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1. Geographical location

Kiruna lies to the north of Sweden in Lapland. It is situated 67 degrees north of the equator, due to which it has a cold climate. Kiirunavaara and Luossavaara Mountains lie near Kiruna city. It is situated near the Luossajärvi Lake which flows directly into the river of Torne. Kiruna is elevated at 1,900ft from sea level.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

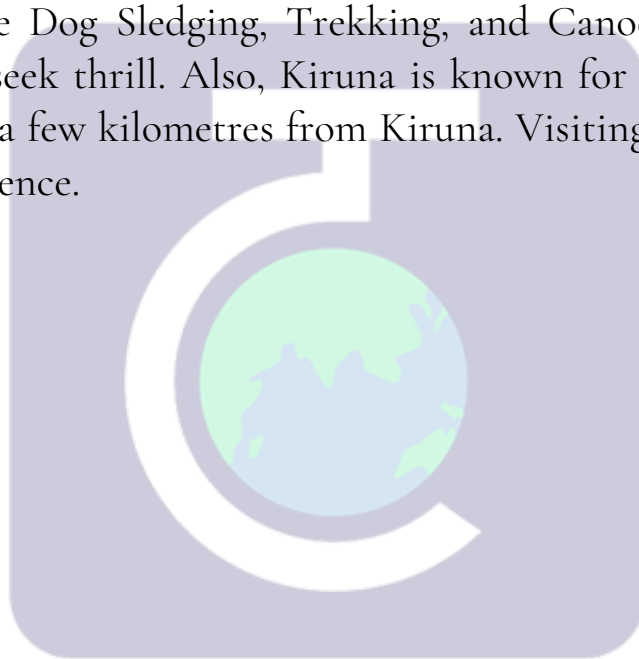
Kiruna Lies In The Lapland Province. As Far As Countries Are Considered, Kiruna Is Contoured By Norway On One Side, While By Finland On The Other. The Closest City To Kiruna Is Espoo, Which Is Situated At A Distance Of 914 Kilometres From Kiruna. Kurravaara, Sweden Is A Village That Lies At A Distance Of About 18 Kilometres From Kiruna.



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3. Significance

The city that is known for its cold and soothing weather and sightseeing destinations, Kiruna is surrounded by snow mountains which makes it a beautiful holiday destination. The history of the place is associated with the Samis, who used to live here around 6,000 years ago. The city has a lot to offer to its visitors. From sightseeing spots to delicious food, Kiruna has it all. It even has various adventure sports like Dog Sledging, Trekking, and Canoeing, to cater to the needs of those who seek thrill. Also, Kiruna is known for the Northern Lights, which could be seen a few kilometres from Kiruna. Visiting Kiruna, thus, would be an amazing experience.



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4. History

Archaeologists found the existence of life in Kiruna at least 6,000 years ago. The houses found were constructed with no planning. The city was thus re-built later in a planned manner. The land on which Kiruna was built was known for its richness of iron ore. It was the source of income for the city. But many years later, in the 20th century, government officials claimed for the city to be moved as it was hindering in the excavation of iron. This led to the process of shifting of the entire city in 2014.



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5. Cultural identity

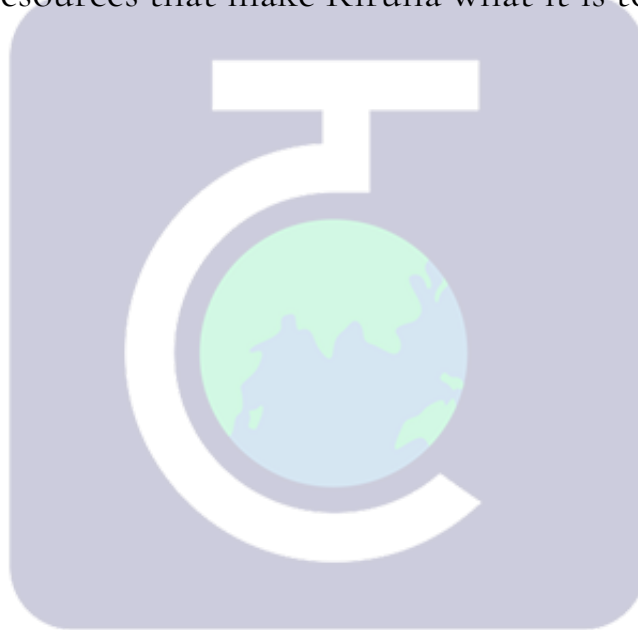
The city derives its culture mainly from the Samis, who are living here since the very beginning. Kiruna is a home to different races who live harmoniously together. Also, with tourists coming from round the globe, Kiruna gets to witness several foreign cultures, as well. The city holds a lot number of churches for the Roman Catholics. Kiruna can also be seen with abundance in different religions, like Jews, Islamism, as well as various festivals for the whole year.



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6. Natural resources

Kiruna is known for its rich natural resources. In fact, most of its capital is generated from the export of these resources. There is even a rail line built specifically for iron ore transportation. Kiruna boasts of its fairly rich natural resources like iron ore, timber, and hydropower. Due to the existence of these resources, Kiruna is seen as a great place for business activities, and export activities. It is these resources that make Kiruna what it is today.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Northern Lights

A trip to Sweden is incomplete without witnessing Northern Lights, a natural display of lights springing in the city during the night, painting the sky in different colors with green and pink being the dominating ones. Appearing between September to March, these lights are found a few kilometers to the north of the city. The best place to view this magical spectacle is the Aurora Sky Station which is an observation center and café situated at the top of the Nuolja mountain. Hop on to one of the night visit tours which is a lovely way to spot the enigmatic phenomenon with guided tours at 22:00hrs, 22:30hrs, 23:00hrs, and 23:30hrs. Refer to the website for more information.

Address : 981 07 Abisko, Sweden

Zipcode : 981 07

Location : 68.3616902, 18.723396099999945

Contact : +46 98040200

Website : <http://www.auroraskystation.se/>

Nearest Public Transport : Abisko Turiststation Railway Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 645 SEK per adult Children (6-15 years): 323 SEK per children

Open & Close Timing : November: Thursday – Saturday 21:00hrs-01:00hrs;

December-March: Daily 21:00hrs-01:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Hjalmar Lundbohmsgården

Situated in a beautiful location, the museum displays relics from ancient Kiruna and provides a glimpse into the story of the railroad between Kiruna-Narvik. Known as Kiruna's cradle, major decisions for the city were taken here. It was the second building in the city built over a span of 15 years. Embark upon a journey accompanied by guides to dive into the history of this place and attend the lectures and shows which focus on the relocation of Kiruna.

Address : Ingenjörsg. 2, 981 36 Kiruna, Sweden

Zipcode : 981 36

Location : 67.8475042, 20.222879599999942

Contact : +46 98070110

Website : <http://www.hjalmarsgard.se/>

Nearest Public Transport : Kiruna Trädgårdsgatan Bus Station

Entry Fee : 450 SEK per person For other prices, kindly refer to the website or contact them.

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday 10:00hrs–17:00hrs Saturday, Sunday Closed

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Estrange Space Center

Being one of the most successful space stations of Sweden, Estrange Space Centre has a history of a great number of rockets and stratospheric balloons launched. Located at a distance of 42 kilometers from the city of Kiruna, visitors here can see rocket launching from a distance and be a part of the exhibitions displayed about the space center.

Address : Estrange Space Center, 981 28 Jukkasjärvi, Sweden

Zipcode : 981 28

Location : 67.8930397, 21.0648913

Contact : +46 98072000

Website : <http://www.sscspace.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Paksuniemi vändplan Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Contact them here for entry fees at visit@sscspace.com

Open & Close Timing : Open daily during summer months. At other times of the year, it is open on request.

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Samegården

Samegården is a beautiful museum situated in a basement depicting the history of the original inhabitants of this place, the Sami people. Enclosed in a small area, this museum is very informative, thanks to its interactive displays and artefacts.

With a very warm and friendly staff, no wonder it attracts a large number of people.

Address : Brytareg. 14, 981 34 Kiruna, Sweden

Zipcode : 981 34

Location : 67.8607719, 20.219371300000034

Contact : +46 98017029

Website : <http://www.hotellsamegarden.se/>

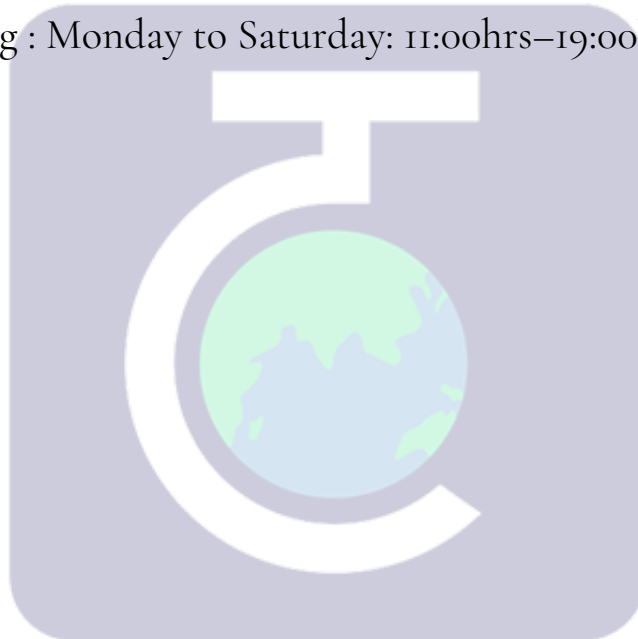
Nearest Public Transport : Kiruna Norrmalm Bus Station

Entry Fee : 25 SEK per head

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 11:00hrs–19:00hrs Sunday Closed

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Kiruna Kyrka

Opened in the year 1912, Kiruna Kyrka Church narrates the history of the town better than any other building can. This church is one of Sweden's enormous buildings having been constructed with wood and is a melange of Gothic Revival and Art Nouveau Architectural style. Proffering a lot about the city's history and architectural styles, a walk around this church is refreshing and informative.

Address : Kyrkogatan, 981 31 Kiruna, Sweden

Zipcode : 981 31

Location : 67.8520573, 20.23279350000007

Contact : +46 98067800

Website : <http://www.jukkasjarviforsamling.se/>

Nearest Public Transport : Kiruna Gruvvägen Kyrkan Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Stadshuset

Being the City Government Office, Stadshuset holds most of Kiruna's official meetings. It even won an architectural prize in 1964 and is renowned for its fine design. It is home to a museum that displays the history of Kiruna, which is open to visitors. Visit Stadshuset to witness brilliant architecture and to learn about Kiruna and its past.

Address : Hjalmar Lundbohmsvägen 31, 981 36 Kiruna, Sweden

Zipcode : 981 36

Location : 67.852498, 20.222568499999966

Contact : +46 98070000

Nearest Public Transport : Kiruna Stationsvägen Vägskäl Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 11:00hrs–19:00hrs Sunday Closed

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Jukkasjärvi Kyrka & Församlingsgård

Being one of Sweden's oldest buildings made up of wood, the Jukkassjärvi Kyrka reflects the grandeur of the town's history. The altar here is a famous site because of its beautiful painting made by Prince Eugen. The place has a lot to thanks to its unique design of its church building. Take a walk outside the church and look at the sculptures made of bronze.

Address : Marknadsvägen, 981 91 Jukkasjärvi, Sweden

Zipcode : 981 91

Location : 67.8540294, 20.578077399999984

Contact : +46 98021177

Nearest Public Transport : Jukkasjärvi Måttvägen Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Winter: 10:00hrs-15:30hrs Summer: 09:00hrs-17:45hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. ICEHOTEL

One of the most frequented and unique attractions in Kiruna, Ice Hotel is built with snow every year in the Jukkasjärvi village. Known as the world's first hotel constructed with ice, even the chairs and beds are made up of ice by highly skilled artists who are invited every year during winters. A very famous destination for weddings and honeymoon, couples often head here to spend some quality time amid freezing temperatures that drop below -5°C . Hop on a guided tour provided by the hotel itself, if you visit is between September and October. The tickets for the same are available at the reception of the hotel or from the Icehotel shop. The cost of these tours is SEK 125 per adult; SEK 100 per student (12-18 years); SEK 75 per children (6-12 years); Free admission: Children below 5 years of age. However, you can get in without a guided tour, as well.

Address : Marknadsvägen 63, 981 91 Jukkasjärvi, Sweden

Zipcode : 981 91

Location : 67.8508789, 20.595293699999957

Contact : +46 98066800

Website : <http://www.icehotel.com/sv/>

Nearest Public Transport : Jukkasjärvi Icehotel Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Abisko National Park

Established in 1909, a wide array of animals, especially sea animals could be found here. It is situated near the Norwegian border, close to Torneträsk, which is one of Sweden's largest and most popular lake. The tour at Abisko consists of a long hiking trail, which traverses through several water bodies as well. Famed for its location, you will get a clear view of the Northern Lights from here. You can also opt for a guided tour which charges SEK 20 per person.

Address : 981 07 Kiruna, Sweden

Zipcode : 981 07

Location : 68.3187659, 18.6850170000000016

Contact : +46 92096000

Website : <http://www.lansstyrelsen.se/norrbotten/Sv/djur-och-natur/skyddad-natur/nationalparker/abisko/Pages/default.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Abisko Turiststation Railway Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. ICA Nära Toppen

Shop for everything related to home and leisure from ICA Nära Toppen. They are known to offer amazing products at discounted prices with the best quality.

Address : Föreningsgatan 9, 981 31 Kiruna, Sweden

Zipcode : 981 31

Location : 67.8544313, 20.226073499999984

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Coop Konsum

Zipcode : 0

Location : 67.8472685, 20.2327791000000016

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Carl Wennberg AB

Wish to take home some Sami handicrafts? Head to Carl Wennberg AB to fill your bags with some amazing handicrafts, jewelry, textiles, knives, art, shoes, bags, and some pretty souvenirs. They have an extensive collection of products on sale, especially from the local craftsmen in the town and the surrounding villages.

Address : Bergmästaregatan 2, 981 33 Kiruna, Sweden

Zipcode : 981 33

Location : 67.85353669999999, 20.228167200000003

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Key sites sports & adventure

Kiruna offers a wide variety of sports and adventures for tourists at affordable rates which include Kayaking, Dog Sledding, Downhill Skiing, etc. The city has a lot to offer for adventure lovers with its mountains, and lakes.

- **Dog Sledding -**

Address : Djurgården 446, 981 34 Kiruna

Location : 67.8812714,20.191688999999997

Contact No : +46-070-5559303

Website : <http://www.sleddog.se/>

Nearest Public Transport : Peuravaara vägsäl Bus Station Kiruna
Gruvvägen kyrkan Bus Station (Not recommended) Kiruna station (Not recommended)

Entry Fees : 295-1,150 SEK person. Check website for different type of tours.

Open / Close Time : Daily 06:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2.00

- **Multi-sport -**

Address : Vänortsgatan 8, 981 32 Kiruna, Sweden

Location : 67.85598019999999,20.22645539999999

Contact No : +46 98081110

Website : <http://www.kirunaguidetur.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Kiruna OK-Parken Bus Station

Entry Fees : Snowmobile: Ranges from 875-1395 SEK per adult Ranges from 437-698 SEK per child Kayaking: 280 SEK per person Forest Tour: 300 SEK per person

Open / Close Time : Monday-Friday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Saturday and Sunday 10:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 5.00

- **Luossa Ski Resort -**

Address : 981 39 Kiruna, Sweden

Location : 67.87179940000001,20.212483399999996

Contact No : +46 98070807

Website : <http://kiruna.se/Kommun/Kultur-fritid/Utomhus/Luossabacken/>

Nearest Public Transport : Kiruna Station Travel Terminals (Bus, Train)
(Not recommended)

Entry Fees : Day Youth 7-20 years: 60 SEK Day Adult: 140 SEK Season
Pass youth 7-20 years: 720 SEK Season Adult: 1680 SEK Season Pass
Family: 2600 SEK Kiruna card seasonal youth up to 15 years: 2785 SEK
Kiruna card adult from 16 years: 3945 SEK

Open / Close Time : Winter: Monday Closed; Tuesday 17:30hrs–21:00hrs;
Wednesday 15:00hrs–21:00hrs; Thursday 17:30hrs–21:00hrs; Friday Closed;
Saturday, Sunday 10:00hrs–16:00hrs; Summer: Closed

Time Required : 3.00

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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football is the most popular sport in Kiruna. Also, Ice Hockey is played widely in the city, as well. Kiruna has a football club by the name of Kiruna FF. It competes in the fifth tier of Swedish Football League System - Division 3 Norra Norrland. Kebnekaise BTK, one of Sweden's successful table tennis' clubs, holds a special place in the hearts of sports enthusiasts.



10. Spas and relaxation

Kiruna has a number of Spa and Sauna stops to suffice the needs of its visitors. While some are located in private resorts, others are individual spa destinations. The rates range from medium-end, to high-end depending on the services provided.

- **Hotell E10 i Kiruna AB:**

Address : Lastvägen 9, 981 38 Kiruna, Sweden

Location : 67.8463489,20.257302799999934

Contact No : +46 98084000

Website : <http://e-10.se/>

- **Camp Ripan – Aurora Spa:**

Address : Campingvägen 5, 981 35 Kiruna, Sweden

Location : 67.8607013,20.2405933

Contact No : +46 98063000

Website : <http://ripan.se/spa/>

- **Hotell Vinterpalatset:**

Address : Järnvägsgatan 18, 981 34 Kiruna, Sweden

Location : 67.856068,20.217875999999933

Contact No : +46 98067770

Website : <http://www.vinterpalatset.se/>

11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Snow Festival

Various events and competitions like the Snow Sculpture Competition take place to celebrate Winter season. The festival is full of activities suitable for all age groups. – Lars Janssonsgatan (26th – 29th)
Kiruna Winter Market

Local market sell food, clothes, etc. at cheap rates. Lectures, concerts and several other events take place for the public. – Lars Janssonsgatan (10th – 12th)

Autumn market

An annual festival where various stalls are displayed which sell homemade food items, clothes, and craft items at cheap rates. The Sámi bread Gáhku is a must try at the market. – Lars Janssonsgatan (2nd – 4th)
Kiruna Book Festival

It is organized by Kiruna Bokhandel and Kiruna

Stadsbibliotek every year where writers are interviewed and books are displayed for purchase at various stalls. – Meschplan (15th – 20th) Arctic Light Film Festival

A wide range of movies and documentaries from around the world are put up in the film festival. - People's House, Lars Janssonsgatan (11th – 19th) Welcome Winter

An annual gathering to celebrate the onset of Winter season where various cultural events and activities take place. – Föreningsgatan (12th) Christmas Market

It is set up on every Sunday in the month of December. A huge crowd gathers to celebrate the festival of Christmas. Several stalls are out up which sell homemade food and craft items. - Föreningsgatan (27th November – 18th December).

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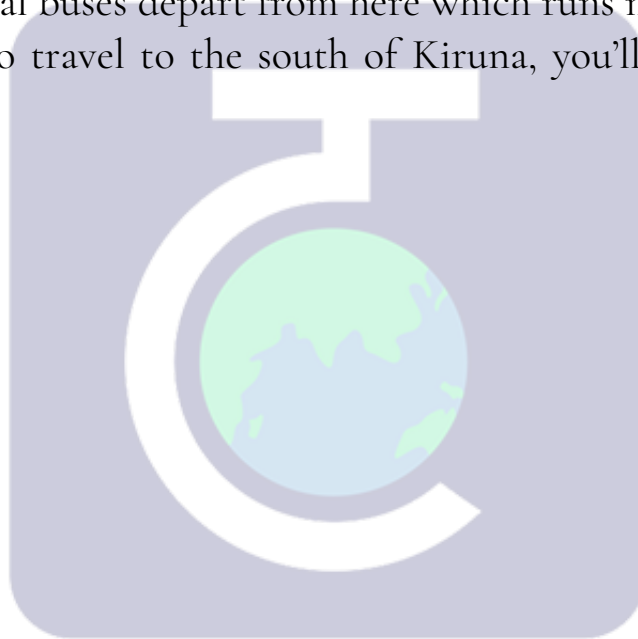
12. Key local guides and tours

Hiking tour along Kungsleden Trail – A breath taking tour around the Kungsleden Trail accompanied by a short coffee / tea break. The tour requires about two to three hours. LKAB Mine Tour – Mine tours around Kiruna are very interesting. LKAB Mine Tour was among the first tours in Kiruna. Thus, it holds a lot of beautiful sights to see. It is a three hour tour, which could be done independently, or via tour guides. Mountain Bike Tour at Aurora Mountains – The tour is led by guides who help you along the way, and even cook food for you, in some cases. It is a long tour of about seven to eight hours, consisting of camp setting too. Northern Lights Tour – It is probably one of the most beautiful tour in Kiruna, which takes you all the way to the Northern Lights. It is a sledge tour, which makes it all the more interesting. Kiruna can be explored with or without a guide, though others tend to wander on their own as long as they have a map with them. But, however, you can find guides at the spots itself who charge fairly high prices, just like every other service in Sweden. Mostly, individual guides are found across the town. They offer guide service in various languages. So, there won't be any language barrier.

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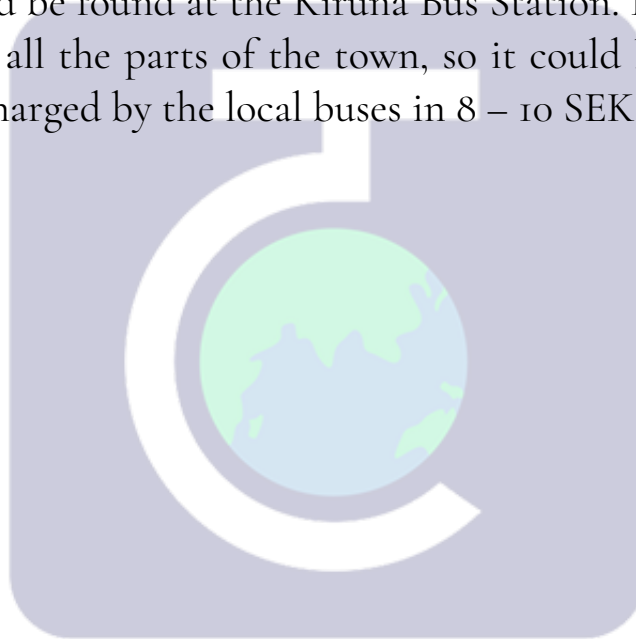
13. Transportation hubs

Kiruna can be travelled through various routes, roads and airways. The city is served by Kiruna Airport, which is Sweden's northern most airport. The town has a central railway station called 'Kiruna Central Railway Station'. Several long distance trains could be found here, which would make travelling to your country an easy task. Also, Kiruna Bus Station could be found for inter - city transportation. Several buses depart from here which runs mostly to the north of the town. In order to travel to the south of Kiruna, you'll have to hire private taxis.



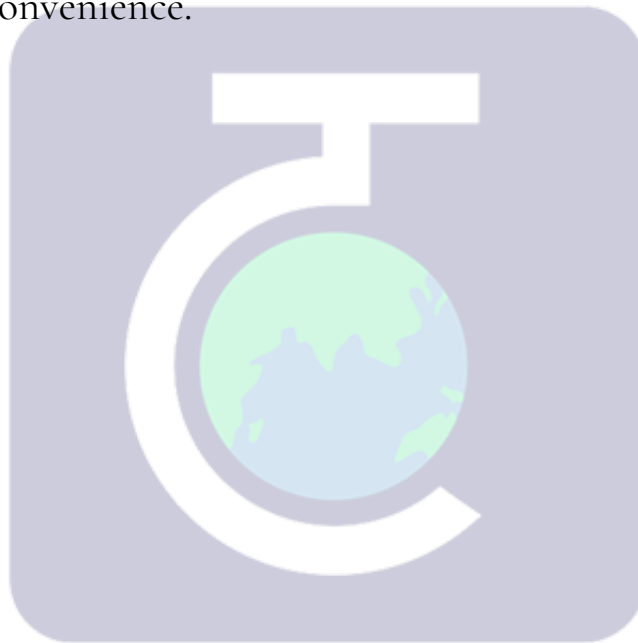
Index**14. Transportation cost**

Kiruna offers transportation in two ways; one being the taxis provided by the Kiruna Taxi Company. These promises to give you service at very cheap rates. You can call at 0980 12020 to book a taxi for yourself. They charge around 20 SEK per 2 kilometres. The rates could differ based on the season of visit. Another way would be the local buses provided by Länstrafiken i Norrbotten AB that run in the town. These could be found at the Kiruna Bus Station. However, they do not provide transport to all the parts of the town, so it could be a bit troublesome. The minimum fare charged by the local buses is 8 – 10 SEK.



Index**15. Baggage allowance**

Usually, no additional charges are levied for carrying any extra luggage in Kiruna. However, restrain from doing so as it may be troublesome to carry heavy, and excess luggage with you everywhere. Taxis won't charge for the luggage if it will comfortably fit in it. Buses, too, won't charge for carrying luggage with you. But local buses could be crowded during peak times. So, refrain from carrying heavy luggage in them for convenience.



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16. Must try food and local savouries

The most famous dish in Kiruna is Reindeer meat. It could be found at many places around the town. Other specialities of the place are salmon, and other fishes, and sea animals. Vänortsgatan is the most famous area in the city in terms of good food offered.



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17. Restaurant & Nightlife

Restaurants and bars in Kiruna offer great traditional food and are unique in design, as well as ambience. All the major restaurants in Kiruna are located in, or around Centrum. It is probably the most happening area in the city.

Food -

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- **Kupolgrillen:**

Address : Vänortsgatan 2, 981 32 Kiruna, Sweden

Location : 67.855361399,20.226080799

Contact No : +46 98080013

Website : <http://www.sibylla.se/om-sibylla/Hitta-vara-kok/kiruna/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Friday 10:00hrs–19:00hrs, Saturday & Sunday 00:00hrs–04:00hrs, 11:00hrs–19:00hrs

- **Royal Diner:**

Address : Föreningsgatan 9, 981 31 Kiruna, Sweden

Location : 67.854701499,20.225059600

Contact No : +46 72872 9077

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

- **Thai kitchen:**

Address : Vänortsgatan 8, 981 32 Kiruna, Sweden

Location : 67.8558987,20.226439900

Contact No : +46 98066100

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs–20:00hrs

- **Camp Ripan:**

Address : Campingvägen 5, 981 35 Kiruna, Sweden

Location : 67.8607013,20.2405933

Contact No : +46 98063000

Website : <http://ripan.se/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs–20:30hrs

- **Arctic Thai & Grill AB:**

Address : Föraregatan 18, 981 34 Kiruna, Sweden

Location : 67.8602815,20.224707599

Contact No : +46 98068158

Website : <http://arcticthai.se/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs–21:00hrs

- **Nya Empes Hamburgerkungen AB:**

Address : New Empes Hamburger King, Mommagatan 2, 981 31 Kiruna, Sweden

Location : 67.8568403,20.223113199

Contact No : +46 98012839

Website : <http://www.empes.se/kontakta-oss/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Friday 11:00hrs–00:00hrs, Saturday 10:30hrs–01:00hrs, Sunday 10:30hrs–23:00hrs

- **Hotel Bishops Arms:**

Address : Föreningsgatan 6, 981 31 Kiruna, Sweden

Location : 67.8548036,20.228167799

Contact No : +46 98015500

Website : <https://www.elite.se/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 18:00hrs–02:00hrs

- **Landströms Kök & Bar:**

Address : Föreningsgatan 11, 981 31 Kiruna, Sweden

Location : 67.854561699,20.226986899

Contact No : +46 98013355

Website : <http://www.landstroms.net/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Tuesday 18:00hrs-23:00hrs; Wednesday 18:00hrs-00:30hrs; Thursday 18:00hrs-23:00hrs; Friday-Saturday 18:00hrs-01:00hrs; Sunday Closed

- **Scandic Ferrum:**

Address : Lars Janssonsgatan 15, 981 31 Kiruna, Sweden

Location : 67.856456999,20.224257999

Contact No : +46 980398600

Website : <https://www.scandichotels.se/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 20:00hrs–00:00hrs

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18. Average meal cost

Exploring Kiruna could be a bit heavy on your pocket. Just like everything, the food around here is a little bit costly, as well. The prices for meals at cheap restaurants starts at around 88 SEK, while in a mid-range restaurant, a onetime meal would cost from 148 SEK to 175 SEK. A bottle of wine would cost around 30 – 45 SEK, depending upon its brand.



Index**19. Shopping**

Kiruna has some great shopping areas for shopping enthusiasts. The ICA Supermarket at Föreningsgatan, Coops Supermarket at Hjalmar Lundbohmsavägen are some local spots for shopping mostly local products. These shops are great for buying hand crafted artworks and goods. There are several shopping stores in the town, as well. Carl Wennberg AB at Bergmästaregatan is one such place known for its local crafted goods.



20. Tourist benefits

In Sweden, visitors will have to pay the applicable taxes, service fees, VAT, and other fees as applicable on the products. Sweden is a costly country in terms of travel, food, and shopping. The VAT is 25% of the total number of goods purchased, with reduced rates of 6% for food items, books, and newspapers. The custom duty, too is very high, which makes shopping very costly. However, most of the import is duty – free. You can avail VAT refund on the amount of your shopping in Sweden. Shops displaying ‘Global Blue Tax Free Shopping’ sign are eligible to sell goods that are eligible for the VAT refund. While paying, ask for a Tax Free Form from the shopkeeper. Fill in these forms and submit them at the time of departure. According to which, you will get a refund of up to 19% of the total amount of your purchase is refunded. The minimum amount to avail VAT refund of purchase should be SEK 200 on the same day, as well as same shop.

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21. Essential local apps

iOS, and Android have many apps to assist the travellers travelling to Kiruna. They are very useful for people visiting Kiruna for the first time, who are unknown to the city. These apps include travel guide apps, food joint apps, travel guide, etc. Some of the travel guide apps include Kiruna Airport Flight Status, iKiruna, Kiruna Travel Guide with Offline City Street Maps, and Swedavia Swedish Airports.



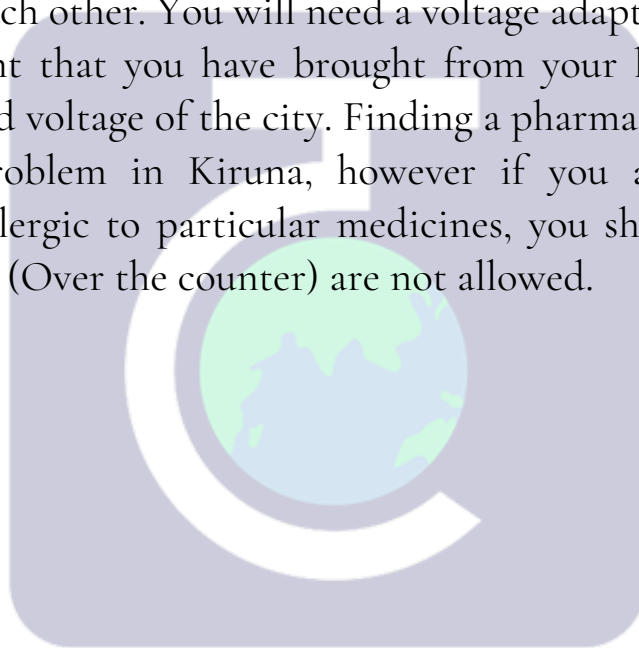
22. Driving

To drive around Kiruna, the licence of your country would work fine. An International driving licence, if equipped, would be a safer option; but it is nowhere necessary. If caught driving without a license and proper documents, a certain amount of fine would be levied against you, which if not paid, strict measures would be taken against you.



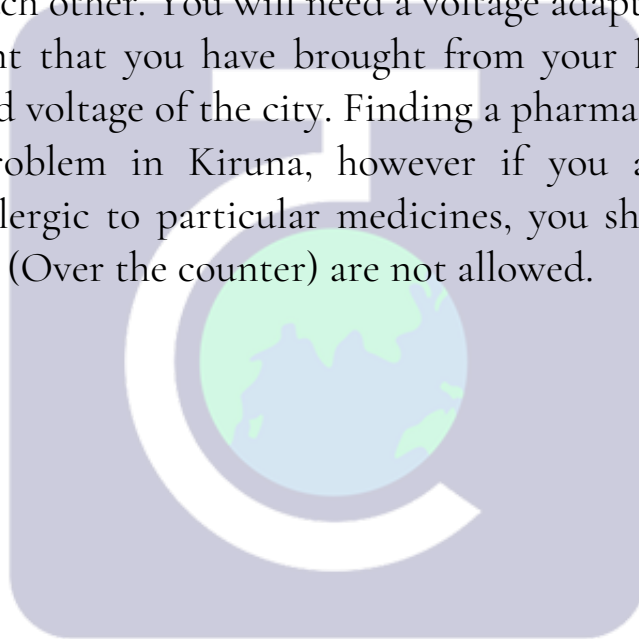
23. Travel essentials

Always make a checklist of your travel necessities before you travel to avoid any late panicking. Carry woollen clothes if you are visiting Kiruna in winter as it gets freezing cold. And, never forget to bring your chargers and their adapter for charging your gadgets. Kiruna has a standard voltage with a frequency of 50 Hz and 220 – 240 Volts. The power sockets are of Type C and F with two around prongs adjacent to each other. You will need a voltage adapter or a transformer if any of the equipment that you have brought from your home town does not match to the standard voltage of the city. Finding a pharmacy even a 24 hour one should not be a problem in Kiruna, however if you are on some special medication or are allergic to particular medicines, you should carry your own medication as OTC's (Over the counter) are not allowed.



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25. Local currency

The local currency of Kiruna is Swedish Krona. 1 USD = 8.49 Swedish Krona



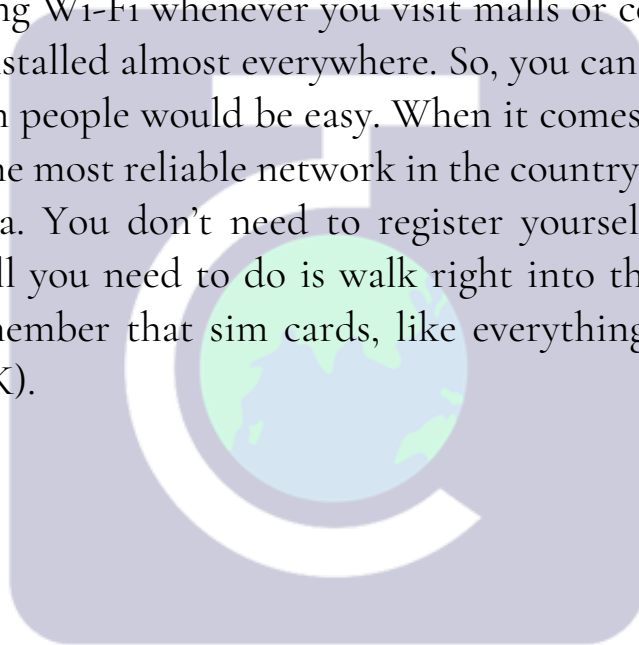
Index**26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Sweden gives comfortability to its visitors in terms of withdrawing money from ATM as no extra charge is levied upon transactions. You are only charged a minimum amount as foreign exchange fees. Major card brands such as Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted in Kiruna, as well as debit cards, and credit cards. The rate of using a credit card is 3% of the total purchase price.



27. Staying connected

International roaming is another burden added to travelers going abroad; therefore, using prepaid SIM card offered in Denmark is beneficial. It will allow you to send and receive texts, make calls and use mobile data to connect to the internet with their card plans. Or, you can avail the International SIM Cards available there. But if these prepaid SIM cards aren't available, you always have the option of accessing Wi-Fi whenever you visit malls or coffee shops and cafes. Kiruna has Wi-Fi's installed almost everywhere. So, you can connect to them and thus, connecting with people would be easy. When it comes to buying a sim card in Sweden, Tele2 is the most reliable network in the country. Other options could be Telenor and Telia. You don't need to register yourself in order to avail a Swedish sim card. All you need to do is walk right into the vendor's shop with your phone. But remember that sim cards, like everything in Sweden are very costly (around 45 SEK).



28. Time Zone

The city of Kiruna follows the Central European Time Zone with UTC +01:00.



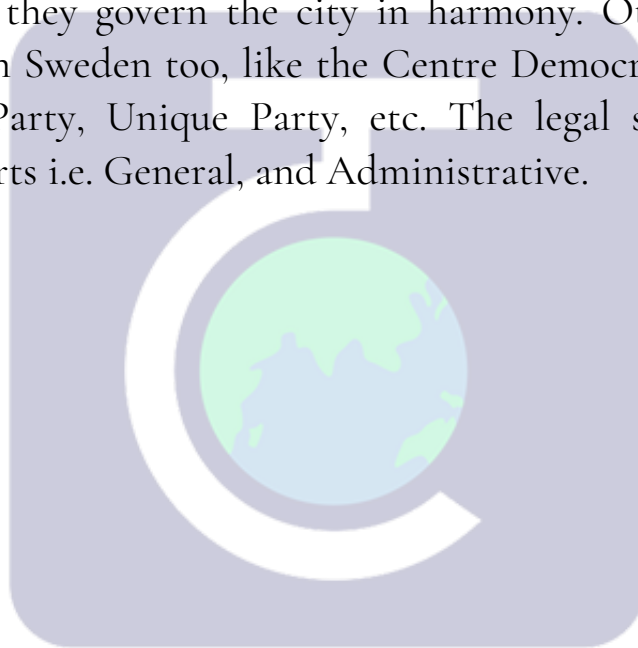
29. Languages

Many languages are spoken across Kiruna. Swedish, being the national language of Sweden is spoken widely here. Apart from this, Finnish and Meänkieli are spoken too. The original language of the place is Northern Sami. Since Kiruna is a tourist destination, English is spoken here prominently as it connects groups of different countries. Several other languages like Danish, German, French, Scanian, and Westrobothnian are spoken in a minority, as well.



30. Political Scenario

Kiruna is governed by the political system of Sweden i.e. it has a multi-party system with coalition governments i.e. no one party has the dominance, rather, all the parties work together and govern the country. The political parties present in Sweden are the Swedish Social Democratic Party, Moderate Party, Sweden Democrats, Green Party, and the Liberals. These parties follow their different ideologies, however, they govern the city in harmony. Other than this, many minor parties exist in Sweden too, like the Centre Democrats, Christian Values Party, Communist Party, Unique Party, etc. The legal system of Sweden is divided into two courts i.e. General, and Administrative.



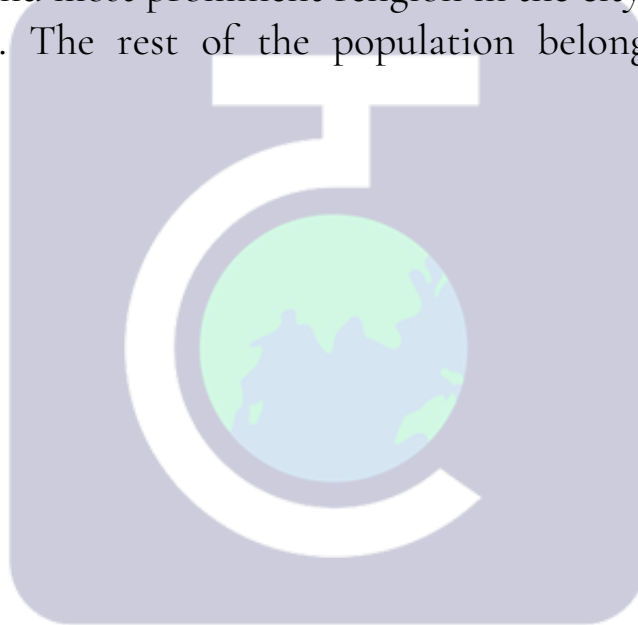
Index**31. Economic Scenario**

The main sources of income of Kiruna are Space researches, tourism, and export of iron ores. Kiruna has the ESRANGE Kiruna Space Research Station of ECA and the Institute of Space Physics. Coming to tourism, Kiruna is abundant in tourist spots. It is the prime source of income for the city apart from iron ore extraction. With several spots such as Abisko National Park, Kebnekaise, Samegården Museum, Kiruna Kyrka, Kiruna invites people from all over the country.



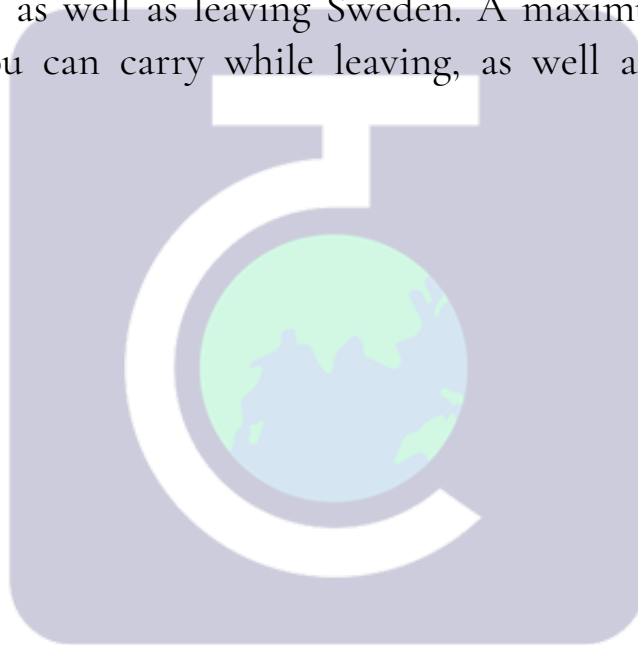
32. Religious belief

Earlier, Jews used to dominate Sweden with about more than half of the population belonging to this category. However, immigration led to the existence of many other religions, with the Jews' population degrading. Kiruna boasts the coming together of several religions around the year. Protestant is the most dominant religion with about 61% people belonging to this category. Apart from this, Islam is the second most prominent religion in the city with about 3% of the population under it. The rest of the population belong to other group of religions.



33. Visa requirements

To visit Sweden, no tourist visa is required for visits of less than 90 days. A passport of validity of a minimum of six months, however, is required with two blank passport pages for entry stamp. Schengen Visa is also available for travelling to Sweden. For more information, visit <http://www.swedenabroad.com/en-GB/> There is a restriction on the cash you carry while entering, as well as leaving Sweden. A maximum of 95363 Swedish Krona is all that you can carry while leaving, as well as while entering the country.



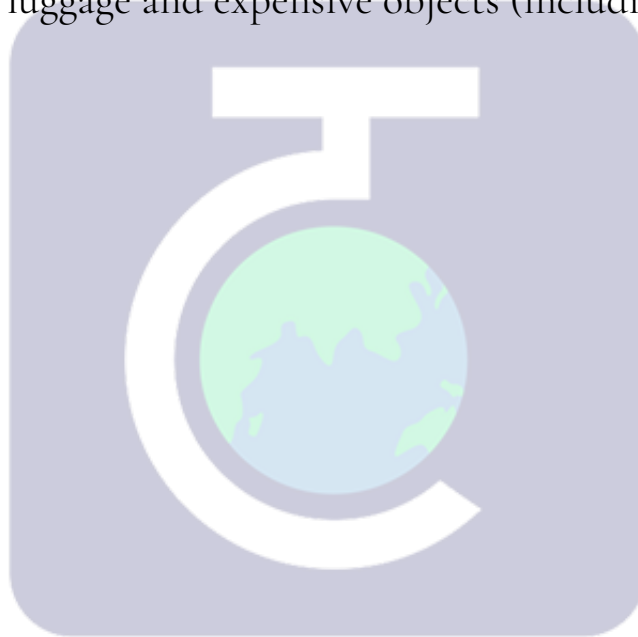
Index**34. Essential vaccination**

Consult your General Practitioner before visiting Sweden for essential vaccinations. As such no certificate of vaccination is required to visit Sweden, but however, vaccination for Measles is recommended, since it is common in many countries. Also, consider vaccination for Tick - borne Encephalitis. There is no need of any certificate for yellow fever in Sweden.



Index**35. Theft and Safety**

Kiruna is abundant in tourist attractions and hotspots, entailing an eager and bustling crowd each day. Also, the population, too, is quite high. Although Kiruna has a safe, clean and friendly environment, opt for the safe side and don't wander alone at night without a companion or two. And, be wary of pickpockets near the bus stands, and stations. It is advised to be aware of your surroundings, and take care of your luggage and expensive objects (including gadgets).



Index**36. Embassy/Consulate**

Finding an embassy in Kiruna could be a bit troublesome, as there aren't many in the city. However, if you are planning to visit Stockholm, then finding an embassy would be very easy. You can find more information at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-i/sweden>.



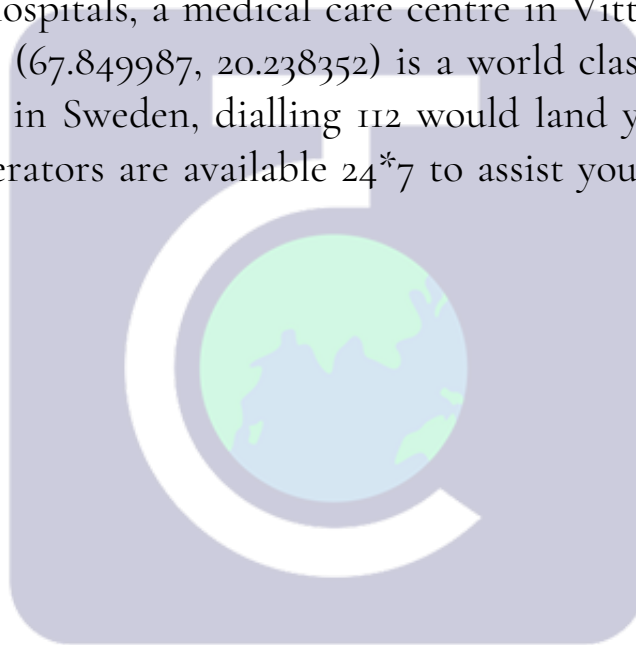
37. Accessibility

For especially abled people, visiting Kiruna won't be a problem at all. It is completely accessible by people with physical challenges. People with physical disabilities have access to all the public areas such as hotels museums, and hospitals.



38. Emergencies

In order to travel to Sweden, you must have a medical travel insurance which must cover costs that may incur in any emergency medical aid while in the country. IT should cover costs of a total EUR 30,000 or more. Overseas insurance is not accepted in Sweden. You need to get an insurance for Schengen during the time of application for Visa. Medical support services in Kiruna is majorly tax funded. Kiruna has hospitals, a medical care centre in Vittangi, and dental care stop. Kiruna Sjukhus (67.849987, 20.238352) is a world class hospital situated at Thulegatan 29. While in Sweden, dialling 112 would land you to the emergency help centre. SOS operators are available 24*7 to assist you. Also, these calls are free of cost.

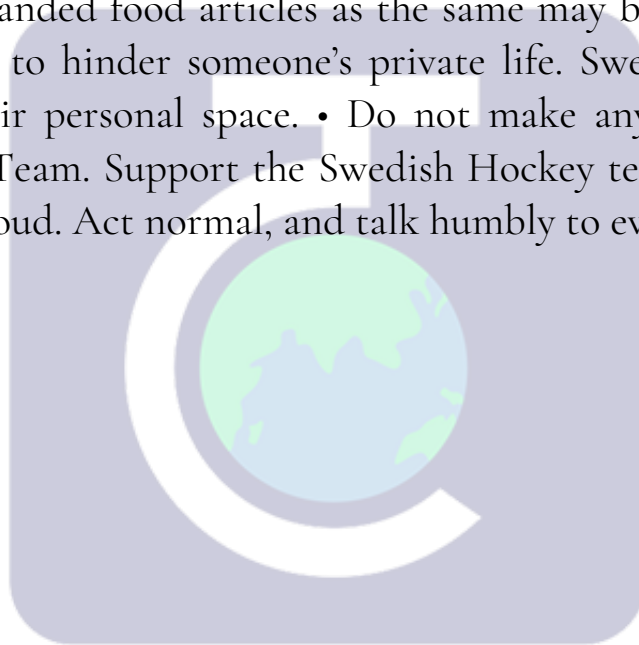


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39. Do's and Don'ts

Do's: • Carry warm clothes with you. It gets very cold during night time. • Carry good quality boots. • Carry hard cash with you. Relying completely on credit cards could lead you to trouble. • Take your shoes off while entering into people's apartments. • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.

Don'ts: • Do not try to hinder someone's private life. Swedish people are very protective about their personal space. • Do not make any mention about the Finnish Ice Hockey Team. Support the Swedish Hockey team while your stay. • Don't come out too loud. Act normal, and talk humbly to everyone.



Index**40.Tipping basics**

Thousands of visitors from all across the globe come to visit Kiruna every year. For this reason, people are open to various gestures of gratuity and appreciation. Tipping, therefore, may be conducted by tourists based on the evaluation of the quality of service that they have received. However, it is preferable if you tip a basic amount wherever you eat food, or to taxi drivers.



Index**41.Pet info**

Kiruna does not have a policy against the ownership or travelling of pets into the city. However, the pet owner must present proper documentation such as a training certificate for the pet. Also, your pet must be microchipped with ISO 11784/11785 pet microchip. They should also present the officials at the check point with an inoculation history for the pet against diseases like gastro and rabies. Also, your pet should be vaccinated against Rabies.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Kiruna is a beautiful destination with lots of snowfalls, and pleasant atmosphere. Visit Kiruna for its lovely environment, and for the beautiful Northern lights. Thousands of visitors come to the city to witness its beauty. Also, various events take place around the year in Kiruna, which makes it all the more a reason to visit the city.



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