the Cold War.

**Jan Balsrud's** escape from the Germans over the Lyngen Alps via Finland to Sweden and to safety is world famous. The story is a touching narrative of good will and bravery during extreme conditions. You can visit many of the locations where Jan Balsrud hid during his daring escape in the spring of 1943.

ARCTIC FLORA AND FAUNA

Nature in the region is varied, to say the least. Kilpisjärvi is surrounded

by softly rolling landscapes with a cold Subarctic climate, while the Gulf Stream warms the sea and provides humidity along the coast in Norway. The difference is easy to notice during spring; in May there are still good conditions for skiing and ice fishing in Kilpisjärvi while in Skibotn, merely 50 km from Kilpisjärvi, nature is turning green.

Arctic flora and fauna is plentiful, and it's common to see animals and flowers you won't encounter elsewhere. White-tailed eagles, porpoises and (during the winter months) orcas and humpback whales can be spotted in the region. Bird enthusiasts will find Arctic terns and other Arctic bird species nesting here, while flower spotters marvel at the rare Arctic flowers such as glacier buttercups or mountain avens. Some of the world's northernmost orchids can be found along Lulledalen nature trail in Skibotn. Along the glaciers of the Lyngen Alps,



MOUNTAIN BIKING STORSLETT ©MORITZ ABLINGER



REINDEER © JOHANNA LABBA

TWO-COUNTRIES QUIZ

**1. WHAT IS THE HEIGHT OF THE HIGHEST LOCATION IN FINLAND, HALTI?**

- a) 1,087 masl
- b) 1,390 masl
- c) 1,324 masl

**2. WHAT IS THE HEIGHT OF THE HIGHEST PEAK IN THE LYNGEN-FJORD REGION, JIEHKIVARRI?**

- a) 1834 masl
- b) 2032 masl
- c) 1867 masl

**3. HOW MANY PUPILS ATTEND THE SCHOOL IN KILPISJÄRVI?**

- a) 40-50
- b) 10-20
- c) 5-10

**4. WHAT IS THE TOTAL HEIGHT OF THE MOLLISFOSSEN WATERFALL?**

- a) 210 m
- b) 269 m
- c) 262 m

**5. HOW DEEP IS THE DEEPEST POINT OF LAKE KILPISJÄRVI?**

- a) 62 m
- b) 57 m
- c) 239 m

**6. WHAT IS THE KVEN NAME OF LYNGENFJORD?**

- a) Ykeänperä
- b) Ykeänvuono
- c) Ykeänmeri

**7. HOW MANY PEOPLE VISIT SAANA FELL EVERY YEAR?**

- a) approx. 30,000
- b) approx. 10,000
- c) approx. 50,000

**8. WHAT IS THE OFFICIAL ALTITUDE OF GUOLASJAVRI LAKE?**

- a) between 752-772 masl
- b) between 730-737 masl
- c) between 820-826 masl

**9. HOW DEEP IS GORSA GORGE?**

- a) 149 m
- b) 157 m
- c) 153 m

Correct answers: 1 c, 2 a, 3 b, 4 b, 5 b, 6 c, 7 a, 8 a, 9 c

ACCOMMODATION

Whatever your style, we probably have a place for you in our region. Most of our accommodation options are owned and operated by local families and you are likely to meet the owners during your stay.

If you like to stay under the stars and the Northern Lights or Midnight Sun, book a glass igloo or hang your hammock in one of the official hammock parks.

Stay in a traditional log cabin or modern chalet, hotel, seaside cabin by the fjord or a secluded forest hut.

Check [www.visit-lyngenfjord.com](http://www.visit-lyngenfjord.com) for accommodation in the Lyngenfjord region.



Check [www.enontekiolapland.com](http://www.enontekiolapland.com) for accommodation in the Enontekiö region.



TOURIST INFORMATION

**FINLAND**  
 KILPISJÄRVI: Kilpisjärvi Visitor Centre, Käsivarrentie 14145, 99490 Kilpisjärvi, open mainly in March/April and June-September.

**NORWAY**  
 SKIBOTN: Johan Beck-veien 23, 9143 Skibotn, open during the summer.

**STORSLETT:** Halti National Park Center, Hovedvegen 2, 9151 Storslett, open during the summer.

There are digital tourist information points in shops around the Lyngenfjord, where you can also find brochures from the region:

**MANNALEN:** COOP grocery store  
**BIRTAVARRE:** Joker grocery store  
**OLDERDALEN:** COOP grocery store  
**LYNGSEIDET:** Upstairs at Elektro-Sport

Please visit our website for more inspiration and information:

• For Norway and the Lyngenfjord: [www.visit-lyngenfjord.com](http://www.visit-lyngenfjord.com)

• Reisa National Park: [www.reisamasjonalpark.no](http://www.reisamasjonalpark.no)

• Lyngen Alps protected landscape area: [www.lyngsalpanlvo.no/en](http://www.lyngsalpanlvo.no/en)

• For Finland and the Enontekiö region: [www.enontekiolapland.com](http://www.enontekiolapland.com)

• For National parks and protection areas visit: [www.nationalparks.fi](http://www.nationalparks.fi)

WEATHER FORECASTS:

NORWAY: [www.yr.no](http://www.yr.no)

FINLAND: [en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi](http://en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi)



BE A RESPONSIBLE VISITOR

1. Leave no trace. Avoid leaving any traces in nature.
2. Respect private property. Camping closer than 150 m from an occupied house or cabin is forbidden.
3. Use mainly marked trails and follow the rules for different modes of travel. Check the areas and times in which access may be restricted at your destination.
4. Camp only where it is allowed. Don't wash your dishes or yourself directly in a lake, river or stream, etc. Follow the rules of wilderness huts.
5. Light your campfire only where it is allowed and use a camping

6. Don't litter. Throw waste in waste bins or take your waste with you until you can dispose of it.
7. Use public toilets. If none are available, dig a pit in the ground or cover it with a stone.
8. Respect wildlife. Avoid disturbing wild animals. Keep your pets on a leash.
9. Use of drones: In Norway there are several places where use of drones is prohibited. In Finland, you need a licence to fly a drone. Please check the rules, use drones carefully and don't disturb animals and other visitors.



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