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Welcome to the Arctic North Iceland

North Iceland has a population of 36 thousand, including the capital Akureyri, a town of 18 thousand people. Akureyri is the largest town outside Reykjavík, offering service to the whole of North Iceland. Due to the distance to the next big town it offers service equivalent to a small city. Hotels and guesthouses, restaurants, culture and arts and lively music scene. North Iceland is also well know for a number of historic coastal towns, each with its own character that builds on the history and culture of the locals.

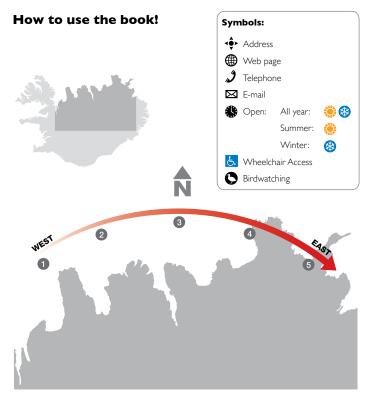
North Iceland lies just south of the Arctic Circle with Hraunhafnartangi being the northernmost point of the Icelandic mainland and Grímsey island crossing the Arctic Circle. One of Iceland's most visited places is the Lake Mývatn region with hot springs, craters, geothermal nature baths and amazing lava formations, as well as the unique geothermal Myvath Nature Baths. A large section of Vatnajökull National Park lies in North Iceland. There are several interesting places to visit in the park such as Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall, Hljóðaklettar, Ásbyrgi, Askja and Iceland's newest lavafield Holuhraun that is 80 times bigger than the lavafield from Eyjafjallajökull eruption. Whale watching is a unique experience in Eyjafjörður or Húsavík the whale watching capital, where you will be surrounded by birds and beautiful scenery, while observing dolphins and minkes, humpbacks or even blue whales. Seals can be observed throughout the year in their natural environment, either from land or by boat around Hvammstangi and the beautiful Vatnsnes peninsula where you also find the Hvítserkur sea cliff. North Icelanders are known for their pride and pure spirit. They love playing outdoors and this can easily be seen in the wide variety of outdoor activities available, from guiet meditation and historic walks to mountain skiing, snowmobiling, hiking, birdwatching, horseback riding and enjoying local food or folk museums to name a few. This book is divided into chapters giving you information on all the activities available so please go ahead and start your amazing adventure in North Iceland

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To help you plan your journey each chapter is organised in geographical order from West to East as shown by the arrow.

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What to expect?

North Iceland offers mild winter temperatures, the days being amazingly light due to the magical illumination of snow, moon and northern lights. May to August is mostly mild and often sunny days with bright summer nights when the sun never sets.

Weather conditions can quickly change during the day so be prepared. Wear warm clothes with a wind and waterproof jacket. Layers are easy to adjust if the weather changes. In winter hats, gloves and good shoes are a must, preferably boots with good soles. Temperatures during summer can range from 5-25°C and from -15 to 10°C in winter.

How to get to North Iceland:



Direct connecting fligths are available to Akureyri from Europe and USA by Icelandair from June to September.

From Reykjavík two airlines offer scheduled flights several times pr day to Akureyri, Air Iceland and to Húsavík Eagle Air. Fligths are available from Akureyri to Grímsey Island with Norlandair and from Akureyri to Þórshöfn with Air Iceland.

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Fligths are available to Constable Point, East Greenland from Akureyri: www.norlandair.is Charter flights / sightseeing flights in the area:

www.airiceland.is | www.eagleairis | www.myflug.is |www.norlandairis | www.airarctic.is



By road:

Within North Iceland and to Akureyri town from Reykjavík, scheduled buses and bus tours are available every day. The public transportation system connecting towns in Iceland is called Strætó or www.bus.is. A flybus by Grayline is operated during summertime from Keflavík airport to Akureyri town via Borgarnes, Blönduós and Varmahlíð, and optional stop in Hvammstangi. A number of car rentals operate in North Iceland. If you wish to rent a car, road conditions are generally good, though snow and ice may occasionally hinder driving in winter, and highland roads may remain closed through early summer. The distance from Reykjavík to Akureyri is about 380 km.



The ferry Norröna, www.smyrilline.com, travels from Hirtshals, Denmark, via the Faroe Islands to Seyðisfjörður East Iceland. Travellers from Europe can bring their own vehicles on the ferry.

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Weather and road conditions:

Weather and road conditions in Iceland can change dramatically at short notice, so it is important to check the webpage of The Icelandic Road Administration **www.road.is** for road conditions and distances.

Emergency:

Ambulance – Fire – Police; Tel: 112

Road Conditions; Tel: 1777

Icelandic Met Office weather forecast and Aurora forecast: vedur.is



The official source for safe adventure in Iceland

The Icelandic Association for Search & Rescue runs the project Safe Travel, your official source for safe travel in Iceland and offers you to send the information needed to start search or rescue, in case something happens while you're on your trip; safetravel.is

Tourist Information Centres:





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Borõeyri - northiceland.is



Borðeyri, one of the smallest villages in Iceland, is a former important trading and commercal village on the west coast of Hrútafjörður, the longest fjord of Húnaflói Bay. In the era of Icelander's export of sheep to Europe, and the emigration of Icelanders to Amercia, Borðeyri was an important harbour. The service in Borðeyri consists of a guesthouse, camping site and car repair garage.

Population 30

Laugarbakki - visithunathing.is



Laugarbakki is close to Ring Road No. I, on the east bank of Midfjarðará river. According to the Saga of Grettir the Strong, horse fights were performed on the river banks, at Langaft. The former boarding school now houses a new hotel. Other services provided at Laugarbakki include a crafts workshop and a farmers market with handicrafts and local food inspired by the Saga Age, a fuel station, camping ground and overnight facilities. From Laugarbakki, the road leads to the highland region Arnarvatnsheiði heath.

Population 41



Hvammstangi - visithunathing.is



Hvammstangi town is on the eastern coast of Miðfjörður and is the center for sealwatching in the Vatnsnes peninsula, starting at The Icelandic Seal Centre and seal watching tours by boat. The town's commercial history spans more than 100 years and among services are the Museum of Local Trade, also housing a crafts gallery, wool factory shop, super-market, garages, camping site, cafés, guesthouse, diner and a fuel station, as well as a health care center and a geothermal swimming pool.

Population 545



Blönduós - northiceland.is



Blönduós is on the eastern coast of Húnaflói bay, 245 km from Reykjavík, and a popular stopover for travellers on Highway I. The town is a good base for tours in the Húnaflói area and straddles the river Blanda, surrounding Hrútey Island. Hrútey, protected as a country park, is blessed with a wide variety of vegetation and birdlife. A trusty pedestrian bridge takes you over to the island which is an excellent place for outdoor exercise or a relaxing break. The Handcraft and Textile Museum and a Sea Ice Exhibition Centre are located in Blönduós. Other services are a hotel, guesthouses, and self catering accommodation as well as a camping site, restaurants, cafés, diner and a fuel station, super-market, garages, health care center and a geothermal swimming pool.

Population 796



Skagaströnd - northiceland.is



Skagaströnd, known as Iceland's Country Town, is on the east coast of Húnaflói bay. Walking paths on Spákonufellshöfði and Spákonufell mountain provide a stunning view of sea and shoreline. The local prophecies center, offering an exhibition, storytelling and fortune telling, focuses on Þórdís the fortune-teller, the first named inhabitant of Skagaströnd. At Nes Artist Residency, international artists come to stay and work. The main economic activity used to be fishing industry, and the village still boasts an important fishing and commercial port. Other services are overnight facilities, restaurant, café, local museum, country museum, camping site, grocery store, mini-mart and fuel station, garages and a geothermal swimming pool. **Population 481**

6 Sauðárkrókur - visitskagafjordur.is



Sauðárkrókur is the largest town in northwest Iceland, located along the southwest shore on the innermost part of Skagafjörður fjord. Tindastóll, the ski area is popular during wintertime and among other attractions are the Tannery Visitor Centre and Grettislaug pool, a natural pool in Reykjaströnd just outside of the town with a view over Drangey island. Skagafjörður is often named the Cradle of Icelandic horsemanship and boats of the highest rate of horses pr capita in Iceland. The store Verslun Haraldur Júlíussonar is on Aðalgata (Main Street) and has been in business since 1919. Other services in Sauðárkrókur are hotels, guesthouses, museums, camping site, restaurants, cafés, bakery, pubs, a diner and fuel station, supermarket, and garages as well as health care center and geothermal swimming pool. **Pobulation 2.546**



Varmahlíð - visitskagafjordur.is



Varmahlíð is in Skagafjörður, by Ring Road No. I, an hours drive from Akureyri. The area boosts of mild weather and offers hiking trails in a wooden area and on Reykjahóll where you also find stunning view of the mountains in Skagafjörður, midnight sun and northern lights. Since 1931 local services and catering have been the primary economic activities in Varmahlíð that is now well-known for offering local food and a popular stop-over for travellers. Geothermal heat provides heating for houses and the swimming pool. The main services in Varmahlíð and surroundings are a hotel, holiday cottages and a camping area, old turfhouse Glaumbær; horse rental and exhibitions, river rafting, restaurant, diner and fuel station. **Population 125**



Hólar - visitskagafjordur.is



Hólar in Hjaltadalur is one of Iceland's best-known historical sites. From 1106 -1801 it was an episcopal see, as well as being the main regional center. The current cathedral at Hólar was consecrated in 1763. Hólar is home to Hólar University College which specialises in equine studies, aquaculture fish biology and rural tourism. Hiking paths attract travellers in Hólaskógur forest. Services at Hólar are accommodation in apartments or cottages, as well as a camping site, The Icelandic Horse History Center, Auðun 's house, restaurant, the Beer Centre of Iceland and a geothermal swimming pool.

Population 62



Hofsós - visitskagafjordur.is



Hofsós is on the eastern shore of Skagafjörður. Hofsós was once the main trade centre in Skagafjörður and has over 400 years of history. In the lower town near the harbour is The Emigration Center, an exhibition about the mass migration of Icelanders to North America in the late 18th century. Services in Hofsós are restaurant and overnight facilities, a supermarket and a geothermal swimming pool, often named infinity pool because of its stunning design with undisturbed ocean view.

Population 156



O Siglufjörður - visittrollaskagi.is



Siglufjörður stands by a fjord of the same name, on the Tröllaskagi Penisula between Skagafjörður and Eyjafjörður; only 77 km from Akureyri town. Harbour conditions are very good and for years Siglufjörður was the largest herring centre in Iceland. The Icelandic Herring Era Museum is the largest maritime and industrial museum in the country. It is housed in three different buildings and gives us an idea of how herring fishing took place and how the silver of the sea was processed. A 11 km long tunnel was opened in the autumn of 2010, which connects Siglufjörður directly to its sister town of Ólafsfjörður and to the Eyjafjörður region, creating a very popular tourist destination. The ski area in Siglufjörður is often called the Icelandic Alps, providing the visitors with steep slopes and unique ocean view. Services in Siglufjörður are various overnight facilities, restaurants, cafés, museums, a diner and fuel station, super-market and garages, a health care centre and a geothermal swimming pool. **Population 1,191**





Ólafsfjörður stands by a fjord of the same name that cuts into the Tröllaskagi Peninsula, between Skagafjörður and Eyjafjörður: It is a sistertown to Siglufjörður and the two municipalities are known as Fjallabyggð. Ólafsfjörður was first settled at the beginning of the 19th century, when increased emphasis on fishing attracted people to its sheltered natural harbour. Now the ocean is attracting an increasing number of surfers enjoying the waves, and skiers looking for crosscountry skiing or off-piste adventures. Services in Ólafsfjörður are overnight facilities, restaurant, diner and fuel station, a super-market, garage, a geothermal swimming pool and a Natural History Museum which is first and foremost a collection of Icelandic birds including most of the birds found in Iceland.

Population 799

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Dalvík - visittrollaskagi.is



Dalvík is a fishing town, on the west coast of Eyjafjörður fjord, famous for its annual event the Great Fish Day. The area is known for its hiking trails and hiking trips where professional guides are available all year around. Recreation is versatile throughout the year and the town is only 40 minutes drive from Akureyri. Besides short and long hiking trails there is whale watching, bird watching, sea angling, skiing, heli-skiing, geothermal swimming pool and horse rental. The area is rich in culture with a local museum, bird exhibition, art exhibitions and local galleries. Accommodation is available in a hotel, guesthouses, cabins and hostels. For dining there are café's and diners. The Information centre is located in Berg cultural house at the centre of Dalvík. Other services are fuel station, super-market, health clinic and pharmacy, garages and a hardware store. The ferry to Grimsey island plies from the harbour in Dalvík. *Population 1,362*





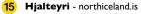
The island of Hrísey with its small fishing village is a beautiful natural attraction in Eyjafjörður fjord, often called the pearl of Eyjafjörður only 35 km from Akureyri. The island has a rich birdlife and serveral hiking paths. Amongst other tourist attractions on the island are a tractor sightseeing trip in a hay wagon and a museum about shark fishing and the local history. Hrisey is also known as the tranquil energy point where you can recharge your batteries with the mysterious power emerging from the great Mount Kaldbakur on the mainland. Service includes overnight facilities, restaurants, shop and geothermal swimming pool with good access to sea swimming. Scheduled ferry crossing are from the village Árskógssandur to Hrisey every two hours from 7 am and the trip takes about 15 minutes. **Population 154**



14 Árskógssandur / Hauganes - visittrollaskagi.is

These two small villages are located at Árskógsströnd on the west coast of Eyjafjörður. In both communites the economy is based on fishing and fish processing. Scheduled ferries ply to Hrísey Island from the harbour at Árskógssandur. The villages are a 20 minute drive from Akureyri. Recreation on offer includes hiking, whale watching, visit to bacalao bar and production, a tour to the local brewery and various day trips.

Population: Árskógssandur 91 / Hauganes 107





Hialteyri is on the western shore of Eyiafiörður. This used to be one of the centers of the herring industry in the early 20th century. Today there is an experimental fish farm in Hjalteyri that hatches halibut. Art exhibitions and performances in the old herring factory have become popular. In Hialteyri there is a diving centre and a stunning view over the ocean, often giving travellers a chance to see whales in the fiord.

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16 Akureyri - visitakureyri.is



Akureyri is the biggest town outside the capital area and frequently called the Capital of the Shining North, with reference to the midnight sun in the summertime and northern lights during winter. It is the service base for North Iceland and bustles with rich cultural life all year round, and flourishing restaurants and cafés. The town itself is a popular destination for travelers and a good starting point for day tours and excursions. Up to eight domestic flights and two scheduled busses a day and an Airport express from Keflavík airport ensure good connection between Akureyri and Reykjavík. A stroll through the picturesque old town and lovely town centre is popular, visiting the blooming botanical garden or one of the many museums in town. You can also go whale watching relax in hot geothermal pools or have a go at the northernmost 18 hole golf course in the world. With less than an hours drive you will find many of Iceland's most beautiful natural wonders, such as Goðafoss waterfall, Lake Mývatn, the Nature Baths and the islands of Hrísey and Grímsey Above Akureyri is Iceland's most popular ski resort Hlíðarfiall. Population: 18,139





Hrafnagil is a small community with a service center for visitors, well-known for it's annual August event, Arctic handcraft and design. The farm Hrafnagil in Eyjafjarðarsveit was once a chieftain's estate and a church site. Eyjafjarðarsveit is a thriving agricultural community, one of the best and most fertile in lceland. Eyjafjarðarsveit has many attractions, such as the Christmas Garden, Sverrir Hermannsson's Sundry Collection, a cow shed café and several beautiful old churches. Other services are overnight facilities, a vegan restaurant and a geothermal swimming pool.

Population: 260



Svalbarðseyri - northiceland.is



Svalbarðseyri is situated on the eastern shore of Eyjafjörður, overlooking Akureyri. It is a predominantly agricultural community, with farming and related food industries. The main tourist attractions are the Icelandic Folk and Outsider Arts Museum, and the vantage points overlooking Akureyri. Services are overnight facilities and a geothermal swimming pool. *Population: 322*



Grenivík - northiceland.is



Grenivík is located in a cove of the same name on the eastern shore of Eyjafjörður fjord. The small fishing village, which began to develop during the first decade of the 20th century, grew significantly after a new harbour was constructed in 1965. Among services to be found in Grenivík are a overnight facilities, restaurant, horse rental, a fisheries museum, old turfhouse Laufás, Kaldbakur snow cat tours and a geothermal swimming pool. **Population: 278**

20 Grímsey - grimsey.is



In the last few years Grimsey Island has become ever more popular as a destination. It is the northern most settlement in Iceland and those who go there can actually cross the Arctic Circle wich passes straight through the island and get a certificate confirming that they have crossed the Arctic Circle. The small island is 41 km off the north coast of Iceland and the economy there is mainly based on fisheries. It is one of the best places to enjoy the midnight sun during summer and is ideal for bird watching, where the main attraction is the puffin (from mid April till beginning of August). A ferry from Dalvík connects Grímsey three times a week (3 hours) and flights are offered from Akureyri (25 minutes flight). Service includes Rib safari tours from Húsavík and the Arctic Circle Express sightseeing tour from Akureyri. Services in Grímsey are overnight facilities, restaurant, mini-marked, a café and sightseeing walk. **Population: 66**



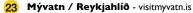


Laugar is a small community which has sprung up in the active geothermal area of Reykjadalur valley. It has a district school which also serves as a summer hotel. Guesthouses and other types of accommodation can be found in the vicinity. At Laugar you will also find a restaurant, grocery store, fuel station and geothermal swimming pool offering Northern ligths baths during winter: *Population 122*

2 Húsavík - northiceland.is



Húsavik, on the eastern shore of Skjálfandi bay, provides a variety of services for the neighbouring communities. Husavik is considered to be the oldest settlement in Iceland, from 870 AD. Husavik is known for whale watching trips in Skjálfandi Bay and often named the Whale Watching Capital. The Húsavík Whale Centre now exhibits a 22 m long skeleton of a Blue Whale that drifted to a beach in Skagi. Other museums in Húsavík are worth a visit, both folk museums and the new Exploration museum. A botanical garden is in the heart of town. Services in Húsavík are different types of accommodation, restaurants and cafés, a geothermal swimming pool and campsite as well as a golf course on the outskirts of town. Húsavík is located short distance from many natural attractions such as Ásbyrgi and Hljóðaklettar. *Population 2,182*





The Mývatn region is one of the highlights North Iceland, known for its geothermal activity and the exceptional beauty of its natural phenomena. Reykjahlóß is a small village by Lake Mývatn with 163 inhabitants. Birdlife by the lake is abundant boosting the Barrow's Goldeneye and Harlequin Duck among other species. Sigurgeir's Bird Museum is one of the locations worth visiting, as well as the Mývatn Nature Baths, a geothermal bathing lagoon with water temperature of 36-40°c. From Reykjahlóð are many marked hiking routes. Different types of accommodation are available in the Mývatn region, as well as restaurants and cafés. All major services are provided in Reykjahlíð, such as a supermarket, bank, post office and health care centre.

Population 371



Kópasker - edgeofthearctic.is



Kópasker is a fishing village on the eastern shore of Öxarfjörður. The village is a service center for the farms in the area and the economy revolves mainly around meat processing and nearby fish farming as well as fisheries. Services in Kópasker are overnight facilities, grocery store, café and the Earthquake Centre with special focus on an earthquake of great magnitude which shook the region in 1976 and hiking trails showing the effects of earthquake activity on nature. Also a local museum, a mini-mart, and car repairs. In Kópasker visitors have good access to seals in their natural environment and the name of the town actually refers to baby seals. **Population 124**



Raufarhöfn - edgeofthearctic.is



Raufarhöfn, the northernmost village in Iceland, sometimes referred to as the Arctic Cirle Village, is on Melrakkaslétta peninsula with the Arctic-Circle lying just off shore. The fishing industry has been the village's main economic activity and during the herring years in the middle of the 20th century this was a flourishing community. Today, Raufarhöfn is adapting to changing times with an increased focus on catering for tourists offering guided walks, lake fishing, bird watching and access to flourishing wildlife in Melrakkaslétta. Among services there are a hotel, guesthouses, a shop, car repairs, camping, an indoor swimming pool and a health care center. The Arctic Henge, a unique stone sculpture with a stunning ocean view is under construction and already well worth visiting.

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26 Þórshöfn - edgeofthearctic.is



Þórshöfn is a fishing village on the eastern shore of Þistilfjörður, providing services to the surrounding countryside. Direct flights and scheduled bus tours to Þórshöfn from Akureyri are all year round. Services provided in Þórshöfn are overnight facilities, restaurant, supermarket, handicraft gallery, campsite, car rental, a bank and post office, health care center and swimming pool. Visitors can enjoy guided walks, adventure guides for children focusing on surrounding area or a visit to Rauðanes in Þistilfjörður fjord where market hiking trails are found. Þórshöfn is a gateway to the bird watchers paradise Langanes with special focus on Skoruvíkurbjarg cliff and Fontur where you find a bird watching platform "at the end of the world". Population 350





Bakkafjörður is a small fishing village on the south coast of the fjord of the same name. A good harbour, makes fishing from small vessels and fish processing the main economic base. From Bakkafjörður, boat trips and sea angling is possible, and marked hiking paths are available. Good walking route takes you to the isolated farm Steintún and from there to the Digranes lighthouse that stands in an adventurous location. Sevices are guesthouse, shop and campsite. **Population 85**



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Vatrsnes peninsula possesses a highly diverse wildlife, many natural wonders, hiking trails steeped in the history of the area, and a beautiful environment. At Vatnsnes is one of the largest seal colonies in Iceland, where seals have been protected for many years. The creatures are very tame so it is a simple matter to take photographs at close quarters, and observe their apparently lazy life-style. Colonies are to be found at Illugastaðir and Ósar. The Icelandic Seal Centre (Selasetur Íslands) is located at Hvammstangi. For those who enjoy walking, there are many excellent hiking paths in Vatnsnes.



Hvítserkur



A 15m high monolith just off shore on the eastern side of Vatnsnes peninsula, only 15 km from the Ring Road nr 1. Many bird species live on the rock and the leaving of their mark is evident in the whiteness of their droppings. Good seal spotting at the estuary of Sigriðarstaðir lake, south of the rock.



In Víðidalur valley, the river Víðidalsá flows past the farm Kolugil. Below the farm, the river makes its way peacefully down into a magnificent gorge, Kolugljúfur. Kolufossar, the powerful waterfall tumbling down the gorge takes its name from the Troll-woman Kola. It is a breathtaking experience to watch the peaceful Víðidalsá plunge over the edge of the rocks to create this magnificent waterfall. Onsite you will find a signboard providing local information and history.



Borgarvirki is a volcanic plug and stands at 177 m above sea level dominating the surrounding landscape. It is a unique natural phenomenon which has, however, been altered by human hand over the centuries; for example, the Icelandic Sagas tell us that, in earlier times, Borgarvirki was used as a military fortress.





This is a cluster of hills of various shapes and sizes in the mouth of Vatnsdalur valley and spread over 4 km2. Thought to have been formed by a catastrophic landslide, Vatnsdalshólar are considered to be one of the three "innumerable" phenomena in Iceland, together with the lakes in Armarvatnsheiði and the islands in Breiðafjörður in the west. The last execution in Iceland took place at Þrístapar in Vatnsdalshólar, 12th of January 1830.

6 Spákonufellshöfði



Spákonufellshöfði west of Skagaströnd village offers a variety of hiking routes. This is a popular destination for people wanting to enjoy nature where the ocean, diverse bird species and the majestic circle of mountains stimulate the senses. Spákonufellshöfði offers a view of mountains and valleys to the south and north, as well as to the Strandir area across the panoramic Húnaflói Bay. A brochure about Spákonufellshöfði is available in shops and restaurants in Skagaströnd.



Kálfshamarsvík

Kálfshamarsvík is a small cove in the northern part of Skagi peninsula, with unusual, beautifully formed sea cliffs of columnar rock, created about 2 milion years ago. At the beginning of the 20th century, fishing boats plied the waters and there was a small community of about 100 inhabitants at Kálfshamarsvík. However, by around 1940 the village had become deserted.





Arnarvatnsheiði is a large green, lake-studded landscape in the highland area, south of Húnaflói. It extends for 80km south to the glaciers of Einksjökull and Langjökull. This is a popular trout fishing venue in wild, lonely nature. 4WD track.

9 Hveravellir



A unique nature reserve situated on the Kjölur route deep in the west highlands between the glaciers Langjökull and Hofsjökull. Hveravellir ranks among the most beautiful geothermal areas in the world with smoking fumaroles and hot pools with sky-blue boiling water.

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This rocky island in Skagafjörður is a flat-topped mass of tuff, rising almost 200 meters out of the ocean. The cliffs serve as nesting sites for millions of sea birds and have been used throughout Iceland's history for egg collection and bird netting. Grettis Saga recounts that both Grettir and his borther Illugi lived in Drangey for three years and were slain there. The island can only be ascended at one spot. Boat tours to the island from Fagranes and Sauðárkrókur.



Hjaltadalur

It is in Hjaltadalur valley that one of Iceland's best-known historical sites, Hólar, is situated. Hólar was the northern bishopric from 1106 as well as the educational capital of the north. The current Cathedral at Hólar was consecrated in 1763. The University in Hólar has been operated since 1882. Pleasant hiking trails and an aquarium.



Héðinsfjörður is a deserted fjord, 6 km in length, that cuts into the Tröllaskagi peninsula between Siglufjörður and Ólafsfjörður.This area, with its lake, majestic mountains and hills, is a popular destination for hiking and other outdoor activities.The sister towns belonging to Fjallabyggð community, Siglufjörður and Ólafsfjörður, are now connected by a tunnel that cuts through Héðinsfjörður and was opened in October 2010.









The still waters of Ólafsfjörður Lake often mirror Ólafsfjörður town, its surrounding mountains and the sky above. Occasionally a trout breaks the surface, as a reminder of what is up and what is down in this mysterious mountain retreat. The lake has a long-lived reputation for mystery, not least because both fresh-water and salt-water fish are caught in it.

15 Grímsey Island



Grímsey is the northernmost point of Iceland, situated on the Arctic Circle. It is home to one hundred people, one million seabirds and one of the biggest puffin colonies in Iceland. It is a great place to enjoy the midnight sun around summer solstice. A ferry serves the island from Dalvík and flights are provided from Akureyri. During summer there are also boat trips from Akureyri and a schooner sails from Húsavík.





Hrisey is Iceland's second largest island. It is covered with vegetation, being, for the most part, flatland which only rises to 110 metres above sea level at its highest point. The island is a well known paradise for bird watchers and the most abundant of all birds on the island is the ptarmigan. In the village there is a relatively new swimming pool to tempt the visitor, and also the chance to do a spot of sightseeing from the trailer of a tractor. The crossing between Hrisey and Årskógssandur takes about 15 minutes one way, and the ferry. Sævar, runs several times a day.

🛿 Svarfaðardalur nature reserve



A natural wetland with walking/hiking routes and educational trails. Excellent plays for bird watching but over 30 species of birds can be found. Bird observation points. The exhibition Birdland is located in the nature reserve.

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18 Hlíðarfjall



Akureyri's ski centre at Mt. Hlíðarfjall is surrounded by high mountains ranging from 1,000 to 1,538 metres above sea level. The ski slopes are 5 km up the mountain from the town of Akureyri and for nearly 40 years, this has been one of the prime skiing areas in Iceland. The hallmarks of Hlíðarfjall are high quality snow, extensive cross country tracks and exciting ski slopes with a breathtaking view of Eyjafjörður. The ski area is open from the end of November until end of April every year.



19 Kjarnaskógur

An attractive woodland on the southern outskirts of Akureyri. The area has a 7 km lit trail in addition to a vast network of backcountry tracks, plus a specially designed mountain bike trail. Playground, picnic areas, restrooms and a volley ball course. When weather permits, up to 10 km of trails trimmed for cross country skiing. Varied birdlife, and a bird watching shelter at Hundatjörn. Campsite at nearby Hamrar with easy access to the woodland.



An oasis in the barren expanse between the glacier Hofsjökull and Vatnajökull. The site is about 25km to the west of the best known highland route "Sprengisandur". On the north-western slopes of the mountain Laugafell, bubbling hot geothermal springs present a pleasant contrast to the surrounding coldness. Three mountain huts are open in the summer, with kitchen facilities and a nice geothermal nature pool outside.





22 Goðafoss



paradise for hikers. Two 4WD tracks lead to the north of the peninsula, one to Hvalvatnsfjörður and the other to Flateyjardalur. No services, but camping allowed in specific areas.

The peninsula between Eyjafjörður and Skjálfandi Bay is a

The "Waterfall of the Gods" is in the glacial river Skjälfandafljót, just off the Ring Road by Fosshóll. The name of the waterfall refers to an incident in one of the Sagas where Thorgeir the Lawspeaker, threw his symbolic likenesses of the old Nordic gods into the waterfall.





In upper Bárðardalur valley in the glacial river Skjálfandafljót, one of Iceland's most photogenic waterfalls flows over a layer of intriguing basalt columns. More basalt patterns can be seen in the shallow canyon above the falls.



24 Sprengisandur

25 Mývatn



The most common highland route in lceland crossing from north to south. The route is a 4WD track across rivers and rough terrain. On a clear day the view of the glaciers is magnificent and the vast interior is an unbelievable sight. Only passable in summer.

The Mývatn basin sits squarely on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Mývatn, Iceland's fourth largest lake 37 km2 in area, has a shoreline deeply incised by numerous small creeks and is speckled with about 50 Islands and small islets. The Mývatn region is famed for its birdlife on and around the lake, as the area is favoured by diverse species of duck and wetland birds. Indeed, Mývatn is considered one of the best birdwatching locations in Iceland. Craters and volcanoes have sculpted the landscape of the Mývatn region, many of which are famous attractions and spots of special interest; places to visit include the pseudocraters at Skútustaðir, Höfði peninsula, Dimmuborgir lava formations, Hverfjall/fell crater, Hverir hotsprings, Krafla volcanic area and the Mývatn Nature Baths.



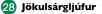
A stubby peninsula between Skjálfandi bay and Öxarfjörður bay. Layers of fossil shells and lignite can be found on the coastal cliffs down from Ytri-Tunga farm on the western side of Tjörnes. Colonies of puffins and other sea birds nest on the cliffs along the eastern coast. The bird colonies are accessible by the road marked "Tungulending".

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This is one of the wonders of nature, a well forested horseshoe shaped canyon in Öxarfjörður. Ásbyrgi is part of lökulsárgliúfur within the Vatnaiökull National Park. In the immediate neighbourhood of Ásbyrgi, you will find a visitors' information centre, shop, golf course and camping, as well as many diverse hiking tracks.





Declared one of Iceland's National Parks in 1973 and now part of Vatnajökull National Park, Jökulsárgljúfur extends from Ásbyrgi to Dettifoss along the canyon of Jökulsá, one of the most powerful glacial rivers in Iceland and the secondlongest, 206km,



29 Dettifoss



Has the greatest volume of any waterfall in Europe, 500 cubic metres of water per second plunging over the edge. Dettifoss is 45m high and 100m wide. A pleasant hiking trail, 34km in length, winds along the canyon from Dettifoss to Ásbyrgi. Camping possible in Vesturdalur.



A remote headland between Öxarfjörður and Þistilfjörður. Renowned for the natural splendour of its spring and summer nights, its large number of lakes and the rich bird life it supports. On the western side is the red coloured, 73m high rock formation Rauðinúpur. Further north the small peninsula Hraunhafnartangi is the northernmost point of the Icelandic mainland, being only 3km south of the Arctic Circle





The cape Rauðanes is located south of Viðarfjall mountain, midway between Raufarhöfn and Þórshöfn. This small but scenic peninsula is endowed with offshore sea stacks, an exposed rock face called Stakkatorfa, caves and steep cliffs which are home to numerous nesting birds.



32 Langanes



A narrow peninsula between Þistilfiörður and Bakkaflói shaped like a goose with a very large head. A rough road leads to Fontur at the tip of the peninsula which is characterised on the northern and southern shores by steep sea cliffs known as Skoruvíkurbjarg and Skálabjarg. The Langanes peninsula is known for its rich birdlife, and excellent birdwatching spots such as the bird watching platform over Stóri-Karl cliff, where it is possible to watch the Northern Gannet and Brünnichs Guillemot from land



33 Herðubreið

Mt. Herðubreið on the Öskjuleið Route is a 1,682m high table mountain. It is the national mountain of Iceland and often called the "Queen of Icelandic Mountains". There is a hiking trail to the top of the mountain, but due to loose rock this route is difficult and steep, requiring extreme caution.





Askja is a 50km² caldera in the Dyngjufjöll mountains in Vatnaiökull National Park. In an eruption in 1875, an area of 11km² on the south-eastern side of Askja caved in to form Lake Öskjuvatn, and a tephra crater known as Víti (Hell) north of it. The area is still very geologically active, with the last eruption in 1961.

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35 Kverkfjöll



Kverkfjöll is a big massif in Vatnajökull National Park, lodged between two tongues from the main glacial cap of Vatnajökull glacier. One of Iceland's most powerful hightemperature geothermal areas is located in Kverkföll at a height of some I,700m. By the edge of the icecap is an ice cave of particular interest, about a 3km drive from the mountain lodge.

36 Holuhraun lava



Iceland's freshest lava Holuhraun is found at the north edge of the glacier Vatnajökull (Dyngjujökull). The eruption in Holuhraun, which started the 29th of August 2014 and stopped on the 28th of February 2015, was eight times bigger than the well known Eyiafjallajökull eruption in 2010. The eruption left over 85 km2 of lava that can now be seen by taking guided jeep tours to the area. The new landscape is approached as possible, according to permission and safety precautions from time to time. On the way to Holuhraun, visitors also get to know the beautiful and rural highland landscape of North Iceland.





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Saga Trails:

Every town has museums representing many different aspects of life in Iceland. The culture and way of life from past centuries is commemorated in historical museums showing artefacts of olden days, mostly relating to the traditional occupations of agriculture and fishing. Natural science museums focus on representative samples and noteworthy characteristics of Iceland's geology, flora and fauna. Many museums will open up on request.

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4 Blönduós, Þingeyrakirkja Church

Pingeyrakirkja was built in the years 1864 – 1877 by Ásgeir Einarsson farmer. The church has remained in its original making and was built from Icelandic stone with 95 cm thick walls.



Blönduós, Heimilisiðnaðarsafnið, Domestic Textile Museum

The Textile Museum in Blönduós exhibits a unique collection of homemade wool and textile items. It also exhibits beautiful Icelandic national constumes and artistic embroideries along with many of the tools and equipments used to produce them.



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6 Blönduós, Sea Ice Centre in Hillebrandtshús

The ancient curse of the sea ice has threatened the north coast of Iceland through the ages. An interesting look at the sea ice phenomenon. Polar bear exhibition.



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8 Skagaströnd, Árnes Museum

Árnes is the oldest house in Skagaströnd that still stands, built in 1899. The museum shows facilities and living conditions in the early 20th century.



Skagaströnd, Spákonuhof-Museum of Prophecies

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🔞 Skagafjörður, Víðimýrarkirkja - Víðimýri Church

The old turf church on site dates from 1834 and is considered on of the purest and most beautiful examples of traditional Icelandic architecture.



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14 Skagafjörður, Rúnalist Stórhól - Art, craft and animals

Local hand craft for sale. Natural Icelandic materials from Skagafjörður, leather, fish leather, hides and wool.



15 Skagafjörður, Lýtingsstaðir Horses and Heritage

Horse stable and storeroom, built in 2015 in the original way. A masterpiece of traditional Icelandic craftsmanship from turf, stones and wood. The two gabled houses are used as an exhibition and as part of a Horses and Heritage tour.



16 Skagafjörður, Hólar in Hjaltadalur

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7 Skagafjörður, Hólar, The Icelandic Horse History Centre

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🛐 Akureyri, The Akureyri Museum

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😥 Akureyri, Sigurhæðir

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42 Transportation Museum at YstaFell

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43 Grenjaðarstaður Old Farmhouse

The farm of Grenjaðarstaður dates back to Iceland's settlement. The picturesque turf house that currently exists was one of Iceland's largest and people continued to live in it until 1949.



Mývatn, Sigurgeir´s Bird Museum Exhibition of Sigurgeir´s bird collection, consisting of hundreds of birds and egg specimens.



45 Húsavík, Whale Museum

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50 Þórshöfn, The Icelandic leadersheep information centre



51) Þórshöfn, Sauðaneshús Local Folk Museum

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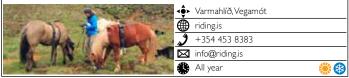
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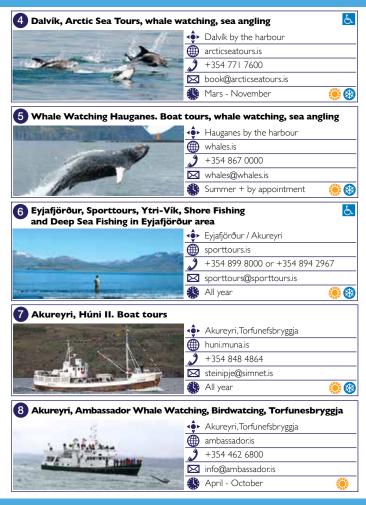
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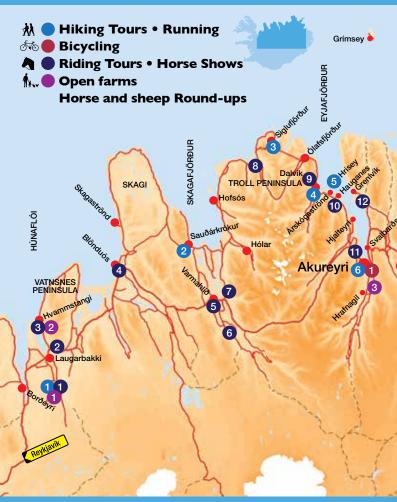
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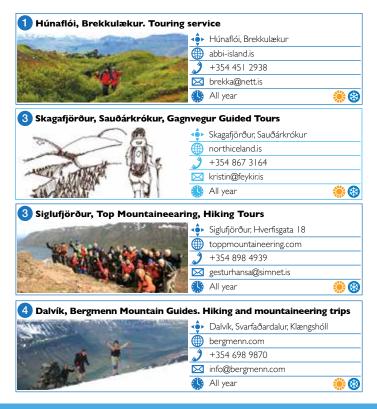
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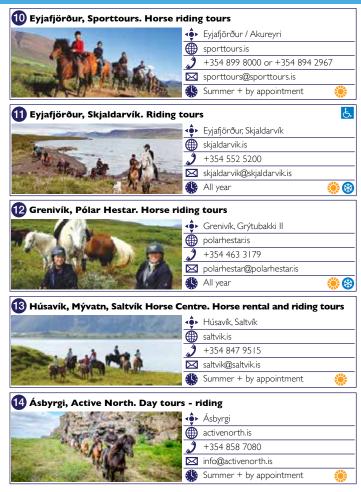
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Riding tours for any ability, horse shows and exhibitions are widely available in North Iceland, including Skagafjörður, the centre of Icelandic horsemanship. Be sure not to miss the opportunity to experience Tölt, the unique gait of the Icelandic horse. Experiencing an autumn roundup by the owners of free-ranging horses is no less of an adventure. Sitting on the corral fence and watching the action, you will see excitement, hear singing, and find happiness in every face.







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Sheep and Horse Round-up in September - October

Horse Round-up

Nowhere in Iceland are more horses gathered in the round-ups than in the north. Hundreds of horses are herded into the mountains in July, then, at the end of September and the beginning of October, farmers drive both sheep and horses down from their summer pastures in the highlands to lower land - just as they have done for centuries. The main round-ups are Víðidalstungurétt in Húnaþing-vestra, Skrapatungurétt in East Húnavatnssýsla and Laufskálarétt in Skagafjörður.

Further information at www.visithunathing.is and www.visitskagafjordur.is

Sheep Round-up

The rounding up of sheep usually occurs during the month of September in the north of Iceland. This takes place in all districts and if you are interested, please check with tourist information centres in each district for further details on time and location.

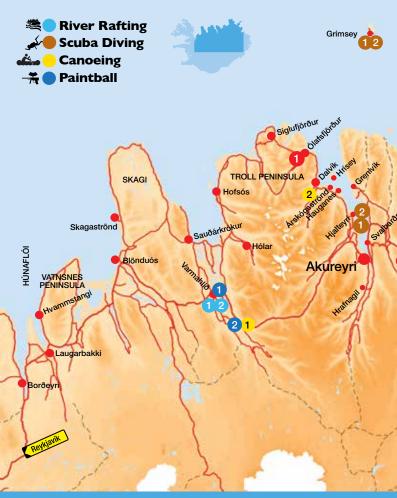
Open Farms

In the north of Iceland, many farms are open to visitors. Farmers are pleased to allow you to visit their stables and barns and learn more about their animals.



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White Water Rafting

From gentle family float trips to adrenaline-pumping whitewater and remote multi-day expeditions, it is no surprise that North Iceland has gained a reputation as one of Europe's top rafting destinations. Rafting down the glacial rivers, Jökulsá Vestari or Jökulsá Austari is an ideal option. Such trips are immensely popular, since the rivers flow through unique, spectacular canyons and tempt an ever-increasing number of people to experience this challenging sport.



Skagafjörður - White Water Rafting

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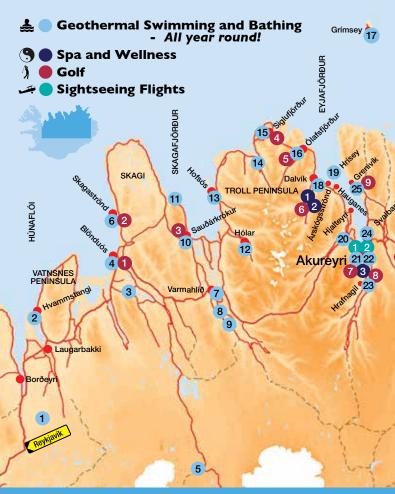


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Geothermal Swimming and Bathing

Visit North Iceland's favourite Iagoon, the Mývatn Nature Baths, surrounded by the volcanic nature and Iava fields of Mývatn area or other natural bathing places in the north, such as the Hveravellir Nature Pool and the crater Víti in Askja. The historic Grettislaug geothermal pool, named after Grettir the strong, gives you an opportunity to relax while surrounded by the ocean and black sand beach, while looking at Drangey Iceland known for its puffins and rich birdlife. Icelanders love visiting the 32 outdoor geothermal swimming pools found in every village, each one with its own unique aspects. Soaking in a hot outdoor pool after a day spent outdoors skiing or hiking is a magical experience.

Swimming pools are open all year round!

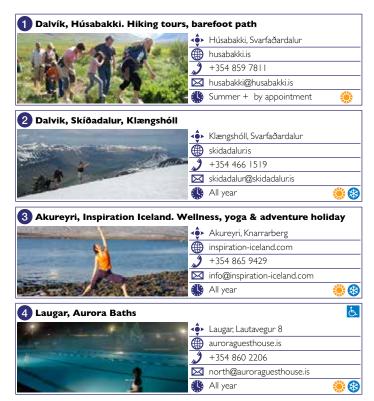
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- 36 Askja, the volcanic crater Víti, a natural crater with geothermal water

Spa and Wellness



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Golf

The popularity of golf has been rising steadily, as golfers manage to combine the enjoyment of sport and outdoor exercise. Many interesting golf courses can be found in the North of Iceland. The famous Arctic Open tournament at Akureyri Golf Course, the northernmost 18 hole golf course in the world, takes place around summer solstice, under the rays of the midnight sun. Come to the North and indulge yourself by taking part in a round or two of golf.

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Sightseeing Flights

Lift your spirits and view the geographical wonders of the north more clearly. It is a totally different experience to see volcanoes, waterfalls and glaciers, while soaring above them in the sky.

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Winter Magic in North Iceland

North lceland is the number one winter destination in Iceland. Seven ski areas, including Hlíðarfjall the countrie's most popular one, offer slopes and lifts of all levels, the season extending from November to May. Facilities for cross-country skiers, with prepared trails can be found in many locations. Possibilities for backcountry skiing, alpine ski touring, cat skiing and heli skiing are endless, with the Troll Peninsula (Tröllaskagi) being the centre of activity. Skiing on virgin slopes all the way down to the Arctic Ocean is what characterizes this skiers' paradise where snow conditions remain favourable well into spring. Northern lights are often enjoyed in North Iceland. From end of August to April the blackness of the sky may be suddenly disturbed by dancing, flickering veils of light, in green, white or red. The area offers locations where conditions for observation are excellent. No better spot is imaginable for re-tanking physically and mentally on a cold autumn or winter day or after the strain of a hiking or skiing trip, than one of numerous geothermal outdoor swimming pools with its hot tubs and saunas or a natural geothermal pool such as the famous lake Mývatn Nature baths.

Troll Peninsula - Photographer: Mike Arzt,

Snowmobile Tours

Snowmobile tours provide a unique opportunity to mix adventure and sightseeing experiences together, and are a key to a great day in the north of Iceland. Snowmobile tours let you breathe in fresh air while travelling next to unspoilt nature and even get some adrenaline running if that is what you want.



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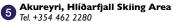
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Skiing

The ski areas in North Iceland all occupy their own niche in the region's magnificent landscape. They offer slopes and lifts suited to both children and adults, and the season can extend from mid-November to May Outside the organized ski areas, the possibilities for backcountry skiing are endless, with the Troll Peninsula being the centre of activity. The terrain looks as though it had been specially created for Alpine ski touring, cat skiing and heli skiing, all of which are activities currently on offer for the avid skier. Skiing on virgin slopes all the way down to the Arctic Ocean is what characterizes this skiers' paradise where snow conditions remain favourable well into spring, the season lasting from mid-February to the end of May. Facilities for cross-country skiers, with prepared trails can be found in many locations and also some organized cross country and alpine ski touring trips. Winter in the North offers a true family paradise, promising pleasure and spiritual renewal in the embrace of snow-covered mountains.

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	Akureyri	Sauðárkrókur	Dalvík	Siglufjörður	Ólafsfjörður
Vertical meters	480 m	245 m	322 m	480 m	160 m
Skiable area	200 km²	115 km²	85 km²	170 km²	20 km²
Number of ski lifts	7	2	2	4	I
Number of ski slopes	23	5	4	10	2
Total length of ski slopes	l6 km	8 km	9 km	6 km	2 km

5x5 Ski Pass

This is the ski pass that serves five of North Iceland resorts: Sauðárkrókur Ski Area, Siglufjörður Ski Area, Ólafsfjörður Ski Area, Dalvík Ski Area and Akureyri Ski Area. This means that you can ski in 5 different resort for 5 days. If you want to ski at one resort for 4 days and then do another one for 1 day that's possible. The 5X5 Ski pass is available at every resort and you don't need to buy it in advance.



Alpine Ski Touring



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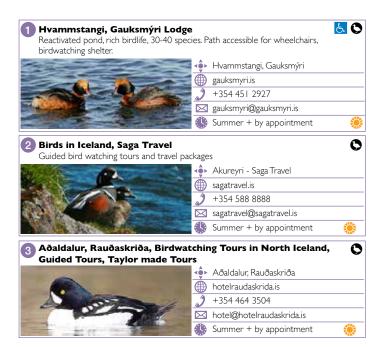
A large section of Vatnajökull National Park, Europe's largest National Park, lies in the north of lceland, the canyon of Jökulsá river forming its northernmost part. There are several interesting places to visit in the park, such as Dettifoss waterfall, Hólmatungur, Hijóðaklettar, Ásbyrgi, Askja, Kverkfjöll Mountains, the lavafield of Ódáðahraun and the new lavafield of Holuhraun, which was formed in 2014-2015. For further information see www.yp.is. In the north there are also several Nature Reserves which are areas protected because of the landscape and their importance to wildlife (flora and fauna). More information on these sites below are found in northiceland.is

1	Kattarauga – Vatnsdalur Valley
2	Hveravellir – Kjölur Highland Route
3	Guðlaugstungur – Northwest of Hofsjökull Glacier
4	Hrútey Island in Blanda River - Blönduós
5	Spákonufellshöfði – Skagaströnd
6	Miklavatn Lake – Skagafjörður
7	Hraun – Öxnadalur Valley
8	Böggvistaðafjall Mountain – Dalvík
9	Svarfaðardalur Valley Nature Reserve – Dalvík
10	Krossanesborgir – Eyjafjörður
1	Eyjafjörður Fjord – Giant submarine smectite cones that rise from the seafloor at a depth of 70 metres
12	Vestmannsvatn Lake – Reykjadalur
13	Mývatn Lake and Laxá River
14	Skútustaðagígar, Pseudocraters – Lake Mývatn
15	Dimmuborgir Lava Formations – Lake Mývatn
16	Hverfjall/Hverfell Explosion Crater – Lake Mývatn
17	Dettifoss, Hafragilsfoss and Selfoss Waterfalls in Jökulsárgljúfur Canyon – Vatnajökull National Park
18	Askja Caldera, Vatnajökull National Park and Nature Reserve – Herðubreiðarlindir
19	Kverkfjöll Mountains, Vatnajökull National Park and Hvannalindir Nature Reserve

Birdwatching

The North of Iceland is a great place for birdwatching. The sea cliffs around the coast are teeming with birds such as puffins, gulls and guillemots, while the lakes and moors of the north provide an excellent habitat for ducks and waders. There are many designated birdwatching areas with bird watching shelters that provide an excellent way to view and photograph the birds from the land, while taking a boat out to sea is also a great way to watch sea birds. For more information, please check the chapter on boat tours. The Birding Trail guides you along birding sites in all of North Iceland, many of which are the country's best birding areas in terms of number of species and abundance of birds.

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Vatnsnes – Illugastaðir in Vatnsnes, birdwatching and seal spotting locations. Tel. +354 451 2345

Skagafjörður, Sauðárkrókur, coastland and lakes, an interesting birdwatching area. Miklavatn, south of Sauðárkrókur, is a protected wetland with substantial birdlife. Tel. +354 455 6161

Drangey Island, rich birdlife especially seabirds, puffins, guillemots and more. drangey.net

Grímsey Island, rich birdlife especially seabirds e.g. puffin, guillemot, fulmar, arctic tern and eider. grimsey.is

Tröllaskagi, Fjallabyggð, interesting birdwatching. visittrollaskagi.is

Dalvík, Svarfaðardalur Nature Reserve. An area of about 8 km² of wetland that is an excellent habitat for many species of breeding birds. Tel. +354 466 1551

Hrísey Island, moorland, bushes and rich vegetation, bird sanctuary, birdwatching shelter. hrisey.is

Akureyri, Krossanesborgir – wetland rich in birdlife. Birdwatching shelters. Tel:+354 450 1050 Akureyri, estuary of river Eyjafjarðará, birdwatching shelter. Tel:+354 450 1050

Akureyri, Naustaborgir, marsh and bushes, birdwatching shelter. Tel:+354 450 1050

Lake Mývatn is one of the best birdwatching locations in Iceland. Birdwatching shelters are to be found close to the Bird Museum. Tel. +354 464 4477

Skjálfandi, Lundey "The Puffin Island". The birdlife on both land and sea is colourful, with puffins, arctic terns, guillemots, gannets and many more species. Tel: +354 464 4300

The lake Víkingavatn has abundant birdlife, with great numbers of ducks and grebes. About 60 species of birds are seen around the lake annually. birdingtrail.is | edgeofthearctic.is

Rauðinúpur is an impressive bird-cliff that hosts Northern Gannets and auks, including Brunnich's Guillemot. The 30 minute hike each way is well worth it. birdingtrail.is | edgeofthearctic.is

Skoruvíkurbjarg on Langanes is one of the best places to observe seabirds at their nesting sites, e.g. northern gannets, Brunnich's and common guillemots. birdingtrail.is | edgeofthearctic.is

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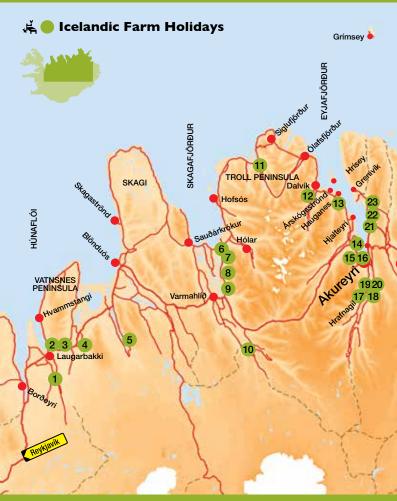


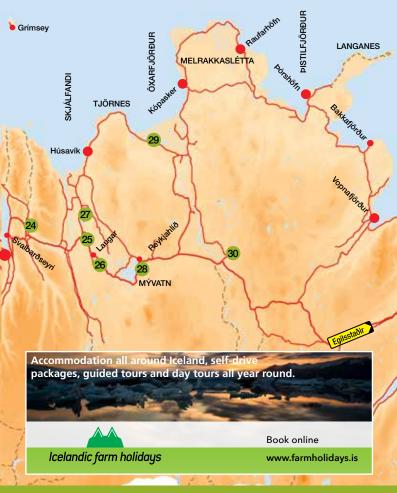


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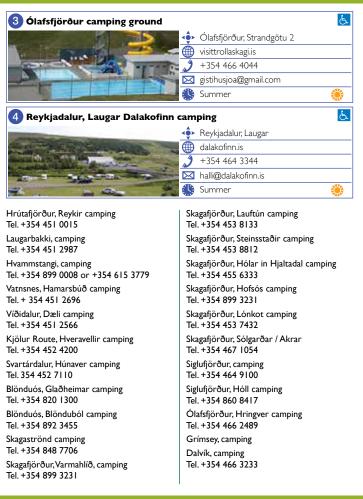
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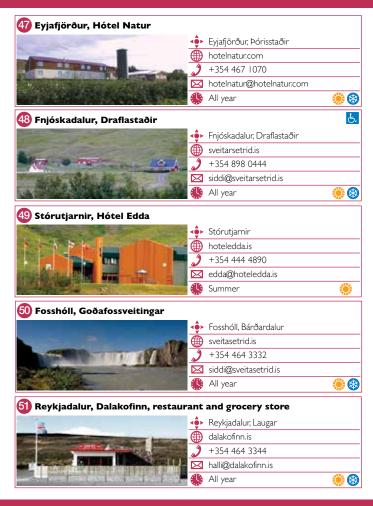




















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* From 15th of June ** Ends 14th of August







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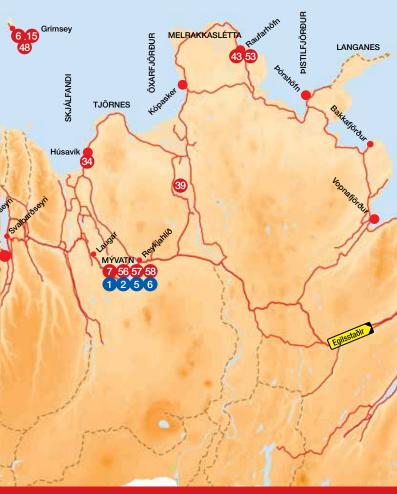


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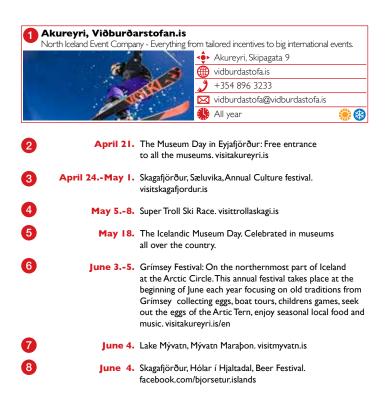




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9 June 5. Sjómannadagurinn /Seaman's day,on first Sunday in June, is an annual event. This day honors the fishermen in Iceland and all those who make their living from the sea. The day is celebrated in towns throughout the country. 10 June 11.-18. Akureyri Car Events - the largest motor sport event in Iceland and is an annual celebration of cars, motorbikes and general motor sport vehicles from around Iceland. Races. drag racing, displays and much more, ba.is/is/english Ð June 15.-18. Akureyri, Vaka Folk Festival- traditional Nordic music & dance festival with the best and brightest of traditional folk song, music, handcraft and dance from Iceland, Scandinavia and the British Isles. The festival will feature 4 days and nights of non-stop music making and dancing under the midnight sun vakafolk.is 12 **June 17.** Icelandic National Day is a national holiday in Iceland and celebrates the day in 1944 that The Republic of Iceland was formed ß June 17.-18. Hofsós – St. Johns Mass / Midsummer Celebrations An annual village celebration where the people of Hofsós host a weekend full of adventure, with a fun filled program for all the family, the weekend after St John's Mass - midsummer. visitskagafjordur.is 14 June 18. - July 3. International cultural event taking place in Siglufjörður. reitir com ß June 21. Sun Solstice in Grímsey - Enjoy the midnight sun on the longest day of the year at the Arctic Circle. Experience extreme beauty on the Island of Grímsey and along with the midnight sun watch thousands of puffins in flight and nesting. Grímsey has one of the larges puffin colonies in Iceland. visitakureyri.is/en 16 June 22.-25. Akureyri, The Arctic Open -This international golf tournament takes place yearly at the end of June around Summer Solstice on the northernmost golf course in the world. arcticopen.is

- June 23.-26. Skagafjörður, Lummudagar, Pikelet / Pankake Days. Local Culture festival. visitskagafjordur.is
 - June 24.-25. Ólafsfjörður, Blue North Music Festival. visittrollaskagi.is
 - June 25. Akureyri, The Aviation Festival During the festival there is the opportunity to view new and old aircrafts of many kinds and even see some of them in action. This is a perfect opportunity for families to have a good time and enjoy a day out during Midsummer. visitakureyri.is
 - June 25. Skagafjörður, Drangey Music Festival Drangey Music festival will take place for the second time this year. Like last year the mysterious place Reykir on Reykjaströnd will be the festival scene, where Drangey, Tindastóll mountain, Grettislaug and the sunset will create an unforgettable venue for great music!
- June 27.- July 3. Skagafjörður, The National Icelandic Horse Competition, known to Icelanders as the "Landsmót" is the largest outdoor sporting event in Iceland showcasing Iceland's best horses and riders. Apart from being a horse competition, the event is a popular spectator and family Country Festival. The Landsmot area is transformed into a village featuring a large camp site, markets with a variety of goods, children's playgrounds, a line-up of Icelandic entertainers performing during the week, and a number of Icelandic food vendor offering a wide variety of culinary choices. Tickets at tix.is. visitskagafjordur.is
- June 28. July 6. Dalvík, Annual Hiking week in the mountains of the Tröllaskagi peninsula (Troll peninsula). Different difficulty levels. visittrollaskagi.is
 - July Vatnsnes and Heggstaðarnes peninsulas, The Great Seal Count. Conducted by the Icelandic Seal Center in Hvammstangi. Local people as well as visitors can take part in the research by walking and counting the seals. Registration in advance is necessary: selasetur@selasetur.is or call: +354 451 2345

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- July 2. Thorvaldsdalur Terrain Run The oldest terrain run in Iceland, about 25 km north of Akureyri. thorvaldsdalur.umse.is
- July 6.-10. Siglufjörður, The Folk Music Festival of Siglufjordur is a five days music event held annually at the Folk Music Center in Siglufjordur North Iceland. folkmusik.is
- July 7.-10. Skagafjörður, Hólar in Hjaltadalur, Barock Music Festival. visitskagafjordur.is
 - July 8.-10. Hrísey Festival: Enjoy a family festival in this beautiful island (20 min drive from Akureyri and 15 minutes ferry sailing from Árskogssandur). Hrísey is a small island in the middle of Eyfigfjörður 35 km from Akureyri with population of 170. During this weekend the islanders invite people to come and enjoy music, tractor trailer rides, taste local food among many other things. visitakureyri.is/en
- July 14.-17. Blönduós, Húnavaka, Local Culture Festival. northiceland.is
- July 14.-19. Akureyri, The motorbike club "Tían" organises this event, it offers a diverse programming to suit all those who have a passion for motorbikes. visitakureyri.is/en
 - July 15.-17. Eyjafjörður, "Miðaldadagar" Medieval Trading Weekend at Gásir – Each summer in July on the old medieval trading site Gásir, a medieval trading area is re-created. The interactive medieval market event takes place over four days with daily demonstrations in medieval crafts and games. The villagers are dressed in medieval costume and can be seen demonstrating medieval crafts; spinning wool, wood carving, tanning, blacksmithing and much more. Shows of medieval sword fighting are held each day and members of the public can join in with medieval ball games and archery. gasir.is



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July 18.-24. Akreyri, The Hiking week of the Touring Club of Akureyri. ffa.is

32	July 1824.	Akureyri, Hiking week – Annual hiking week with different hikes in and around Akureyri.Varied levels ranging from easy 2-4 hours walks to day tours. visitakureyri.is/en
33	July 2024.	Hvammstangi,"Fire in Hunathing" Festival for the whole family. visithunathing.is
34	July 2324.	Húsavik, Mærudagar, Local Family festival. visithusavik.com
35	July 25August I.	Akureyri, Iceland Summer Games:The event focuses on outdoor activities.The big Bycicle weekend is included, trail running, mountain runnig, golf, sea sports for adults and entertainment for kids. www.icelandsummergames.is/
36	July 29 August I.	Siglufjörður, Herring Adventure, Family festival. sildaraevintyri. www.fjallabyggd.is/en
37	August 47.	Dalvík, The Great Fish day is an annual festival in Dalvíkurbyggð. Fish producers and other members of the society invite guests to a sea food buffet between 11:00 and 17:00 at the harbour in Dalvík. fiskidagurinnmikli.is

August 6.-9. The Arctic Handcraft and Design Iceland in Hrafnagilshverfi. Spend the afternoon exploring the core of the Icelandic culture. Eyjafjarðarsveit, Hrafnagil handverkshatid.is +354 824 2116

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August 6.	Vatnajökull National Park, Jökulsárhlaupið, Dettifoss Trail Run,
	takes you on hiking paths through the unique natural
	wonders of the area. jokulsarhlaup.is

- August 11.-13. Sauðárkrókur, Gæran, Rock festival. visitskagafjordur.is
 - August 12.-13. Grenivík, Grenivíkurgleði, Local Family festival. grenivik.is

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42	August 1214.	The Hólar celebration in Hjaltadal. Celebrate with old traditions, pilgrimage walks and cultural events. visitskagafjordur.is
43	August 13.	Raufarhöfn, Sléttuganga hiking in Melrakkaslétta. 27km guided hike, diverse and interesting route. Sauna, Dinner and dance in the evening. Departure 9:00 from Raufarhöfn - No registration
44	August 1316.	Skagafjörður, Sveitasæla is an agricultural show and farm fair. Fun family entertainment where everyone can find something to their liking. Music, farm zoo, dog competition, talent competition, rams show, crafts market and a wide range of companies that will be at the fair to promote and sell their products. Free admission and everyone is welcome.
45	August 1821.	Ólafsfjörður, Berjadagar, Music Festival. visittrollaskagi.is
46	August 2627.	Akureyri Town festival – rich of cultural events - The Birthday of Akureyri is celebrated annually on the last weekend of August. The opening ceremony of the festival always takes place on Friday evening in the Botanical Garden. Some of the highlights of the event are: Opening ceremony in the Botanical garden, Spooky evening in the old town, concerts on Ráðshústorg square and events along the Artist Alley. visitakureyri.is/en
47	Sept / Oct	Siglufjörður, Poetry Festival. visittrollaskagi.is
48	September 10.	Arctic Circle Run in Grímsey – A race crossing the Arctic Circle, around the island of Grímsey. A choice of two distances: one circle (approx. 12 km) or two circles. visitakureyri.is/en
49	Sept. 1718.	East Hunavatnscounty, Skrapatungurétt, horse round-up. Hundreds of horses are gathered from the highlands. One of the largest social events of the year for the locals. northwest.is

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50	Sept. 24.	Laufskálarétt in Hjaltadalur, the most popular horse round-up in Iceland. Every year thousands of guests come to the event. visitskagafjordur.is
51	Sept. 29 Oct. 2.	North Iceland Local Food Festival. The overall goal of the exhibition is to present food and food culture from the northern parts of Iceland, ranging from small producers to the largest, catering services and other service related to the industry. northiceland.is
<u>52</u>	Sept. 30- Oct. 2.	Húnaþing Vestra, Víðidalstungurétt. A popular horse round-up. visithunathing.is
53	Oct. I.	Raufarhöfn, The Rams Festival. Buying and selling young rams. Different activites related to the icelandic sheep.
54	Oct.6-9.	Akureyri, Ladies Days – Get pink and shimmery and enjoy Ladies Days with concerts, exhibitions and various events happening around the town. Many stores and companies invite guests to enjoy a special day or evening during the weekend with a variety of art, music and light refreshments along with new fashion and products. During the weekend stores offer various discounts and organized events for women of all ages. visitakureyri.is/en
5 5	Nov.27Dec.31.	Akureyri, Advent and Christmas program. Enjoy celebrations of the holiday season with colourful decorations, and bonfires and fireworks on New Years Eve.
56	December	Mývatn, During the advent - Visit the Icelandic Yule Lads at Christmas in Dimmuborgir: visitmyvatn.is
57	December	Christmas Family Run. visitmyvatn.is
58	December 10.	The Yule Lads Annual Bath in the Nature Baths. visitmyvatn.is

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"Miðaldadagar" Medieval Trading Weekend at Gásir

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1	March	Mývatn, Dog Sled Race and Skijoring - Icelandic Champion Tournament
2	March	Mývatn open, Horses on ice tournament in horse racing. visitmyvatn.is
3	March 313. April	Akureyri, Iceland Winter Games- In March 2017 Iceland's AFP slopestyle free ski competition and IWG TTR snow board competition will take place in Akureyri, the ski capital of Iceland.A unique opportunity for skiers, snowboarders and followers to discover and experience this truly magnificent town close to the Arctic Circle. All kinds of winter sports; mountain hiking, skiing, snow scooters, super jeeps, northern light tours, exhibitions, concerts and much, much more. Main events take place in March. icelandwintergames.is
4	April 79.	Akureyri, Ak Extreme" Snowboarding competition, one of the biggest in Iceland. The festival is for three days and is kicks off on a Thursday and ends on Sunday. The main event is a competition and exhibition of jumps that takes place in the canyon Gilið (Kaupvangsstræti) in Akureyri. An enourmously high ski jump ramp is built, near to the towns swimming pool, contestants have to ride a hydrolic lift to reach the top of the platform! akextreme.is
5	April 14.	Mývatn, Long Friday Passion Walk. visitmyvatn.is
6	April	Mývatn, Orkugangan Corss Country Ski Race in Mývatnssveit. orkugangan.is

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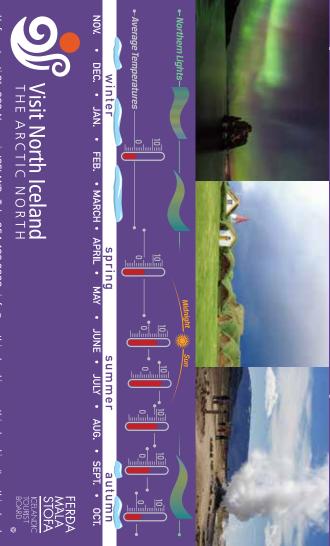
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