

Alta, Finnmark, Norway

The City of the Northern Lights sits above the Arctic Circle where prehistoric rock carvings meet a 24-hour summer sun and jaw-dropping winter auroras. Alta punches well above its size.

Docked (pier at Bukta)

Typical call: 7-10 hrs

Norwegian Krone (NOK)

Norwegian

Midnight Sun (Jun–Jul) / Aurora (Oct–Mar)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships dock at Bukta Quay, 3–4 km from city center; shuttle usually provided

Best For: Northern Lights, UNESCO rock art, Sami culture, Arctic nature

Walk to Center: ~40 min on foot or 10 min by shuttle/taxi

Don't Miss: Alta Museum's rock carvings (UNESCO) and the Northern Lights Cathedral

Getting around: **Taxi** 170–200 NOK (~\$15–19 USD)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Alta Museum & UNESCO Rock Carvings** — Over 6,000 prehistoric petroglyphs — some 7,000 years old — are preserved in their original setting at Hjemmeluft, a...

Aurora Borealis.
- Sautso–Alta Canyon Hike** — Northern Europe's largest canyon drops 400 metres through wild Finnmark plateau.
- Northern Lights Cathedral & City Walk** — Alta's titanium-clad cathedral spirals skyward in a design inspired by the
- Sami Reindeer Farm Experience** — Boazo Sami Siida, a working reindeer farm 20 minutes from Alta, offers guided introductions to Sami herding culture...
- Dog Sledding on the Finnmarksvidda (Winter)** — From December to April, husky sled tours depart into the vast Finnmark plateau.

BEST WALKS

- Northern Lights Cathedral to Alta Museum** 3 km | 40 min | Easy — Start at the striking Northern Lights Cathedral in the center, walk along the Alta River path to the Hjemmeluft/Alta Museum rock art...
- Alta City Center Stroll** 1–2 km | 20 min | Easy — A relaxed loop around the pedestrian center takes in the main square, local shops, Æventyr Sjokolade (world's northernmost chocolate...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	36°	24°	13d
Jun	55°	43°	15d
Aug	59°	47°	15d
Sep	51°	41°	13d
Oct	37°	30°	12d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 4:22AM–8:34PM · Sep 5:40AM–7:01PM · Oct 7:40AM–4:42PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Use the shuttle. Bukta Quay is 3–4 km from town along a busy road — check with your cruise line about complimentary buses or budget ~150–200 NOK each way by taxi.

Alta, Finnmark, Norway — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Cathedral of The Northern Lights | Modern church with unique architecture, dedicated to the Northern Lights. | 2 Elvebakken Church | Traditional wooden church, a local parish landmark. |
| 3 Tirpitz Museum | Museum dedicated to the German battleship Tirpitz, sunk nearby. | 4 Altagård | Historic estate, once a governor's residence and administrative center. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |