



# NARVIK

ARCTIC EXPERIENCE

SKI TOURING IN  
THE NARVIK REGION

# TOP 5



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Narvik is a town of 14 000 people situated in Nordland county in northern Norway, close to the Lofoten islands. It is also a region that serves as an excellent base for alpine ski touring and off-piste skiing. Here, you are surrounded by fjords, islands, deep valleys, pristine lakes, waterfalls, glaciers and mountain plateaus. But, first and foremost, wild and rugged mountains in seemingly endless terrain. Imagine standing on one of those Arctic peaks admiring the view just before you cruise down on your skis to the fjord side.

## WHY SKI TOURING IN THE NARVIK REGION?

- A great variety in mountain landscapes, from the fjords in coastal Norway to the high mountain plateaus in Swedish Lapland.
- Close to 100 high quality ski touring peaks within a one-hour drive from Narvik city centre.
- Large climate variations within short distances, which improves the chances of finding good snow and weather.
- A ski touring season that stretches from the polar night with its northern lights, to the late spring with never-ending days under the midnight sun.
- Ascents and descents up to 1700 metres in vertical distance.
- Some of the best chute skiing in the world, including 1200-metre descents straight down to the fjord.
- Possibilities to do train accessed ski touring.
- A comprehensive system of huts that can be used for hut-to-hut ski touring or as base camps.
- 5 alpine skiing resorts within a one-hour car drive or train ride
- The most recognised heli-skiing enterprise in Scandinavia, offering access to over 200 summits.
- Urban skiing at the Narvikfjellet ski resort, which also offers the best lift-accessed skiing in Scandinavia .
- The town of Narvik has all the comforts of the city at your fingertips after a long day out in the mountains.

# 1 STETINDEN

Stetinden is the unofficial national mountain of Norway. Its distinct, steep profile fascinates the many people who dream of one day conquering it. During winter, it is the slightly lower Halls Fortopp, Stetind's neighbour, that most skiers head for. It offers great ski touring, spectacular scenery and magnificent skiing all the way down to the fjord.



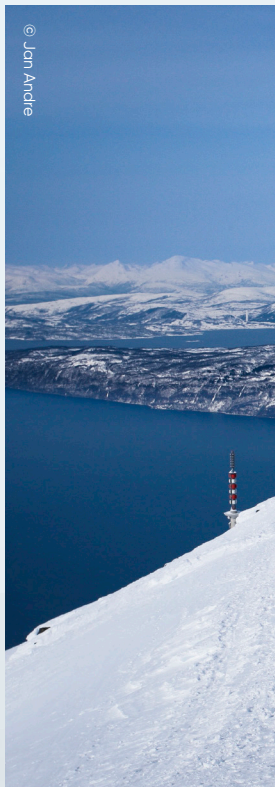
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## 2 TREDJETOPPEN

The ascent to Tredjetoppen is easily accessible from the lifts in Narvikfjellet ski resort, either on foot or with skins. The view of Ofotfjorden and the surrounding mountains is fantastic. You get 1100 vertical metres of skiing from the summit and down to the bottom part of the lifts and can choose between relatively mellow or really steep descent alternatives.

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### 3 SPANSTINDEN

Spanstinden is a real ski touring classic in the Narvik region and a very popular destination among ski touring enthusiasts from all over the world. The final section to the summit point is really spectacular. Spanstinden can be accessed directly from Gratangen mountain hotel, which is also a really good base for ski touring in the northern part of the region.



## 4 TVERRDALSFJELLET

Tverrdalsfjellet is synonymous with Skamdalsrenna - a narrow chute that winds down towards Skamdalsvatnet, between 100-metre-high walls that block out the sun. The colossal surroundings can make the chute a little claustrophobic, but it's an unforgettable meeting with nature and a great descent for advanced skiers.



## 5 LOKTAČOHKKA

The Loktačohkka mountain is located in the vast mountain landscape on the Swedish side of the border. On the way up or down you should stop by the Låktatjåkkahytta cabin for a taste of their famous waffles with cloudberry jam and whipped cream. The cabin is the highest mountain station in Sweden and an excellent base camp for ski touring on the peaks surrounding it.



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*If somebody mentions ski touring and northern Norway, most people probably think about Lofoten Islands and Lyngen. Strange enough Narvik is practically unknown even though the little town offers some of the best backcountry skiing in Scandinavia*

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