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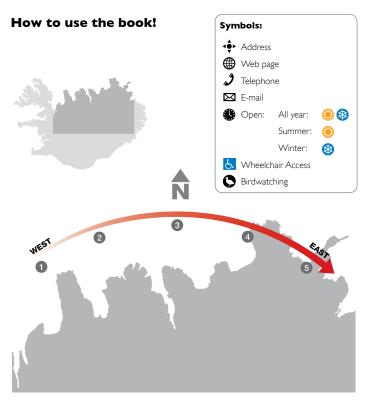
### Welcome to the Arctic North Iceland

North Iceland has a population of 36 thousand, including Akureyri, the largest town outside Reykjavík and a number of historic coastal towns. 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. 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 and Askja. 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.



### Visit North Iceland

Visit North Iceland is the official marketing office for tourism in North Iceland. Activities focus on marketing and promotion of North Iceland via www.northiceland.is and social media, by publications and participation in workhops and trade shows. The goal of Visit North Iceland is to strenghten the image of North Iceland and promote it as the ideal tourist destination for visitors to Iceland.



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 Akurevri to Grímsey Island with Norlandair and from Akureyri to Þórshöfn with Air Iceland.





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### By road:

Within North Iceland and to Akureyri town from Reykjavík, scheduled buses and bus tours are available every day. 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.



### By Boat:

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:

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### **Emergency:**

Ambulance - Fire - Police: Tel: 112

Road Conditions: Tel: 1777

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



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

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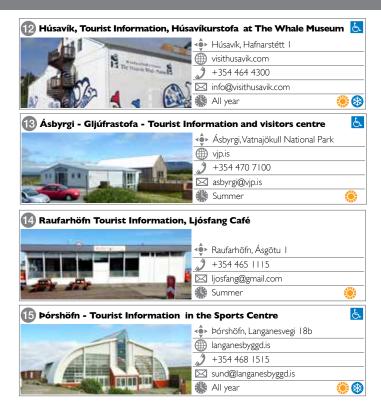
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# TOWNS & VILLAGES







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# 1 Borðeyri - bordeyri.is



Borðeyri, one of the smallest villages in Iceland, is a former important trading and commercal village on the west coast of Hnútafjörður, 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

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### 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 Langafit. The former boarding school now houses the primary school of the district in winter and a hotel during the summer. 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 48

# 3 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 546



### Blönduós - northwest.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, guesthouse, 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 86 I



### Skagaströnd - northwest.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 Pórdís 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 501

# 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 boasts of the highest rate of horses pr capita in Iceland. The store Verslun Haraldur Iúlíussonar is on Aðalgata (Main Street) and has been in business since 1919. Other services in Sauðárkrókur are hotels, guesthouses, museums, camping site, restaurants, cafés, pubs, a diner and fuel station, supermarket, and garages as well as health care center and geothermal swimming pool.

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### 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, horse rental and exhibitions, river rafting, restaurant, diner and fuel station.

### Population 128



### 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 78

# TOWNS & VILLAGES



### 9 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 181

### 10 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 I I 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 1.221

# 11 Ólafsfjörður - visittrollaskagi.is



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 cross-country 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 810



### 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 Grímsey island plies from the harbour in Dalvík.

Population 1,359

# TOWNS & VILLAGES



# 13 Hrísey - hrisey.is



The island of Hrísey with its small fishing village is a beautiful natural attraction in the middle of Eyfjafjörður fjord, 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 battires with the mysterious power emerging from the great Mount Kaldbakur on the mainland. Service includes overnight facilities, a restaurant shop and geothermal swimming pool. Scheluled ferry crossing are from the village Árskógssandur to Hrisey up to nine times a day and the trip takes about 15 minutes.

### Population 171

# 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, a tour to the local brewery and various day trips.

Population: Árskógssandur 112 / Hauganes 105

# 15 Hjalteyri



Hjalteyri is on the western shore of Eyjafjörður. 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 Hjalteyri there is a diving centre and a stunning view over the ocean, often giving travellers a chance to see whales in the fjord.

### Population 43

# 16 Akureyri - visitakureyri.is



Akureyri is the biggest town outside the capital area and frequently called the Capital of the Shining North, with referrence 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 travellers and a good starting point for day tours and excursions. Up to eight domestic flights and two scheduled busses a day 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 Hlíðarfjall.

Population: 18,000

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### Hrafnagilshverfi - northiceland.is



Hrafnagilshverfi 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 Iceland. Eviafiarðarsveit 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: 1,031

# 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,

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# 19 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, horse rental, a fisheries museum, Kaldbakur snow cat tours and a geothermal swimming pool.

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# 20 Grímsey - visitakureyri.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 the 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. A ferry from Dalvík connects Grímsey three times a week, all year (3 hrs sailing) and flights are offered from Akureyri three times a week during winter and daily during summer (25 minutes flight). A schooner sails to the island from Húsavík. Services in Grímsey are overnight facilities, restaurant, mini-marked, a café and sightseeing walk.

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### Laugar - edgeofthearctic.is



Laugar is a small community which has sprung up in the active geothermal area of Reykiadalur 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.

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# Húsavík - visithusavik.com



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 Skiálfandi Bay and often named the Whale Watching Capital. The Husavík Whale Centre and other museums in Húsavík are worth a visit and 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 Hlióðaklettar.

### Population 2,228



### Mývatn / Reykjahlíð - visitmyvatn.is



The Mývatn region is one of the highlights North Iceland, known for its geothermal activity and the exceptional beauty of its natural phenomena. Reykjahlíð is a small village by Lake Mývatn. Birdlife by the lake is abundant and Sigurgeir's Bird Museum is one of the locations worth visiting, as well as the Mývatn Nature Baths, From Revkiahlíð are many marked hiking routes. Different types of accommodation are available in the Myvatn region, as well as restaurants and cafés, All major services are provided in Reykjahlíð, such as a supermarket, bank, post office, health care centre, and geothermal swimming pool.

### Pobulation 385



### 24 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.

### Pobulation 122



### 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".

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### Bakkafjörður - edgeofthearctic.is



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 80



# NATURE HIGHLIGHTS #







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# Vatnsnes



Vatnsnes 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.

# 2 Hvítserkur



A 15m high monolith just off shore on the eastern side of Vatnsnes peninsula. 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 Sigriốarstaðir lake, south of the rock.

# 3 Kolugljúfur



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.

# 4 Borgarvirki



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.

# 5 Vatnsdalshólar



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 Arnarvatnsheiði 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.

### Arnarvatnsheiði



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

### 8 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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# Orangey



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 brother 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.

# 110 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.

# 111 Héðinsfjörður



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.

# 1 Tröllaskagi



A rugged peninsula between Skagafjörður and Eyjafjörður. A maze of mountains, rivers and miniature glaciers. Ideal for hiking in the summer and for extreme winter sports in winter. Guided tours and maps available.

### 🔞 Ólafsfjörður Lake



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

### 14 Grímsey Island



Grimsey is the northernmost point of Iceland, situated on the Artic 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. A schooner sails from Húsavík during the summer.

### 🚯 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.

### 16 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. Recently purchased snow blowers are capable of providing fine skiing conditions during the entire winter.

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### 🕧 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.

# 18 Laugafell



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.

### 19 Fjörður



The peninsula between Eyjafjörður and Skjálfandi Bay is a 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.

### Goðafoss



The "Waterfall of the Gods" is in the glacial river Skjálfandafljót, 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.

### 21 Aldeyjarfoss



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.

# Sprengisandur



The most common highland route in Iceland 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.

### 23 Mývatn



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.

# Tjörnes



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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# 25 Ásbyrgi



This is one of the wonders of nature, a well forested horseshoe shaped canyon in Öxarfjörður. Ásbyrgi is part of Jökulárgljúfur within the Vatnajökull 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.

### 26 Jökulsárgljúfur



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 second-longest, 206km.

# 27 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.

# 28 Melrakkaslétta



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 lífe 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.

### Rauðanes



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.

### 30 Langanes



A narrow peninsula between Pistilfjörður 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 where it is possible to watch the Northern Gannet and Brünnichs Guillemot from land.

### 31 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.

### 32 Askja



Askja is a 50km² caldera in the Dyngjufjöll mountains in Vatnajökull 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 Vfti (Hell) north of it. The area is still very geologically active, with the last eruption in 1961.

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### 33 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 high-temperature geothermal areas is located in Kverkföll at a height of some 1,700m. By the edge of the icecap is an ice cave of particular interest, about a 3km drive from the mountain lodge.

### 34 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 Eyjäfallajökull 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.

#### The Sturlung Trail in Skagafjörður.

Although the Age of the Sturlunga Saga was marked by acts of cruelty and gruesome battles, the events have an air of adventure. Walking tours with a guide. sturlungaslod.is

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👍 Blönduós, The Icelandic Salmon Centre, Efstubraut I

An exhibition on the background of the biology and habitats of the salmon as well as their part in Icelandic food culture and the history of salmon fishing.



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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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A theme exhibition on the lives of the most famous and notorious outlaws in Iceland, the couple Eyvindur and Halla, who challenged the authorities for 40 years, and always escaped the claws of justice.



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🕜 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.



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8 Skagaströnd, Spákonuhof-Museum of Prophecies

Exhibition on Þórdís the Fortuneteller, that features interesting information on prophecies and fortune telling, Visitors can have their fortune told and palms read on request.

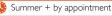


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Sauðárkrókur, Minjahúsið Historical Exhibitions

Historical Exhibitions from Skagafjörður Heritage Museum



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10 Sauðárkrókur, The Tannery Visitor Centre

Provides visitors with an unusual way to experience the tannery and its products. Guided tours of the actual tannery, where fish-skin is processed to make high-quality leather.



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#### 👔 Skagafjörður, Glaumbær Folk Museum

Turf farm and two Timber houses. Skagafjörður Heritage Museum.



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### 12 Skagafjörður, Hólar in Hjaltadalur

Hólar in Hjaltadalur is among Iceland's most remarkable historical and cultural sites. Historical trail through the area. Educational centre since 1106.



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### 🔞 Skagafjörður, Hólar, The Icelandic Horse History Centre

An international centre for research, knowledge and education about the Icelandic horse.



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#### 🚹 Hofsós, The Icelandic Emigration Centre

Illustrates the history of the Icelandic exodus to America in the 19th century.



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Siglufjörður, Herring Era Museum

The Herring Era Museum in Siglufjörður - Awarded maritime museum where the 'glory days' of Iceland's herring fisheries and industry are brought back to life. Winner of the Micheletti Museum Award 2004.



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A nature and bird museum in Ólafsfjörður. Polar Bear exhibition.



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📆 Dalvík, Hvoll, Local Folk Museum

The museum has three departments; focusing on regional aspects, natural science and also includes exhibits on a number of famous people from the community.



📤 Dalvík, Karlsrauðatorg

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🔞 Dalvík, Berg Cultural House

Local culture house, Facilities for art exhibitions, concerts, meetings and conferences.



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🔞 Dalvík, Húsabakki, The Birdland Exhibition

The exhibition comprises science, folklore and superstition relating to Icelandic birds, and features some surprising phenomena. It can be said for sure that BIRDLAND is an exhibition, where birds finally "come out of the closet".



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🙍 Hrísey Island Museum

Exhibition and items related to shark fishing as well as the history of Hrísey, in a house built in 1885-1886, Location for tourist information in summer.



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41 Hrísey Island, The Memorial Museum of Alda Halldórsdóttir

The home of Alda, born in 1913, the interior of which shows in a unique way a typical working class home of that era where the past meets the present.



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Hauganes, Ektafiskur Visitor Centre.

Producer of Bakkalao or salted cod. The history of the company, production process and tasting.



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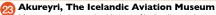
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Museum relating to the history of Icelandic aviation.





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The museum was founded to commemorate the industrial heritage of Akureyri and exhibits machinery, tools of various trades and manufactured products from last century.



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🔼 Akureyri, Akureyri Art Museum

The Museum's two venues, Akureyri Art Museum and Ketilhús, are located side by side in the heart of Akureyri; Listagil (Art's Street).



🌬 Akureyri, Kaupvangsstræti 8-12

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Portraying the life and work of past inhabitants of Eyjafjörður and Akureyri. Unique artefacts relating to the Viking Age, the Middle Ages, religion and everyday life in Eyjafjörður and Akureyri.



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Akureyri, Davíðshús

A memorial museum of one of Iceland's most beloved poets, Davíð Stefánsson. His living quarters are preserved in the same condition as when he lived in the house 1944-1964.



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👧 Akureyri, Sigurhæðir

A memorial museum of the Reverend and poet Matthías Jochumsson (1835-1920), best known for writing the text to Iceland's National Anthem. The house was home to Matthías from 1903 until the end of his life.



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🙉 Akureyri, Nonni´s House Museum

Childhood home of the writer and Jesuit priest Jón Sveinsson, Nonni, in one of Akureyri's oldest buildings.



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🗿 Akureyri, Public Park and Botanical Garden

One of the northern most botanical gardens in the world. Opened in 1912; the Botanic section was added in 1957. About 6,600 alien taxa growing in the garden in beds and nursery. Approx. 430 species of the native taxa.



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👔 Akureyri, Húni II, Historic Oak Boat

The renovated 130 ton oak fishing-boat built in Akureyri in 1963, serves as a historic monument to the Icelandic boat and fishing industry.



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### 😥 Akureyri, Friðbjarnarhús, Old Toys on Display

An exhibition of 20th century toys in a house built 1856.



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🙉 Akureyri, Motorcycle Museum

Exhibits telling the history of motorcycles in Iceland.





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Hof is a cultural building designed for music and other performing arts, as well as top-notch facilities for conferences, meetings and exhibitions.



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Eyjafjörður, The Christmas Garden

A museum and shop open all year round, about Christmas and the traditional Icelandic Yule Lads.



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**65 Eyjafjörður, The Sverrir Hermannsson's Sundry Collection** A private collection of thousands of small everyday objects.



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🛐 Eyjafjörður, Laufás Farm

A typical Icelandic turf farm, equipped with household items and utensils resembling those in use at the beginning of the 20th century. Church built 1865.



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Grenjaðarstaður Old Farmhouse

Regional museum in a traditional turf farmhouse.



Aðaldalur, Grenjaðarstaður

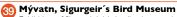
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Exhibition of Sigurgeir's bird collection, consisting of hundreds of birds and egg specimens.



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### Músavík, Whale Museum

A comprehensive museum on whales, their habitat and way of life.

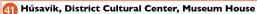




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Winner of The Icelandic Museum Award 2012.

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A diverse selection of handicrafts in the farming community together with a library and a collection of photographs.



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### **Travel Agencies**

In Iceland there are many professional travel agencies licenced by The Icelandic Tourist Board, offering their services to tourists travelling in Iceland all year round. If you need any help in planning your vacation in North Iceland, summer or winter, please contact any of the many licensed travel agencies listed here in alphabetical order.

#### **Activity Tours**

Activity tours that include rafting, horseback riding and accommodation.



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#### **Arctic rafting**

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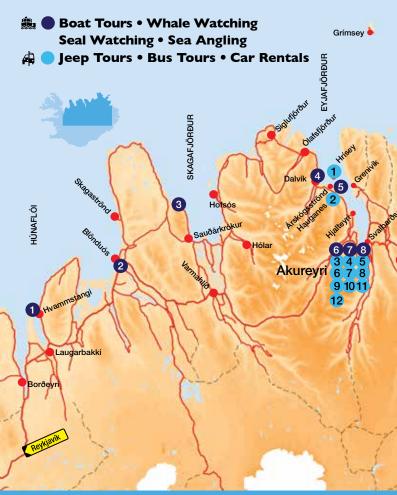
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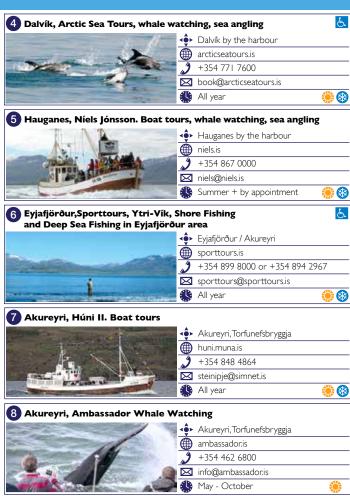


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Sailing out on the Atlantic Ocean, towards or even beyond the Arctic Circle is something unique. Little can compare to feeling the fresh ocean breeze whipping your face while riding the waves in search of seals or whales and watching the sea birds soaring into the sky, Sea-angling is fun and if you are lucky you might even catch some of the ocean's "silver darlings" which will doubtless taste delicious at the end of an enjoyable day.

Seals can easily be observed throughout the year in their natural environment, either from land or by boat at Hvammstangi and the beautiful Vatnsnes peninsula where you also find the Hvítserkur cliff rising high from the sea, You can easily get up close with humpbacks, dolphins and minkes or even blue whales in North Iceland. Whale watching options include oak-boats, rib safaris, schooners and various boats renovated perfectly for whale watching. A unique experience available both in Húsavík the whale watching capital, or in the calm sea of Eyjafjörður fjord, sheltered by mountains.





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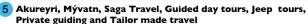
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During recent years, services relating to walking and hiking have increased significantly in North Iceland, Trail maps have been published in many areas and can be bought at tourist information centres. Just put on your hiking boots - here you will find adventure. Special hiking programmes are on offer during summer in the north of Iceland, where each district plans "hikes for the day" in their area, during a whole week,













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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 Húnabing-vestra, Skrapatungurétt in East Húnavatnssýsla and Laufskálarétt in Skagafjörður.

### **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.



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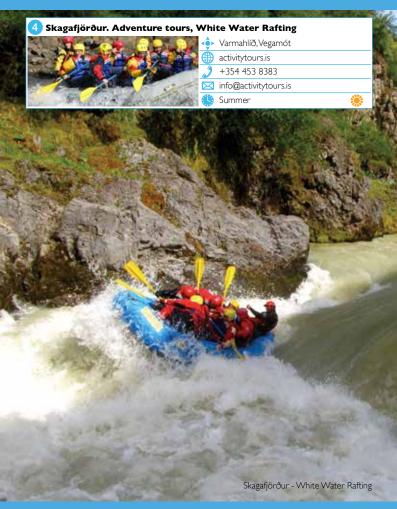




### White Water Rafting

Unknown to most, two towering river canyons secretly cut their way through the mountains of Skagafiörður from the central highlands to the valley bottom. In their depths, powerful glacial rivers cascade through the silent landscape, carrying an endless stream of meltwaters from Hofsjökull out to the North Atlantic ocean. Those fortunate enough to experience them will find exciting rapids, mind-blowing scenery, and a pristine arctic wilderness all to themselves. From gentle family float trips to adrenaline-pumping whitewater and remote multi-day expeditions, it is no surprise that this hidden treasure of North Iceland is quickly gaining a reputation as one of Europe's top rafting destinations.







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### Spa and Wellness





### Golf

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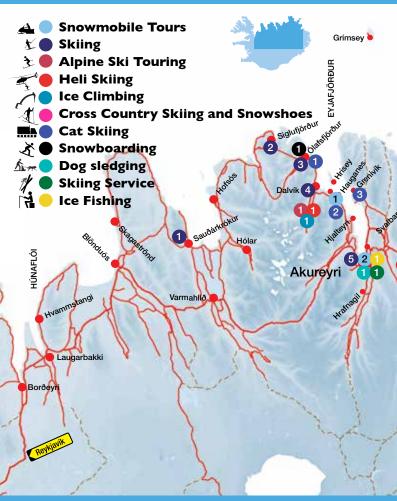
### **Sightseeing Flights**

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## Winter Magic in North Iceland

North Iceland is the number one winter destination in Iceland. Seven ski areas, including Hlíðarfjall the countries 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 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.



### **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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### 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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### Statistics Skiiceland

	Akureyri	Sauðárkrókur	Dalvík	Siglufjörður	Ólafsfjörður
Vertical meters	480 m	245 m	322 m	480 m	160 m
Skiable area	200 km <sup>2</sup>	115 km²	85 km²	170 km²	20 km²
Number of ski lifts	7	2	2	4	1
Number of ski slopes	23	5	4	10	2
Total length of ski slopes	16 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.





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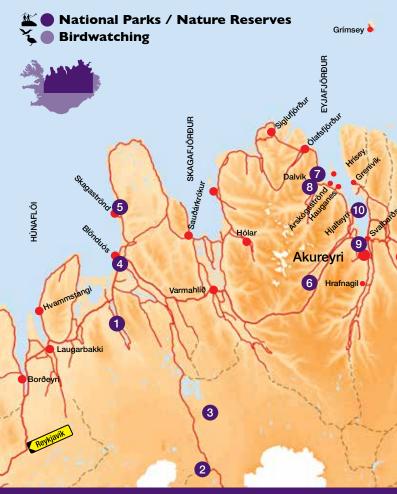


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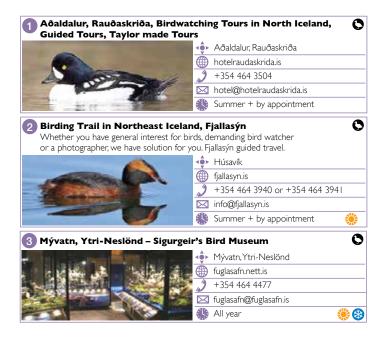
A large section of Vatnajökull National Park, Europe's largest National Park, lies in the north of Iceland, the canyon of Jökulsá river forming its northernmost part. There are several interesting places to visit in the park, such as Dettifoss waterfall, Hólmatungur, Hljóðaklettar, Ásbyrgi, Askja, Kverkfjöll Mountains and the lavafield of Ódáðahraun. For further information see www.vjp.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 northicelandis.

- 🚹 Kattarauga Vatnsdalur Valley
- Mveravellir Kjölur Highland Route
- Guðlaugstungur Northwest of Hofsjökull Glacier
- 🚹 Hrútey Island in Blanda River Blönduós
- Spákonufellshöfði Skagaströnd
- 6 Hraun Öxnadalur Valley
- 🕜 Böggvistaðafjall Mountain Dalvík
- 8 Svarfaðardalur Valley Nature Reserve Dalvík
- 🧿 Krossanesborgir Eyjafjörður
- Eyjafjörður Fjord Giant submarine smectite cones that rise from the seafloor at a depth of 70 metres
- 11 Vestmannsvatn Lake Reykjadalur
- Mývatn Lake and Laxá River
- R Skútustaðagígar, Pseudocraters Lake Mývatn
- Dettifoss, Hafragilsfoss and Selfoss Waterfalls in Jökulsárgljúfur Canyon – Vatnajökuli National Park
- Askja Caldera, Vatnajökull National Park and Nature Reserve – Herðubreiðarlindir
- Kverkfjöll Mountains, Vatnajökull National Park and Hyannalindir 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 Northeast Iceland from Lake Mývatn to Langanes peninsula. This area is probably the richest birding area in Iceland in terms of number of species and abundance of birds.

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Gauksmýri – reactivated pond, rich birdlife, 30-40 species.

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

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

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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.

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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.

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

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

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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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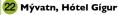
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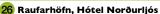


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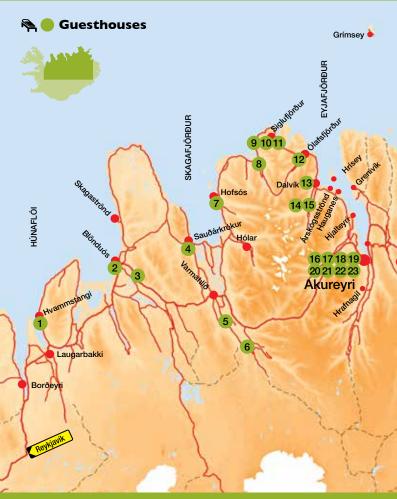
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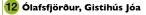


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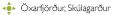














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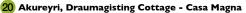


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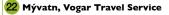


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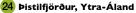






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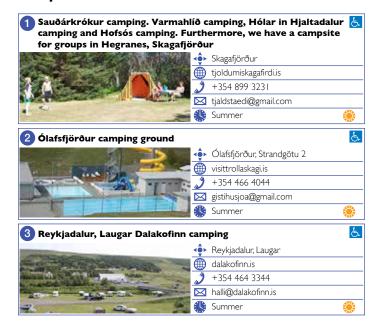
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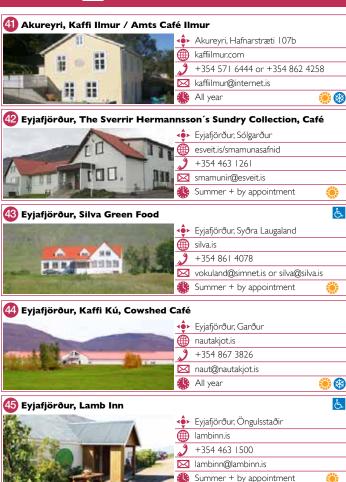


















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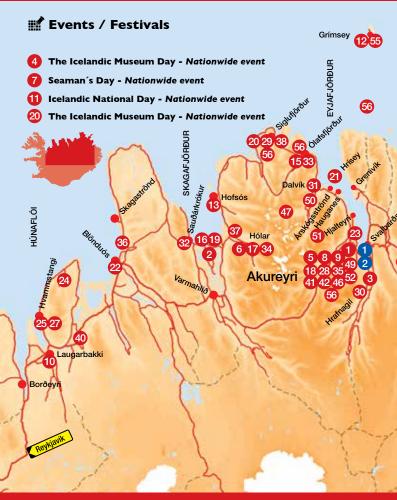
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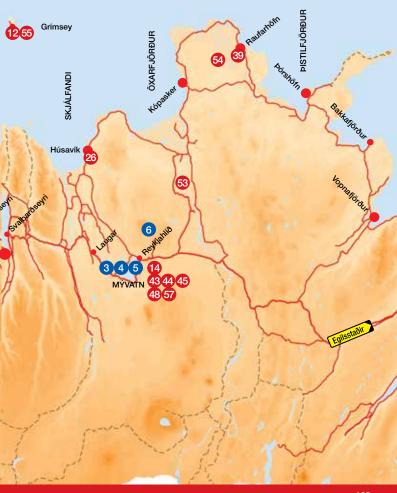
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## EVENTS / FESTIVALS **\*\*\***









## 2015 April - December

#### **Events / Festivals**

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- April 26.-May 3. Skagafjörður, Sæluvika, Annual Culture festival.
- April 23. The Museum Day in Eyjafjörður: A free entrance to all the museums.
- May 17. The Icelandic Museum Day, Celebrated in museums all over the country.
- June 20. 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/en
- June 6. Skagafjörður, Hólar í Hjaltadalur, Beer Festival.
- June 7. 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.



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- June 10.-13. 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.
- June 16.-21. 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.
- June 12.-14. Laugarbakki Accordion festival
- June 17. Icelandic National Day is a national holiday in Iceland and celebrates the day in 1944 that The Republic of Iceland was formed.
- 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.
- June 19.-20. 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.
- June 23. Midsummer Night with the Yule Lads Dimmuborgir.
- June 26.-27. Ólafsfjörður, Blue North Music Festival.
- June 25.-28. Skagafjörður, Lummudagar, Pikelet / Pankake Days. Local Culture festival.

- June 25.-29. Skagafjörður, Hólar in Hjaltadalur,
  Barock Music Festival.
- June 25.-27. Akureyri, The Arctic Open This international golf tournament takes place yearly at the end of June around Summer Solstice on the northernmost 18 hole golf course in the world.
- July 1.-5. Siglufjörður, Folk Music Festival and a Folk
  Music Academy to coincide with the festival.
- June 24. July 6. International cultural event taking place in Siglufjörður, the project is called Reitir.
- July 10.-12. Hrísey family festival. Enjoy a family based festival in this beautiful island (20 min drive from Akureyri and 30 minutes ferry sailing from Árskogssandur). Hrísey is a small island in the middle of Eyfjafjörður 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 and experience local culture.
- July 16.-19. Blönduós, Húnavaka, Local Cultur Festival.
  - July 17.-19. Akureyri, "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
    market event takes place over four days with daily
    demonstrations in crafts and games. The villagers are dressed
    in costume and can be seen demonstrating crafts; spinning
    wool, wood carving, tanning, blacksmithing and much more.
    Shows of sword fighting are held each day and members of
    the public can join in with ball games and archery.

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Iuly 19. 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. Necessary to register in advance: selasetur@selasetur.is, or call: 45 I 2345

July 22.-25. Hvammstangi,"Fire in Hunathing" Festival for the whole family

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July 24.-26. Húsavik, Mærudagar, Local Family festival.

July 25.-26. Hvammstangi, Laugarbakki. Grettistak Viking festival.

July 31.-August 3. Akureyri, "Ein með öllu" Family Festival - A family oriented festival with a lot of fun, events and music. The main theme is one of romance with a dash of nostalgia. However there should be something for everyone. The name means literally "One with everything", which is the most popular order when buying an Icelandic hot dog! During the festival, a variety of entertainment can be enjoyed by all. There is an open air concert downtown Akureyri every night.

👧 July 31. - August 2. Siglufjörður, Herring Adventure, Family festival.

30 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 handverk@esveit.is 🐧 Summer

- August 6.-9. The Great Fish day is an annual festival in Dalvík.

  Fish producers and other members of the society invite guests to a seafood buffet at the harbour in Dalvík.
- August 13.-15. Sauðárkrókur, Gaeran, Rock festival.
- August 13.-16. Ólafsfjörður, Berjadagar, Music Festival. Grenivíkurgleði, Local Family festival.
- August 15.-16. The Hólar celebration in Hjaltadalur. Celebrate with old traditions, pilgrimage walks and cultural.
- August 28.-30. Akureyrarvaka, 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. Every year has a special theme that everyone take part in and enjoy themselves with the locals. 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.
- Sept. 13.-14. 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.
- Sept. 26. Laufskálarétt in Hjaltadalur, the most popular horse round-up in Iceland. Every year thousands of guests come to the event.
- Sept. / Oct. Siglufjörður, Poetry Festival.
- Oct. 3. Raufarhöfn, The Rams Festival. Buying and selling young rams. Different activites related to the icelandic sheep.
- 40 Oct. 3.-5. Húnaþing Vestra, Víðidalstungurétt. A popular horse round-up.

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- Oct. 8-11. 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.
- Oct. 12.-18. North Iceland Local Food Festival –Local Food is one of the most dynamic food exhibitions in the country. 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.
- Nov. 28. Mývatn, The Yule Lads Christmas Preparation
  Day in Dimmuborgir.
- December 12. The Yule Lads Annual Bath.

  Nov. 29. Dec. 31. During the advent Visit the Icelandic Yule Lads at Christmas in Dimmuborgir.
- 46 Nov. 29. Dec. 31. Akureyri, Advent and Christmas program. Enjoy celebrations of the holiday season with colourful decorations, and bonfires and fireworks on NewYears Eve.

#### **Outdoor Activities Events**

- May 2. Tröllaskagi Peninsula, Super Troll Ski Race.
- June 6. Lake Mývatn, Mývatn Marathon.
- June 8.- 12. The Hiking week of the Touring Club of Akureyri.
- 47 48 49 50 June 27. - July 5. Dalvíkurbyggð, Annual Hiking week in the mountains of the Tröllaskagi peninsula (Troll peninsula). Different difficulty levels.
- **6** July 4. Thorvaldsdalur Terrain Run - The oldest terrain run in Iceland, about 25 km north of Akureyri.
- **52** Iuly 13.-19. Hiking week - Annual hiking week with different hikes in and around Akureyri. Varied levels ranging from easy 2-4 hours walks to day tours.
- 63 August 8. Vatnajökull National Park, Jökulsárhlaupið, Dettifoss run, takes you on hiking paths through the unique natural wonders of the area.
- **54** August 15. Raufarhöfn, Sléttuganga á Melrakkasléttu. 27km guided hike, diverse and interesting route. Sauna Dinner and dance in the evening.
- *6*5 September 5. 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.
- **56** September 12. Siglufjörður, Ólafsfjörður, Akureyri. Iceland Extreme Challenge.
- 57 December 12. Mývatn, Christmas Family Run.



## 2016

March Iceland Winter Games - In March 2016 Iceland's AFP slopestyle free ski competition and IWG open 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.

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April 8.- II. "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 (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!

#### **Outdoor Activity Events**

- **3** March 5.-6. Dog Sled Race and Skijoring - Icelandic Champion Tournament.
- 4 March 25. Long Friday Passion Walk.
- 5 March Mývatn open, Horses on ice tournament in horse racing.
- 6 April 9. Orkugangan Cross Country Ski Race.

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