

FESTIVALS IN NORTHERN NORWAY

	DATE	FESTIVAL NAME	DESCRIPTION	WEBSITE
JANUARY	Early	NORDLYSFESTIVALEN Andenes	Northern Lights Festival: annual winter festival. Concerts, painting courses, exhibitions, etc.	www.nordlyst.wordpress.com
	09	POLAR NIGHT HALF MARATHON Tromsø	Run during the long polar night – a special atmosphere. A sister festival to the famous Midnight Sun Marathon.	www.msm.no/polar-night-halfmarathon
	18-24	TROMSØ INTERNASJONALE FILMFESTIVAL Tromsø	Tromsø International Film Festival: renowned film festival screening quality, challenging Norwegian and international films.	www.tiff.no
	27-30	BODØ JAZZ OPEN Bodø	Jazz festival with national and international artists in several unique venues in Bodø, including a lavvu!	www.bodojazzopen.no
	29 Jan-07 Feb	NORDLYSFESTIVALEN Tromsø	Originally a festival for classical music, but has now expanded to encompass other genres.	www.nordlysfestivalen.no
	29 Jan-01 Feb	Ilios FESTIVAL Harstad	Festival for new music. Its name comes from the Greek god of the sun and it celebrates the return of the sun to the region.	www.ilios.no
FEBRUARY	01-07	SAMISK UKE Tromsø	A unique experience of Sami culture in a modern city. National championships in lassoing and reindeer racing.	www.msm.no
	03-07	SAMI MUSIC WEEK Alta	Sami winter festival celebrating Sami National Day.	www.audioland.no
	04-07	POLAR JAZZ Svalbard/Spitsbergen	Music festival featuring genres such as jazz, blues and bluegrass.	www.polarjazz.no
	06-12	VINTERLYSFESTIVALEN Mo i Rana	Winter Light Festival: one of Norway's biggest theatre festivals, a welcome light in the twilight months.	www.nordlandteater.no/vinterlys
	06-13	BLÅFROSTFESTIVALEN Rognan	Annual festival of culture and music on the unique "Slipen Scene" industrial rock stage.	www.blaafrost.no
	Mid	VESTERÅLEN SKREIFESTIVAL Øksnes	Vesterålen Cod Festival: festival for the whole family. World championship in cod tongue cutting, concerts and more.	www.skreifestival.no
	25-28	LOFOTEN INTERNATIONAL PHOTO FESTIVAL Lofoten	International photography festival based in Kabelvåg, presenting a wide range of photographs from Norway and around the world.	www.lofotenfotofestival.no
MARCH	03-08	BOREALIS ALTA VINTERFESTIVAL Alta	Borealis Alta Winter Festival: indoor and outdoor concerts, exhibitions, activities, Bossekop Market and the start of the Finnmarksløpet race.	www.facebook.com/borealis.alta
	04-13	VINTERFESTUKA I NARVIK Narvik	Narvik Winter Festival: music and cultural festival with events for all age groups.	www.vinterfestuka.no
	05-13	TANA VINTERFESTIVAL/DEANU RIEMUT Tana	Cultural week during the Finnmarksløpet race. Market and events for children and adults, with a focus on local culture.	www.tana.kommune.no
	05-14	FINNMARKSLØPET Alta - Kirkenes	Europe's longest dogsled race (1000 and 500 km). Starts and ends in Alta, the longer race going to Kirkenes and back.	www.finnmarksløpet.no
	06-12	SOLFESTUKA Svalbard/Longyearbyen	Celebrating the return of the sun to Svalbard after the long twilight months.	www.solfest.no
	09-13	YUKIGASSEN Vardø	'Snowball fight' with participants from many countries.	www.yukigassen.no
	18-20	PULS LYNGEN Lyngseidet, Jægervatnet, Rottenvik/Fastdalen	Activity weekend in the Lyngen area, with market, music, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing and cultural events.	www.pulslyngen.no
	24-28	PÅSKEFESTIVALER Karasjok/Kautokeino	Concerts, snowmobile motocross, the Jergul Games, dog sledding, world reindeer racing championships, Sami Grand Prix song contest, etc.	www.karasjokfestivaler.no www.samieasterfestival.com
31 Mar-03 Apr	PASVIK TRAIL Kirkenes	Dog-sled race in Pasvik, 300 km through brown bear territory.	www.pasviktrail.com	
APRIL	01-02	VM I SKREIFISKE Svolvær	World cod fishing championships: international fishing competition in honour of the cod.	www.vmskreifiske.no
	02-10	VAKE (Varanger Arctic Kite Enduro) Varanger	World Championship in long-distance snow kiting through Berlevåg, Tana, Nesseby, Vadsø and Vardø. Winter festival week.	www.vake.no
	23	SKITTENTIND RANDO Tromsø/Laksvatn	Randonné concluding the national championship series.	www.skittentind.no
	30	SVALBARD SKI MARATHON Svalbard/Spitsbergen	World's northernmost ski marathon, starting and ending at Mine 6.	www.svalbardturn.no
MAY	24-29	STAMSUND INTERNASJONALE TEATERFESTIVAL Stamsund	Stamsund International Theatre Festival: international theatre for all age groups.	www.stamfest.no
JUNE	02-05	REINEORD - LOFOTEN INT. LITTERATURFESTIVAL Lofoten	Lofoten International Literature Festival: Norway's wildest, wettest and most beautiful literature festival in Reine in Lofoten.	www.reineord.no
	03-05	HINNØYFESTIVALEN Harstad	The festival for lovers of country and western music and dance. Also featuring artists and well-known bands from Northern Norway.	www.facebook.com/hinnoyafestivalen
	03-05	KRÅKESLOTTFESTIVALEN Senja/Bøvær	Cultural festival with music. Held in an old fish factory called "Kråkeslottet".	www.kulturslottet.no
	04	SPITSBERGEN MARATHON Svalbard/Longyearbyen	World's northernmost marathon, starting and ending in Svalbardhallen in Longyearbyen.	www.svalbardturn.no
	09-11	ALTA SOUL OG BLUES FESTIVAL Alta	Music festival with national and international artists, mainly of the soul and blues genres.	www.altasoulblues.no
	11-19	NORDKAPPFESTIVALEN Honningsvåg, North Cape	North Cape Festival: the North Cape Walk, the world longline tub throwing championships, and the Honningsvåg Revue.	www.nordkappfestivalen.no
	16-19	PETTER DASS DAYS Sandnessjøen	Literature festival	www.petterdass-museet.no
17-19	ARCTIC YOGA CONFERENCE Bodø	Norway's northernmost yoga festival and conference. The festival's use of the spectacular surroundings in and around Bodø gives it a special character.	www.bodoyogafestival.no	
17-26	MONS PETTER FESTIVALEN Sulitjelma/Fauske	Mons Petter Festival: cultural festival with concerts, seminars, sports and other events. Professionals and amateurs.	www.monspetter.no	
18	MIDNIGHT SUN MARATHON Tromsø	Marathon in the midnight sun. Five different distances, participants from over 50 nations. Early registration recommended.	www.msm.no	
18-25	FESTSPILLENE I NORD-NORGE Harstad	The Arts Festival of North Norway: established in 1965, the region's biggest cultural event, now with music, theatre, visual arts and literature.	www.festspillnn.no	
24-26	LUNDEFESTIVALEN Røst	Puffin Festival: family-friendly culture and nature festival. Music, art, culture and history with an emphasis on play and fun.	www.lundefestivalen.no	

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JUNE	30 June-03 July	MILLIONFISKEN Salangen	Fish a Million: fishing festival with big prizes. As well as fishing, there are also concerts, events for children, and more.	www.millionfisken.com
	Early	SOMMER - MELBU Hadsel	Summer-Melbu: Cultural festival, concerts, art, seminars, activities and more.	www.sommermelbu.no
JULY	02-09	GALLERIA KUNSTFESTIVAL Mosjøen	Norway's longest gallery – 700 m of unfiltered art in Mosjøen old town, Sjøgata.	www.galleria.no
	07-10	MIDNATTSROCKEN Lakselv	Midnight Rock: music festival at Brennelvneset just outside Lakselv; blend of old and new music.	www.midnattsrocken.no
	07-10	TRÆNAFESTIVALEN Træna	Music festival in Norway's oldest fishing village and out at sea. Local, national and international artists.	www.trena.net
	09-17	HAMMERFESTDAGAN Hammerfest	Annual town festival with a varied programme of concerts and events.	www.hammerfestdagan.no
	10-17	LOFOTEN PIANOFESTIVAL Lofoten	Norway's only piano festival. International artists.	www.lofotenfestival.no
	13-16	ROOTSFESTIVALEN Brønnøysund	Roots Festival: music festival with national and international artists.	www.rootsfestivalen.no
	13-17	RIDDU RIDDU Gáivuotna-Kárfjord	Annual culture and music festival for indigenous peoples from all over the world. Special focus on one people each year.	www.riddu.no
	15-24	VEGADAGENE Vega	Ten-day cultural festival featuring theatre, art exhibitions, concerts and much more.	www.vega.kommune.no
	20-24	SOMMER I BERLEVÅG Berlevåg/Kongsfjord	Summer in Berlevåg: Concerts, exhibitions, market day, historic tours, walk, children's day and other fun and games with a local slant.	www.berlevag.kommune.no/ sommer-i-berlevaag.49203.no.html
	21-23	BUKTA TROMSØ OPEN AIR FESTIVAL Tromsø	Music festival with a focus on rock. Big national and international bands.	www.bukta.no
24-30	ARCTIC SEA KAYAK Vesterålen	Annual kayaking festival; a social kayaking week with kayak excursions, courses for beginners and improvers, marathon and much more.	www.askr.no	
25-30	NORDKYNFESTIVALEN Mehamn	Nordkyn Festival: concerts, theatre, street markets, local food and culture.	www.nordkynfestivalen.no	
27-31	POMORFESTIVALEN Vardø	Events and concerts for children, young people and adults. The theme is the old Pomor trade with Russia.	www.kulturpilot.no/pomorfestivalen	
End	SOMMERDAGAN I MELØY Meløy	Summer Days in Meløy: concerts, exhibitions, history walks, courses and family days.	www.sommerdagan.no	
AUGUST	03-07	LOFOTR VIKINGEFESTIVAL Borg, Lofoten	Major Viking festival with a market, competitions, craft demonstrations and activities for all the family.	www.lofotr.no
	05-14	NORDLAND MUSIKKFESTUKE Bodø	Nordland Music Week: annual music festival, tending towards classical. Famous for concerts in unusual venues, such as the top of Keiservarden.	www.musikkfestuka.no
	10-14	KALOTTSPEL Målselv	Kalottspel Festival: folk music and dance festival that unites amateur and professional artists.	www.kalottspel.no
	10-14	VARANGERFESTIVALEN Vadsø	Varanger Festival: Northern Norway's largest jazz festival, in its 30th year in 2012, with artists from all over the world.	www.varangerfestivalen.no
	12-15	HEMNESJAZZ Hemnes	High-profile annual jazz and blues festival with national and international artists.	www.hemnesjazz.no
	13-16	ARCTIC RACE OF NORWAY Northern Norway	An annual, international stage race on road bikes along the coast of Northern Norway. Festivals.	www.arctic-race.no
	18-20	BAKGÅRDEN Harstad	Bakgården Festival: a mix of music festival and traditional markets.	www.bakgaarden.no
	18-20	PARKENFESTIVALEN Bodø	Music festival in Rensås Park right in the heart of Bodø. Various genres, national and international artists.	www.parkenfestivalen.no
	20-21	FOLDVIKMARKEDET Foldvik/Gratangen	Foldvik Market: market focusing on coastal culture. Stalls selling hand-made local products.	www.gratangen-kystlag.no
	20-27	VERKET Mo i Rana	Verket Festival: music festival held in Revelen, Mo i Rana.	www.verketfestival.no
25-28	ROGNANDAGENE/TREBÅTDAGENE Rognan	Market, display of traditional boats, rowing regatta with Nordland boats, concerts and children's activities.	www.saltdal.kommune.no	
End	VESTERÅLEN MATFESTIVAL Vesterålen	Celebrating the Gulf Stream, with food and culture-related activities right across Vesterålen.	www.vesteralenmatfestival.no	
End	REGINEDAGAN Bø municipality	Concerts, local cuisine, courses, exhibitions and walks	www.reginedagan.no	
SEPTEMBER	03	VUONNAMARKANAT Nesseby	Sale of hand-made Sami products.	www.varjjet.org
	08-10	VM I KRABBEFISKE Sandnessjøen	World crab fishing championship: national network seminar, auction, entertainment and the championship seafood banquet.	www.helgelandarrangement.no
	14-18	NORDKAPP FILMFESTIVAL Honningsvåg	Film festival focusing on local film-makers. Courses and seminars, plus the chance to meet famous local film-makers.	www.nordkappfilmfestival.no
	22-25	TIENDEBYTTE MED MUSIKKFEST Mosjøen	One of Norway's oldest markets with arctic food festival, concerts, exhibitions and more.	www.tiendebytte.no
23-24	SMAK, TASTE OF NORTHERN NORWAY FOOD FESTIVAL Tromsø	Food festival focusing on local ingredients and Northern Norwegian food traditions.	www.smakfest.no	
OCTOBER	Early	KONGEKRABBESTIVALEN Vadsø	King Crab Festival: maritime culture and food festival, where the king crab reigns supreme.	www.kongekrabbe.no
	End	DARK SEASON BLUES Svalbard	World's northernmost blues festival. National and international artists celebrate the start of the twilight months on Svalbard.	www.svalbardblues.com
NOV	Mid	BARENTSJAZZ Tromsø	Tromsø international jazz festival; national and international jazz artists.	www.barentsjazz.no
	15 Nov-18 Dec	FØRJULSEVENTYRET I HENNINGSVÆR Henningsvær	Henningsvær comes alive before Christmas. Cosy Christmas shopping which is guaranteed to be shopping centre-free.	www.facebook.com/forjulseventyret
DEC	02-03	RUNDHAUGMARTNAN Målselv	Enjoy winter days in a pleasant pre-Christmas atmosphere at Rundhaug in Målselv – a delightful festival!	www.rundhaugmartnan.no