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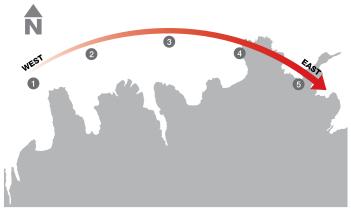
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To help you plan your journey each chapter is organised in geographical order from West to East as shown by the arrow.



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:



From Reykjavík, two airlines offer schedules flights several times per day; Air Iceland Connect to Akureyri and Eagle Air to Húsavík. From Akureyri, flights are available to Grímsey with Norlandair and to Pórshöfn with Air Iceland Connect/Norlandair, A connecting flight from Keflavík airport to Akureyri is also available on selected days, with Air Iceland Connect.



www.airicelandconnect.com | www.eagleair.is | www.circleair.is





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 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

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



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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 America, 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 Langafit. 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.

Laugarbakki 55

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, restaurant, camping site, cafés, a hotel, guesthouses, diner and a fuel station, as well as a health care center and a geothermal swimming pool.

Population 573



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 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 867



Skagaströnd - northiceland.is



Skagaströnd 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, camping site, grocery store, mini-mart and fuel station, garages and a geothermal swimming pool.

Population 443

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, bakery, pubs, a diner and fuel station, supermarket, and garages as well as health care center and geothermal swimming pool.

Pobulation 2.612

7 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 132

8 **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 93



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 142

Siglufjörður - visittrollaskagi.is



Siglufjörður stands by a fjord of the same name, on the Tröllaskagi Peninsula between Skagafjörður and Eyjafjörður, only 77 km from Akureyri town. Harbor conditions are very good and Siglufjörður has always been a fishing town. For years it was the largest herring centre in Iceland. The Icelandic Herring Era Museum is the largest maritime and industrial museum in Iceland. 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. An II 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 1,184

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 harbor. 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 787



Dalvík - visittrollaskagi.is



Dalvík is a fishing town, on the west coast of Eyjafjörður fjord, 40 minutes drive from Akureyri, famous for its annual event the Great Fish Day held in August each year. The ferry to Grímsey island plies from the harbour in Dalvík. Recreation is versatile throughout the year. Besides short and long hiking trails there is whale watching, bird watching, sea angling, sking, heli-sking, geothermal swimming pool and horse rental. The area is rich in culture with a local museum, art exhibitions and local galleries. Accommodation is available in a hotel, guesthouses, cabins and hostels. For dining there are café's and restaurants. 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.

Population 1,381



13 Hrísey - hrisey.is



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.

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Árskógssandur - visittrollaskagi.is



Árskógssandur is a small village located in Árskógsströnd on the west coast of Eyjafjörður, about 20 minute drive from Akureyri. Scheduled ferries ply to Hrísey Island from the harbour at Árskógssandur. It is a lovely litle town with economy based on fishing and tourism. Recreation on offer includes a tour to the local brewery and a dip into the new Kaldi Beer Spa.

Polulation: Árskógssandur 107

15 Hauganes - visittrollaskagi.is



Hauganes is a small village located at Árskógsströnd on the west coast of Eyjafjörður, about 20 minute drive from Akureyri. It is a lovely litle town with economy based on fishing and tourism. Recreation on offer includes whale watching and a visit to Bacalao bar and production. For those interested in camping there is a camping place on site. Here you will find the highly popular hot tubs down by the black beach of Sandvík.

Population 118

16 Hjalteyri - northiceland.is



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. 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. Whale watching is offered from the harbor. On the shore, you can relax in a hot tub that is open for visitors.

Population 43



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 four 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, visit the swimming pool and water activity park 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.

Pobulation: 18,769



18 Hrafnagil - northiceland.is



Hrafnagil is a cosy little community within a heart's breath of Akureyri. It has a great geothermal pool, a service centre for visitors and boasts of the well-known annual August event, Arctic handcraft and design. The Christmas garden is located at Hrafnagil along with a great camping area. Hrafnagil rests in the beautiful countryside of Eyjafjarðarsveit which offers many other great attractions such as the Sverrir Hermannsson's Sundry Collection, a cow shed cafe, stunning scenery and several beautiful old churches. In fact, while the valley is approximately 40km at length, the average length between churches is only about 6 km. There are also several places to dine in Eyjafjarðarsveit along with hostels and overnight facilities. Population: 272

19 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: 36 I



Grenivík - northiceland.is



Grenivík is located in a cove of the same name on the eastern shore of Eviafiörður 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 overnight facilities, restaurant, horse rental, kayaking, a fisheries museum, old turfhouse Laufás, Kaldbakur snow cat tours and a geothermal swimming pool with stunning ocean view.

Pobulation: 30 I

21 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 (3 hours) and flights are offered from Akureyri (25 minutes flight). Service includes Rib safari tours from Húsavík. Services in Grímsey are overnight facilities, restaurant, mini-market, a café and guided sightseeing walk and various tours such as snorkeling with puffins.

Population: 6 I

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Laugar - northiceland.is



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.

Population 115



Húsavík - northiceland.is



Húsavík, on the eastern shore of Skjálfandi Bay, provides a variety of services for the neighbouring communities. According to the Landnámabók, eng, Book of Settlement, Húsavík was the first place in Iceland to be settled in 870 AD. The most famous landmark in town is the wooden church built in 1907. Húsavík is known for whale watching tours in Skjálfandi Bay and often referred to as the Whale Watching Capital. Up to 23 species of whale, including the Blue Whale, as well as large colonies of puffins can be found in the bay. The Húsavík Whale Museum exhibits a 25m long skeleton of a Blue Whale. Other museums are worth a visit, both folk museums and exploration museum. Services in Húsavík are different types of accommodation, restaurants and cafés, a brewery, a swimming pool and campsites as well as a golf course and skiing area on the outskirts of town. A newly opened sea bath that is spectacularly located on the cliffs, offering magnificent views on the bay and uses hot sea water: Húsavík is located short distance from many natural attractions such as Ásbyrgi, Mývatn, Dettifoss and Hljóðaklettar. It is serviced by Húsavík airport.

Pobulation 2.323





Mývatn / Reykjahlíð - visitmyvatn.is



The Mývatn region is one of the highlights in North Iceland, known for its geothermal activity and the exceptional beauty of its natural phenomena. Reykjahlíð is a small village by Lake Mwatn with 208 inhabitants. Birdlife by the lake is abundant boosting the Barrow's Goldeneve 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, just to mention a few of the many activities available in the area. Around the area are also many popular hiking routes. There is a large variety of accommodation 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 center.

Population 210



Kópasker - northiceland.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 121

26

Raufarhöfn - northiceland.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 a restaurant, a café, a grocery store, 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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Þórshöfn - northiceland.is



Pórshöfn is a fishing village on the eastern shore of Þistilfjörður, providing services to the surrounding countryside. Direct flights 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 369



Bakkafjörður - northiceland.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 69



The Icelandic Horse

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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. Colonies are to be found at Illugastaðir, Svalbarð, Osar and Hvítserkur. 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, only 26 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.

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.

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 million 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.

8 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.

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.

NATURE HIGHLIGHTS **#**

1 Drangey



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 Reykir on Reykjaströnd.

111 Hjaltadalur



It is in Hjaltadalur valley that one of Iceland's best-known historical sites, Hólar, is situated. Hólar was the northern bishopric from I106 as well as the educational capital of the north. The current Cathedral at Hólar was consecrated in I763. The University in Hólar has been operated since 1882. Pleasant hiking trails and an aquarium.

12 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 connected by a tunnel that cuts through Héðinsfjörður and was opened in October 2010.

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. Tröllaskagi is the most popular destination in Iceland for ski touring and heli skiing. Guided tours and maps available.

1 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.

🚯 Grímsey Island



Grímsey is the northernmost point of Iceland, situated on the Arctic Circle. It is home to less than 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.

16 Hrísey



Hrísey 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 Hrísey and Árskógssandur takes about 15 minutes one way, and the ferry. Sævar, runs every two hours.

Svarfaðardalur nature reserve



A natural wetland with walking/hiking routes and educational trails. Excellent places for bird watching but over 30 species of birds can be found. Bird observation points.

NATURE HIGHLIGHTS

🔞 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.

📵 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.

20 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.

2 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.

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.

25 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 crater, Hverir hotsprings, Krafla volcanic area and the Mývatn Nature Baths.

26 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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Ásbyrgi



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

28 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.

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.

30 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 lcelandic 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.

32 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 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 Herõubreiõ



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.

34 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.

NATURE HIGHLIGHTS

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 highemperature 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 3 km drive from the mountain lodge.

36 Holuhraun lava



Iceland's freshest lava Holuhraun is found at the north edge of the glacier Vatnajökull (Dyngiyiökull). 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 Eyjafallajökull 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. sturlungaslod.is

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Hvammstangi, KIDKA Wool factory shop

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Blönduós, Þingeyrakirkja Church

Þingeyrakirkja 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.



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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.



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Skagaströnd, Spákonuhof-Museum of Prophecies

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🔞 Skagafjörður, Glaumbær Folk Museum

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15 Skagafjörður, Rúnalist Stórhól - Art, craft and local food For sale: Handmade local art and craft from leather; hides and wool from the farm. besides fishleather from Skagafjörður. Meat and other products straigtht from the farm.

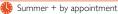


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16 Skagafjörður, Lýtingsstaðir Horses and Heritage

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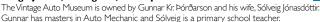
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24 Dalvík, Hvoll, Local Folk Museum

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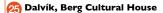
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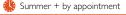


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The home of Alda, born in 1913, the interior of which shows in a unique way

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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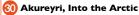
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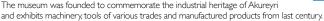
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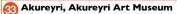


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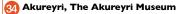
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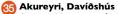
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36 Akureyri, Nonni´s House Museum

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(37) Akureyri, Public Park and Botanical Garden

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(38) Akureyri, Húni II, Historic Oak Boat

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39 Akureyri, Fridbjarnarhus, Toy Museum

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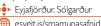
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45 Eyjafjörður. Safnasafnið - The Icelandic Folk Art Museum

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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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47 Grenivík, Fisheries Museum

Fishing Museum Grenivík was opened on 16 July 2009. It at the site of the old baiting shed Hlíðarendi, one shed remains of those settlements were for operators in Grenivík in the first half of last century.



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49 Transportation Museum at YstaFell

This is the place to visit if you are interested in modes of transport both past and present. The museum's chief purpose is to collect and preserve all kinds of vehicles, information and photographs connected to the history of transport in Iceland.



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🗿 Grenjaðarstaður Old Farmhouse

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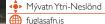
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Mývatn, Sigurgeir's Bird Museum

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



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52 Húsavík, Whale Museum

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🙀 Húsavík, District Cultural Center, Museum House A general museum of nature, industry and culture in the district of Þingeyjarsýsla. Winner of The Icelandic Museum Award 2012.



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🚰 Húsavík, The Exploration Museum

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Húsavík, Héðinsbraut 3

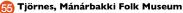
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🙃 Kópasker, Snartarstaðir Library and Local Folk Museum

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67 Raufarhöfn, Arctic Henge

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59 Þórshöfn, Sauðaneshús Local Folk Museum

The priests cottage, Sauðaneshús was built in 1879. Today it houses a heritage exhibition, information center and a café where national refreshments are available. The house is a part of The National Museum Historic Buildings Collection.



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Brekkulækur, Arinbjörn Jóhannsson, Erlebnistouren

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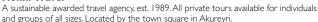






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ACTIVITIES 3 Travel Agencies

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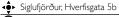
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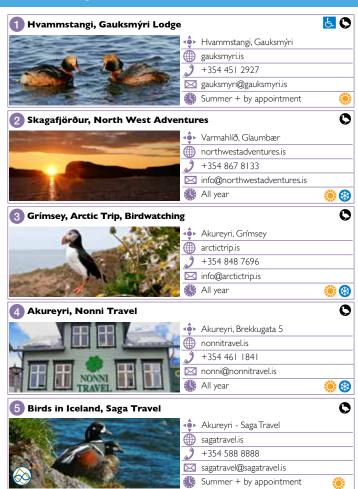
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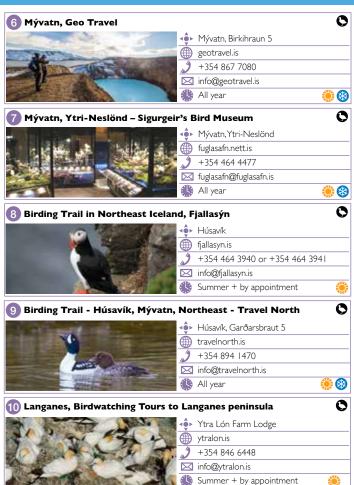
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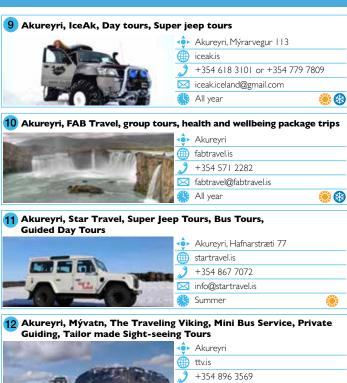
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Jeep/Bus tours through the rough terrain of the mountainous landscape of the north constitute the highlight of your visit to Iceland. The breathtaking beauty of North Iceland's highland wilderness will remain in your memory for ever.





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ACTIVITIES 🤰 Hiking Tours • Running

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.





ACTIVITIES 🤌 Hiking Tours • Running



Bicycling



Bicycling

Cycling is a mode of travel which gives you the chance to be in close contact with nature all year round. Renting a bike is a great way to explore this land of fire and ice.



ACTIVITIES 🦻 Bicycling



Riding Tours • Horse Shows

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.



ACTIVITIES 🤌 Riding Tours • Horse Shows



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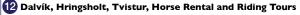


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Sheep and Horse Round-up

Sheep Round-up, September - October

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.

Horse Round-up, September - October

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



Dog Cart Rides





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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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.

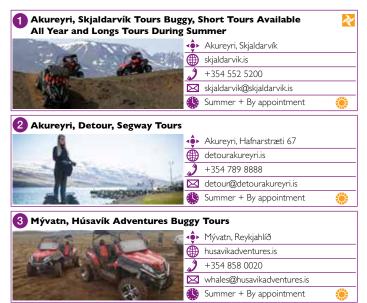
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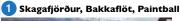
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Kayaking and Canoing



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Visit North Iceland's favourite Iagoon, the Mývatn Nature Baths, surrounded by the volcanic nature and lava 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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- 18 Dalvík Geothermal Swimming Pool. Tel. +354 460 4940
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- 37 Askja, the volcanic crater Víti, a natural crater with geothermal water

ACTIVITIES 🥦 Spa and Wellness





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All the tubs also have a draft beer tap alongside so that visitors aged 20 and over can help themselves to a cold one while they bathe.

We also have outside tubs with amazing views and a restaurant with beer related food

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Winter Magic in North Iceland

North Iceland is the number one winter destination in Iceland. Seven ski areas, including HI/ðarfjall 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.



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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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Vertical meters	480 m	471 m	322 m	480 m	160 m
Skiable area	200 km²	II5 km²	85 km²	170 km²	20 km²
Number of ski lifts	7	3	2	4	1
Number of ski slopes	23	12	4	10	2
Total length of ski slopes	l6 km	8 km	9 km	6 km	2 km

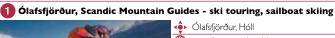
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This is the ski pass that serves five of North Iceland resorts: Sauðárkrókur Ski Area, Siglufjörður Ski Area, Ólafsfjörður Ski Area, Dalvík Ski Area and Akureyri Ski Area. This means that you can ski in 5 different resort for 5 days. If you want to 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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Snowmobile Tours / ATV Tours



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A large section of Vatnaiökull 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, Kverkfiöll Mountains, the lavafield of Ódáðahraun and the new lavafield of Holuhraun, which was formed in 2014-2015. 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 northiceland is

- Kattarauga Vatnsdalur Valley
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- Guðlaugstungur Northwest of Hofsjökull Glacier
- Hrútey Island in Blanda River Blönduós
- Spákonufellshöfði Skagaströnd
- Miklavatn Lake Skagafjörður
- Hraun Öxnadalur Valley
- Böggvistaðafjall Mountain Dalvík
- 9 Svarfaðardalur Valley Nature Reserve Dalvík
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- 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
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- 15 Dimmuborgir Lava Formations Lake Mývatn
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- Dettifoss, Hafragilsfoss and Selfoss Waterfalls in Jökulsárgljúfur Canyon - Vatnajökull National Park
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- 📵 Kverkfjöll Mountains, Vatnajökull National Park and Hyannalindir Nature Reserve

Birding in North Iceland

The rich bird life of North Iceland, distributed over widely varying habitats, displays a diversity seldom surpassed in Iceland and offers accessible areas for seeing species such as the Barrow's goldeneye, harlequin duck, gyrfalcon, rock ptarmigan, the great northern gannet and the guillemot. Wetlands, are famed for rich bird life, constituting an important habitat of many Icelandic breeding species, and several of the most renowned of these areas are in North Iceland

Three Birding Trails have been mapped out for North Iceland, each one having its own character. North East Iceland, including the famous Lake Mývatn region, provides you with more species than anywhere else found in Iceland. This is one of the best duck spotting environments in the world where you easily find the Barrow's goldeneye and harlequin ducks and areas unique for their dense populations of gyrfalcon and rock ptarmigan. The steep cliffs of Skoruvíkurbjarg present the only breeding grounds of the northern gannet in mainland Iceland, as well as accessible puffin colonies in their natural surroundings, moulded by volcanic activity.

In Northwest Iceland many species of birds are accompanied by rich local wildlife. In Vatnsnes peninsula you can come up close to seals without disturbing them, either from sea or land. Skagafjörður is often named the cradle of Icelandic horsemanship as it has the highest number of horses per capita in Iceland. In Drangey Island you find a protected area with flocks of seabirds such as the puffin and Brünnich's guillemot. Gauksmýri Lake is ideal for spotting the horned grebe and the red-necked phalarope.

Eyjafjörður fjord and Tröllaskagi Peninsula are characterised by high mountains surrounding deep valleys. Birding areas include the protected wetlands of Húsabakki, calm seas for seabirds and the tranquil islands of Hrísey, Pearl of Eyjafjörður, where the rock ptarmigan behaves in an unusually tame manner, and Grímsey Island on the Arctic Circle which provides excellent opportunities for watching great flocks of puffin and other seabirds.

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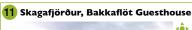


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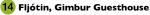
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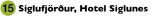
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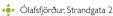


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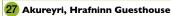


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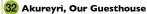


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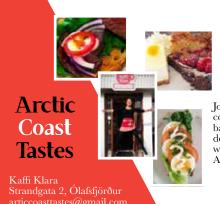




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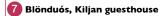
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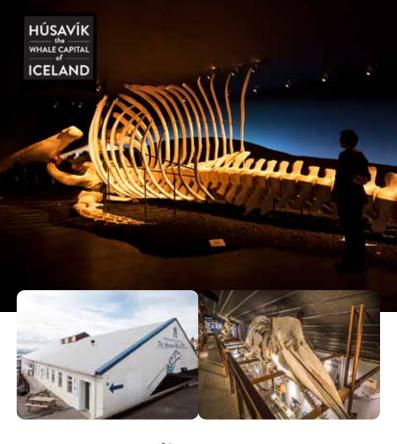






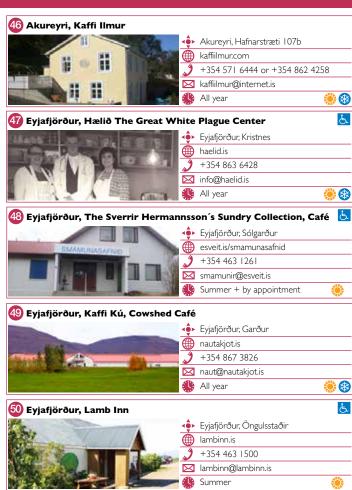








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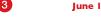
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2 May 25. Lake Mývatn, Mývatn Marabon, visitmyvatn.is



June I. Skagafjörður, Hólar í Hjaltadal, Beer Festival facebook.com/ biorsetur.islands



June 2. 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.

The Great Fish Day



- 7.-10. júní Blönduós, Prjónagleði "Knitting Delight" is an annual knitting festival held by the Icelandic Textile Center and collaborators. In 2018, Iceland celebrates 100 years as a free and sovereign state. Prjónagleði "Knitting Delight" is one of the 100 projects chosen by representatives of the Icelandic parliament to be part of the official programme of celebrations during the centenary year.
- June 14.-17. Akureyri Car Events the largest motor sport event in lceland 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
- 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.-24. 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
- June 19.-22. 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 28.-22. Akureyri, The Hiking week of the Touring Club of Akureyri, ffa.is
- June 22. 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 21.-23. Skagafjörður, Lummudagar, Pikelet / Pankake Days. Local
 Culture festival, visitskagafjordur.is

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- July 3.-7. 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 12.-13. Hrísey Festival: Enjoy a family based festival in this beautiful island (20 min drive from Akureyri and 15 minutes ferry sailing from Árskógssandur). 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 among many other things, visitakureyri.is/en
- July 6. Þorvaldsdalur Terrain Run The oldest terrain run in Iceland, about 25 km north of Akureyri, thorvaldsdalur.umse.is
- July 19.-21. Akureyri, Motorcycle Days 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 19.-21. Blönduós, Húnavaka, Local Culture Festival.
- July 19.-21. Hörgársveit, "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 costumes 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, gasiris
- July 25.-29. Hvammstangi, "Fire in Hunathing" Festival for the whole family, visithunathing.is
- July 24.-29. The Big Bicycle week. Tunnel road race, from Siglufjörður to
 Akureyri, Enduro race, Townhill, Criterium and races for the
 kids as well. hfa.is
- July 27. Húsavík, Mærudagur, Local Family festival, visithusavik.com



July 27. Siglufjörður, Boating Days, a Family Festival in Siglufjörður. Activites for kids, free see angling and BBQ and a whole lot more, more info fjallabyggd.is



August 1.-4. Ólafsfjörður, Berjadagar, Music Festival, visittrollaskagi.is



August 1.-4. Akureyri, Iceland Summer Games: The event focuses on outdoor activities. Trail running, mountain running, golf, sea sports for adults and entertainment for kids. icelandsummergames.is/



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



August 17.-18. Grenivík, Grenivíkurgleði, Local Family festival. www.grenivik.is

August 10. The Great Fish day is an annual festival in Dalvík. 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. Dalvík fiskidagurinnmikli.is +354 897 9748 fiskidagurinn@iulli.is Summer August 8.- 11. The Arctic Handcraft and Design Iceland in

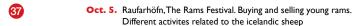


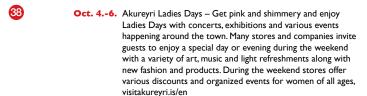
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- 29 August 17. Raufarhöfn, Sléttuganga Hiking in Melrakkasla. 27km guided hike, diverse and interesting route. Sauna, dinner and dance in the evening. Departure at 9:00 from Raufarhöfn - No registration
- 30 August 17. Skagafjörður. SveitaSæla is 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.
- 31 August 18. The Hólar celebration in Hjaltadal. Celebrate with old traditions, pilgrimage walks and cultural events including the Barcok Music Festival, visitskagafjordur.is
- 32 August 30.-31. 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, visitakureyri.is/en
- 33 August 31. 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
- Sept. 12.-16. Austur-Húnavatnssýsla, 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
- 35) Sept. 28.-29. Laufskálarétt in Hjaltadalur, the most popular horse round-up in Iceland. Every year thousands of guests come to the event, visitskagafjordur.is
- 36 Oct. 5.-6. Húnaþing vestra, Víðidalstungurétt. A popular horse round-up, visithunathing.is





- Dec. 3.-29. Akureyri, Advent and Christmas program. Enjoy celebrations of the holiday season with colourful decorations, and bonfires and fireworks on New Years Eve.
- December Mývatn, during the advent Visit the Icelandic Yule Lads at Christmas in Dimmuborgir, visitmyvatn.is
- 41 December 7. Mývatn, The Yule Lads Annual Bath, visitmyvatn.is
- December 8. Mývatn, Christmas Family Run, visitmyvatn.is



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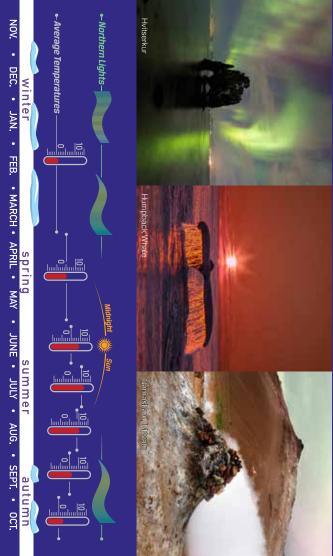
- February Fjarðargangan cross-country skiing: Competitors come for all over, both children and adults. This year was the 35th one to be held in Ólafsfjörður, 150 competitors this year and the tickets sold up. The racing tracks lie in the town, literally, and therefore Fiarðargangan is one of a kind here in Iceland. https://www.facebook.com/fiardargangan/
- 2 March Mývatn open, Horses on ice tournament in horse racing.
- Mars-April Iceland Winter Games-A unique opportunity for skiers, snowboarders and followers to discover and experience the truly magnificent town of Akureyri 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 Mars-April Akureyri, Ak Extreme, Snowboarding competition, one of the biggest in Iceland. The festival takes place over, kicking of on Thursday three days and and ends on Sunday. The main event is a competition and exhibition of jumps that takes place in the canyon (Gilið) in Akureyri. An enormously high ski iump 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
- Apríl Mývatn, Long Friday Passion Walk, visitmyvatn.is
- **6 7** April Mývatn, Orkugangan Cross Country Ski Race in Mývatnssveit
 - May Skagafjörður, Sæluvika, Annual Culture festival, visitskagafjordur.is
- May Siglufjörður, Super Troll Ski Race, is an International Mountain Ski Race, more information stsr.is
- May 18. The Icelandic Museum Day. Celebrated in museums all over the country.

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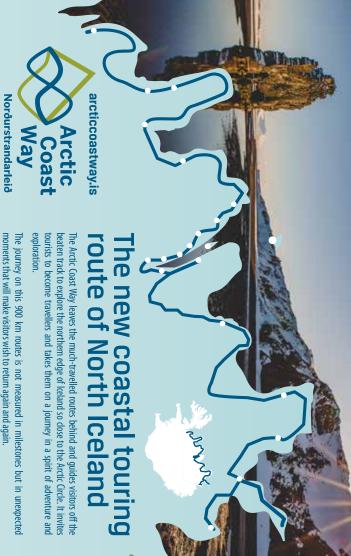


household items and utensils from the period. It is a large building complex

The oldest part of the building, and unique to Laufás, is the Brides-chamber where

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