



# East Iceland

The Official Tourist Guide



# EAST ICELAND

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### **Getting to East Iceland**



#### By Air

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In East Iceland summer weather is generally dry and settled, though you can expect cold northerly winds, even in July. You may enjoy brilliant sunny days with amazing clarity and powerful clouds, but also the mystical Eastern fjords fog. Temperatures may vary with differing conditions, from 2° to 29°C in summer. Good outdoor gear is recommended and good hiking shoes will make your stay enjoyable despite wet and windy weather - or even snow on higher ground.

# **Travelling in East Iceland**

#### By bus



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# GENERAL INFORMATION



#### The Dragon of the East

The four Guardians of Iceland, one for each quarter of the country, are described in an old tale of a magician sent by King Harold of Denmark to spy prior to invasion. The magician swam to Iceland in the form of a whale, and when he reached the country he saw that all hills and mountains were full of spirits and elementary beings, large and small. As he approached Vopnafjörður (Fjord of Weapons) on the East coast he was met by a huge dragon, the protector of the east, accompanied by worms and lizards. So he fled, looking for a place with weaker defences.

On he went to the North, the West and the South, always driven away by the guardians, the eagle, the bull and the giant. The magician found no place to come ashore and thus returned empty-handed to the king and thereby the invasion attempts of the King of Denmark came to an end

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#### Trails and trekking

East Iceland is a land of contrast in landscapes, from the unearthly deserts and ice-capped volcanoes to lush green valleys and deep blue fjords that make it a perfect land for hiking. There is a lovely arctic birch forest, called Hallormsstaðaskógur, with colourful flowers that decorate the forest floor. The lakes and ponds by the vast sandy coast of Hérðassandur are great for bird watching. Around the fjords the landscape is hauntingly beautiful with snow-streaked mountains divided by deep fjords, lush green valleys and fishing villages. In some places you will find deserted inlets and coves, often in dramatic settings and with an abundance of birds, seals, reindeer and flowers. Good hiking maps are available of the area and accommodation is readily available in the mountain huts. Go on your own or join an organised tour with experienced guides, for an hour, a day or a week. www.east.is

# **NATURE TRAILS**

#### Snæfell-Lónsöræfi trail:

#### Trekking in the Vatnajökul National Park www.vjp.is

Snæfell - Lónsöræfi is a popular 3 - 7 day trek across magnificent landscape, glaciers, volcanoes and rivers with interesting flora and great views in the Vatnajökull National park. The trail begins by the beautiful dormant volcano Snæfell that reigns at 1833 m over the eastern Highlands, the home of the great reindeer herds. It is an easy climb for a perfect day and from the top you have some of Iceland's

best views.

From the Snæfell hut you pass Þjófahnjúkar and then the trail crosses the Eyjabakkajökullglacier, past Eyjabakkar – a haven for pink-footed goose and reindeer - and along to the hut in Geldingafell. The next destination is Kollumúlavatn, en-route you may come across semi-precious stones and other wonders. A worthwhile detour is the Víðidalur vallev.

The trail continues to Tröllakrókar, palagonite cliff formations carved by wind and water – a

must for those interested in trolls and elementary beings. The trek proceeds down the steep slopes of Leiðartungur, entering an arctic birch forest to the hut Múlaskáli in the Lónsöræfi wilderness and its enchanting nature, with countless possibilities for short, interesting hikes. Usually a pickup is arranged at the ridge Illikambur or you can hike further south to Hoffell.



# Víknaslóðir trail:Víknaslóðir - The deserted inlets www.borgarfjordureystri.is

Hiking in the land of the hidden people: Víknaslóðir, or the Deserted Inlets, takes you from one of this world's great natural monuments, Stórurð, through mountains in amazing and blazing colours, along one of the country's most magnificent coastlines. Around 150 km of trails with countless possibilities, long or short through unearthly landscapes. Hvítserkur, Brúnavík, Dyrfjöll, Urðarhólar, Breiðavík,

Loðmundarfjörður are just a few of the places you should not miss.

Hiking in Víknaslóðir is a unique experience. The mountains come in all shapes and sizes and the variety of colours is stunning; everything from the black sands of the beaches to the pinkish orange hues of the mountain ridges. The trails wind themselves between



isolated coves and fjords over colourful hills and green valleys down to the coast. Abandoned houses and ruins of ancient farms set their mark on the surroundings. With a little luck, reindeer herds can be seen in the area. Birds are abundant and the arctic flora is characterised by large flowers and bright colours.

Among Icelanders the vicinity of Borgarfjörður is known for its great natural beauty and incredible hiking routes but it is still untouched by mass-tourism. This isolated region is also considered to be a central province of the elves. In the Álfaborg (Elves fortress) their queen has long resided, governing and guarding her realm, whereas the Bishop of the elves reigns in the incredible Blábjörg, a gigantic columnar basalt wall that leads straight to the blue ocean.

# **NATURE TRAILS**

# The Fjord Trail: Fascinating fjords and amazing views www.simnet.is/ffau

The mountains of the east rise dramatically from sea level up to over 1200 m, providing some of the most beautiful coastal scenery. The Fjord trail follows faint but often marked paths, from fjord to fjord, over high and sometimes snowy passes, down rich valleys with arctic woodlands and abundant flowers. Along the way you will enjoy wonderful geology, great flocks of eider ducks at every inlet and close encounters with puffins, seals and the occasional reindeer herd. Explore mountains built



from thousands of lava-layers, lush green valleys and river crossings, making every moment an experience.

From Seyðisfjörður hike to Skálanes and continue over to the tranguil, remote Mjóifjörður. From Mjóifjörður proceed along the trail to reach the fishing town of Neskaupstaður or take the Fjarðaferdir ferryboat and enjoy spectacular views while on the lookout for puffins, seal and whales. From Norðfjörður the trail continues

Hellisfjörður, formerly a large whaling station, and then to Viðfjörður, whereyou can take a day tour to Barðsnes for some great geology (an ancient volcano and a petrified forest buried in ash some 12 million years ago). Follow the trail leading to the deserted inlet of Vöðlavík and enjoy the brilliant views and awesome mountains carved by glaciers long gone. Finally there is the lovely old fishing village of Eskifjörður. This trail begins in Seyðisfjörður along the fjords ending at Eskifjörður. It

I his trail begins in Seyðisfjörður along the fjords ending at Eskifjörður. It can be done fjord by fjord or you can combine it with the Víknaslóðir trail.



#### The Icelandic fox (Alopex lagopus)

It is believed that the arctic fox first came to Iceland drifting on sea-ice some 10,000 yrs ago, long before men settled in Iceland. The Icelandic fox is considered part of a species called the pole-fox and changes colours with the seasons, brown in summer and white in winter. The male fox is called cock (Icelandic: refur, steggur), the female is called fox (Icelandic: læða, tófa) and the youngster is called fox cub (Icelandic: yrðlingur).

# NATURE / BIRD TRAIL

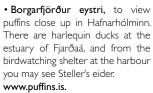
#### East Iceland Bird trail

If you are interested in birds try these places:



- Nípsárlón, north of Vopnafjörður, for ducks, common shelduck and waders. Visit the eider duck down farming at Syðri-Vík and explore the heathland for ptarmigans and gyrfalcon.
- Húsey and Úthérað, for the world's largest breeding colony of arctic skua, many red-throated divers and great skua, as well as red-necked phalarope. Inland, slavonian grebes breed on small ponds and at lakes at Eiðar you may see the great northern diver.







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- Skálanes in Seyðisfjörður, for puffins, eiders and waders.
- Djúpivogur. In the bird sanctuary, of the 58 species known to breed in the area there are slavonian grebe, northern shoveler and common shelduck, while close to a hundred species have been seen in total. For puffins and black guillemots visit Papey, www.birds.is.
- Hamarsfjörður and Álftafjörður. The shallow fjords are the home of thousands of swans and waders.
- Hvalnes and Þvottárskriður are where you are most likely to see harlequin ducks, black scoters, surf scoters and velvet scoters swimming among the eider ducks.





# NATURE



#### Reindeer

Reindeer were introduced to Iceland from Norway in the I 8th century, originally for farming, but reindeer husbandry the Scandinavian style did not tempt the Icelanders, and the animals were never domesticated. Today the wild reindeer live in East Iceland, mostly at higher elevations in summer, but they seek lower grasslands closer to the coast in winter. While their primary habitat is in the deserted expanses by Snæfell, reindeer are seen every year in the territory from Vopnafjordur in the north to the Glacier Lagoon.

Both sexes have antlers which are shed annually. The male antlers are heavier and reach their maximum when the bulls are at their prime. The antlers can grow 2.5 cm a day, the fastest tissue growth found in mammals, and can weigh as much as 10 kg. Therefore the bulls with the biggest antlers will shed them as soon as possible after the rut season in autumn. Pregnant cows on the other hand will keep their antlers through the winter until they calve in spring. This gives them higher status in winter and priority to the best feeding spots.

The reindeer calves are born in the early spring in the snow-covered highlands while the bulls still remain in the lowland. The calves stay with the mother for the first year.

The reindeer has no natural enemies in Iceland so the population size is controlled with sustainable hunting. The hunting season is from July 15th-Sept. 20th (from Aug. 15th in Snæfell area, between Hálslón and Jökulsá in Fljótsdal), and during that period tourists should be aware of hunters close to reindeer herds. There is a strong demand for hunting permits, since reindeer meat is one of Icelandic nature's greatest delicacies. The reindeer leather is used for designer clothing and artefacts. The best places to view reindeer herds during the summer are the areas around Mount Snæfell, in Vesturöræfi and Brúaröræfi. Tours are available from Egilsstaðirwww.east.is



# NATURE RESERVES

### Vatnajökull National Park (VNP)

Vatnajökull National Park, established in 2008, is one of the largest National Parks in Europe, covering an area of appr. 13,000 km2 (ca. 13% of Iceland). The objective of the National Park is to conserve the area's landscape, biology, geological formations and cultural heritage and enable the public to experience and enjoy its nature and history. There are many places to visit and experience. The contrasts in the unique nature are magnificent. The battle between ice and fire still rages within the National Park's boundaries. Few other places in the world exhibit the effects of such a wide range of natural phenomena. Among highlights of the eastern territory of the national park are Kverkfjöll, the home of ice and fire; the oasis Hvannalindir; Snæfell the ancient volcano, where the reindeer roam; and Eyjabakkar, the home of the pink-footed goose.

#### **Getting there**

The Park's Visitor Centre, Snæfellsstofa, is located at Skriðuklaustur (road 933) in Fljótsdalur valley. Most of the eastern edge of Vatnajökull glacier and its periphery can only be reached on foot, although access for vehicles to the eastern part of Vatnajökull glacier is by road (910) from Fljótsdalur by Hengifoss waterfall to the Snæfell area (road F909) and further on towards the glacier tongue Eyjarbakkajökull (4x4). Roads lead to Kverkfjöll and Hvannalindir from the road no. I through Jökuldalur (923, F910, F903 and F902) and Möðrudalur (F905 and F902 and F903). Scheduled buses run to Egilsstaðir and the airport is served by frequent flights (www.flugfelag.is).

Tours are available to the national park (www.east.is).

#### Snæfell and around in VNP

Snæfell, an ancient central volcano, is the highest freestanding mountain in Iceland, reaching 1833 m above sea level. It is quite prominent in the landscape, and on a fine day the view from the top is marvellous. Snæfell, formed late in the last Ice Age, is the youngest volcano in East Iceland, and has been dormant for thousands of years. The top is snow-covered and a number of short, steep outlet glaciers reach

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Snæfell Vesturöræfi.

down the slopes. It is relatively easy to climb the mountain from the Snæfell hut, which is also the starting point for the Snæfell–Lónsöræfi hiking trail. I-2 hour guided walks in the Snæfell region are available daily with rangers from July 12th - August 15th, starting at Snæfellsskáli hut

To the west, the Vesturöræfi wilderness reaches the river Jökulsá á Brú and is one of the main grazing grounds for reindeer. The peaks of Nálhúshnjúkar fill the northern horizon with bright green moss in otherwise black sands, while the Þjófahnjúkar peaks to the south offer fine views over the Eyjabakkar plains, the home of pink-footed geese.

#### Eyjabakkar in VNP

Eyjabakkar, south of Snæfell at the edge of the Eyjabakkar glacial tongue, is a spectacular place that can only be reached on foot. It is a strange wetland formed by retreating and advancing glacier, creating ponds and small lakes. Spectacular ice caves often form under Eyjabakkajökull glacier and can be visited in late winter - early spring. The area is the home to a great population of pink-footed goose and is a Ramsar protectorate. Reindeer are abundant on Eyjabakkar.

# NATURE RESERVES



Angelica.

#### Hvannalindir

Hvannalindir, a name derived from the plant Angelica archangelica (hvönn sing. - hvanna pl.), is a unique oasis at an altitude of 640 m surrounded entirely by deserts. It is a well-sheltered haven at the edge of a lava field. The River Lindaá flows from the south along the edge of the lava, nurturing its banks covered in white angelica and fragile alpine vegetation.

A total of 32 species of flowering plants have been found and 30 species of birds have been observed at Hvannalindir and the surrounding area. Six species can be considered annual nesting birds in the area: pink-footed goose, long-tailed duck, ptarmigan, purple sandpiper, red-necked phalarope and snow bunting. Hvannalindir is an important cultural site as the ruins of an outlaw's camp were found by the edge of the Lindahraun lava field. It is widely held that the legendary outlaw Fjalla-Eyvindur and his consort Halla lived in the Hvannalindir area for a few years around 1767. A 1-2 hour guided walk is available daily (except Tuesdays), with rangers from Vatnajökull National Park, from July 12th -

August 15th.



Kverkfjöll, Caldera lake.

#### Kverkfjöll and Hveradalur in VNP

Kverkfjöll volcanic massive is a true home of ice and fire, where hot springs have melted a set of caves in the glacier. The Kverkfjöll mountains are divided into eastern and western halves by Kverk, a wide pass cutting through steep, rocky walls. Massive glacier tongues extend from the Vatnajökull ice cap on both sides of Kverkfjöll mountains, Dyngjujökull and Brúarjökull to the west and east respectively. Under the ice, two calderas form part of the Kverkfjöll ridge, at an altitude of around 1,800 m. Numerous volcanic eruptions have occurred since the ice caps melted around 10,000 years ago, causing catastrophic floods in the river Jökulsá á Fjöllum.

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The river Volga flowing out from beneath the Kverkjökull glacier is warm due to the hot springs, which sometimes causes a formation of an ice cave, about 4.5 km drive from Sigurðarskáli hut. Due to the constant movement of the surging glacier, be aware of falling ice and rocks. For your safety, do not go inside ice caves or even close to them.

One of Iceland's most powerful high-temperature geothermal areas, Hveradalur valley, is located in Kverkfjöll mountains at a height of some 1700 m. One of the two caldera lakes was formed in 1959 in a steam explosive eruption due to geothermal activity. Please do not go onto the glacier unless you are accompanied by an experienced person and have all the necessary safety equipment.

Wardens in Sigurðarskáli offer scheduled glacier walks every day during the summertime.

#### Hveragil

Geothermal activity is present to the east of the Kverkfjöll mountains in Hveragil gully, some 10 km hike from the Sigurðarskáli hut, along a 2 km long section containing a number of hot springs with temperatures of 40–60°C. The gully has stunning calcium deposits and fine examples of pillow lava. It is favoured for bathing in winter:



Virkisfell in Kverkfjöll.



Hveragil.



Jökulsá á Fjöllum, pillow lava.

# NATURE HIGHLIGTS





Folaldafoss, Öxi. Þerribjörg.

The coastline shows great diversity, transforming from the broad bays of Vopnafjörður and Héraðsflói in the north into the rugged and sheer eastern shore with its many jagged fjords isolated from each other by towering mountain ranges. Most of the fjords have fine sheltered natural harbours, while the coast farther south is more exposed and prone to blocking by sand to create lagoons. There are five islands off the coast: Bjarnarey, Seley, Skrúður, Andey and Papey.

The geology is very Interesting. Basalt is the main rock type, but rhyolite is common too. Minerals, semi-precious stones and fossils are also found in many places. The bedrock is old (13 million years) and its volcanoes are extinct, so there is little geothermal activity, apart from in Kverkfjöll, though there are a few warm springs.

Rich flora typifies the valleys, but the steep mountains tend to be rather bare. The plains include the largest forests in Iceland. The heathland towards the interior is the natural habitat of Iceland's wild reindeer. The many lakes and rivers are the home of brown trout and arctic char and fishing is a common family sport. East Iceland also boasts of some of the best salmon fishing rivers.

# **HISTORY & MUSEUMS**

#### East Iceland is rich in history

History here is older than the settlement of the Nordic people in Iceland. The first ones could have been the Romans, looking for the legendary island of Pytheas the Greek , Ultima Thule, if not Pytheas himself, as Roman coins dating back to the first century AD were found near Djúpivogur. According to the Sagas, Irish hermits, called Papar, were already here when the Vikings came late in the 8th century. This is verified by place-names such as the island Papey. A bit further south at Geithellnar, the first settlers, Ingólfur Arnarson and his foster brother Hjörleifur, spent the winter on their first expedition to Iceland. Many Norwegian chieftains followed their path and claimed land in the east.

During the Middle Ages Iceland lost its independence. The last Icelander to surrender to the Norwegian King in the 13th century was the Goði who lived in Fljótsdalur. Dating from that time is the beautifully carved door of Valþjófsstaður, one of the treasures in the National Museum.

The monastery at Skriðuklaustur was established at the end of the 14th century. It became a refuge to the sick and poor in difficult times when famine and epidemics ravaged the country. The monastery was closed after the reformation in 1550.

The East is rich in folk tales and the supernatural lives within them. The monsterous worm or wyrm in the lake Lagarfljót and the tales of elves and trolls give this enchanting country a certain spellbinding charm.

In 1627 Algerian pirates abducted some 110 people and sold them into slavery in Africa. The trolls and elves were helpless against these villains, but the prophetess buried at Hólmahálsi by Eskifjörður was able to protect her people in the fjord by thick fog and heavy waves. Thus the elves live on, and the Eastern Fjord fog hides all sorts of beings, be they trolls or elves.



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The 19th century was prosperous due to herring fishing and whaling and for a while the world's largest whaling station was in Mjóifjörður, run by Norwegians. During this period the villages in the Fjords began to form and Seyðisfjörður got its municipal rights in 1895. The first telegraph cable connecting Iceland to Europe was shored in Seyðisfjörður in 1906, making it a hub for international telecommunications. The growth of the fishing villages coincided with the decline of agriculture, as a result of the devastating 1875 eruption of Askja that buried large areas in thick ash. Consequently, many East Icelanders emigrated to America, with Vopnafjörður as their point of departure, where the emigration centre is stationed. Fishing increased, especially in Neskaupstaður, and is still the main source of income in the eastern fjords, while agriculture still runs strong, especially sheep, cattle and horses. A new addition to employment is the large aluminium smelter in Reyðarfjörður. Last but not least there is a growing tourism industry, with the Norröna ferry harbour in Seyðisfjörður and the international airport in Egilsstaðir.

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#### **April**

#### The 9th Annual Hammond Festival in Djúpavogur

24.4.-27.4. Djúpivogur Hammond Festival is a four day music festival with the main purpose of honoring and introducing the Hammond pipe organ. This is done by getting musicians, from local talents to well-known artists, to come and play their music, and the Hammond pipe organ plays a part in all the events Artists and bands that have performed throughout the years are very varied and include Hiálmar, Baggalútur, KK, Megas and Sammi's Big Band. Over 100 musicians have taken the stage at the festival both local and national The Hammond Festival always starts on the first day of summer (sumardagurinn fyrsti) which is an annual public holiday in Iceland held on the first Thursday after April 18. http://hammond.djupivogur.is/

#### May

#### **Art Without Borders**

10.5-25.5 Art Without Borders is a festival for all who want to be included, either as participants or spectators. The festival was first held in 2003 during the European Year of People with Disabilities. Its aim has been to improve

accessibility, diversity and equality in cultural life and to tear down barriers between disabled and non-disabled artists. Art Without Borders is a celebration of diversity in a rich society. You will find events all over East Iceland. See more info

# Workshop with the SHÄR group, The Slaughterhouse, Egilsstaðir

22.5-25.5 A workshop held in the Slaughterhouse in Egilsstaðir with the SHÄR group. The group's agenda is to spread and disseminate dance to all age groups.

# Point of View / Skaftfell – Visual Arts Centre, Seyðisfjörður

28.5-31.5 The Bookshop-project space. Exhibition by Agnes Klar (IS) and Lukas Kindermann (DE). The work explores movement in an image from different viewpoints: the image itself, the artist in the image and the forced movement of the viewer.

#### June

#### The Seamens' Day

1.6 The sea and its sailors are hugely important to Icelandic culture and each year we celebrate seafaring culture with the Sailors Day. Originating from the

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traditional Icelandic Sjómannadagur or Seaman's Day, celebrated on the first Sunday of June, every ship in Iceland remains in harbour over the weekend and all sailors have the day off to take part in the maritime festivities! You will find festivals in Norfjörður, Eskífjörður, Seyðisfjörður and Fáskrúðsfjörður.

#### Unnstein's Saga, The Slaughterhouse, Egilsstaðir

6.6 An exhibition in the Slaughterhouse in Egilsstaðir, mixed technique.



#### Icelandic National Day

I7.6 An annual holiday in Iceland which commemorates the foundation of the Republic of Iceland on June I7th I944 and its independence from Danish rule. Today Icelanders celebrate this holiday on a national scale. The celebration traditionally takes the form of a parade through each urban area, with a brass band at the fore and varied events in every town.

# Summer exhibition / Skaftfell – Visual Arts Centre, Seyðisfjörður

17.6-30.9 Group exhibition in Skaftfell and various sites throughout the village, with selected contemporary visual artists who are in active engagement with Seyőisfjörður today. Curated by Ráðhildur Ingadóttir. Open daily, guided tours every Wednesday at 16:00.

# Summer exhibition, The Slaughterhouse, Egilsstaðir

17.6-10.8 Opening of the summer exhibition. Design using local materials. Designers and craftsmen for East Iceland exhibit varied design and craft. Curators: SAM-félagið, a grassroot association of creative people in East Iceland.

#### Music Moments, Concerts in Egilsstaðir and Vallanes Churches

19.6 Choir Concert at 20:00 in Egilsstaðir Church.

#### The Great Forest day

21.6 Family festival held in Hallormsstaðaskógur. BBQ, coffee pot and entertainment. More info on www.skogarbondi.is

# Music Moments, Concerts in Egilsstaðir and Vallanes Churches

22.6 Song, clarinet and pump organ concert at 20:00 in Vallanes Church

#### Rise and shine in Fjarðabyggð

21.6-28.6 A highlight of the summer calendar in Fast Iceland is Hiking Week (Gönguvikan) in the Fiarðabyggð district which begins on the Saturday preceding the longest day (23 June) and runs through to the following Saturday. With late June being the time of year when the 'nights' stay brightest but there is still plenty of snow on the higher slopes, Hiking Week has rapidly become very popular. While adverse weather can (and does) occur at any time of the year in Iceland, late June also often bring periods of settled sunny weather to the East. Eight consecutive days of mountaineering, hiking and entertainment in the evenings. A family friendly event with a Nature and Fun entertainment for the youngest ones. More info at http:// www.mjoeyri.is/en/afthreying/ goenguvikan.html /

#### Music Moments, Concerts in Egilsstaðir and Vallanes Churches

26.6 Song and pump organ concert at 20:00 in Vallanes Church.

#### JEA Jazz Festival

27.6-28.6 JEA has been an annual event in East Iceland since 1988, which makes JEA the oldest jazz



festival in Iceland. Throughout the years many great artists have visited, such as Larry Carlton, James Carter, Beady Belle, Finn Ziegler, Svend Asmundsen as well as all the great Icelandic musicians. More info at http://www.jea.is.

#### July

#### Trifle-concert / bread and soup of the day / Tónlistarmiðstöð Austurlands, Eskifirði

July-August. Every wednesday in july and august at 12 o´clock. Admission kr. 1.500 Soup and bread included. Music workshop where new music is being created and performed by various local and established musicians. The concert will be recorded and you can take it home with you if you like what you see and hear! Get to know the local music scene and creativity first hand. More info at www.tonleikahus is

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See June for more information. Open daily, guided tours every Wednesday at 16:00.

#### Music Moments, Concerts in Egilsstaðir and Vallanes Churches

3.7.Song and piano concert at 20:00 in Egilsstaðir Church

# The Blue Church summer concert series in Seyðisfjörður

2.7-6.8 The series started in 1998 and its concerts are held in the Seyðisfjörður church every Wednesday night at 20:30. An emphasis has been on offering various types of concerts where classical music, jazz and blues, folk music and lighter music can be enjoyed. This summer the programme will consist of six concerts, the first one on July 2nd (Wednesday) and the last one on August 6th. The programme will be varied and many of Iceland's best musicals will perform, e.g. Olga Vocal Ensemble, Björg Þórhallsdóttir, Elísabet Waage and Hilmar Örn Agnarsson, Rut Ingólfsdóttir and Richard Simms, and the iazz trio Hot Eskimos. www.blaakirkjan.is / www.facebook.com/blaakirkjan

#### Weapon Strife – Vopnafjörður

47-67 family The Vopnaskak / Weapon Strife is held the first weekend of July and has for years been the largest single event in Vopnafjördur's cultural sector. Diversity has characterised the festival with an outdoor market, family entertainment. concerts, dances, art workshops, museum day, light church mass, golf tournament, soup invitation and more. Care is always taken to keep diversity in mind and it has been shown that former residents come to the event in addition to the ordinary tourist.

#### Music Moments, Concerts in Egilsstaðir and Vallanes Churches

6.7 Piano Concert at 20:00 in Egilsstaðir Church

#### Eistnaflug, Neskaupstaður

10.7-12.7 Eistnaflug Festival is a coming together of all the best things in life. It all starts by its unique setting – the comfortable indoor main venue Egilsbúð, as well as the creepy off-site visual art venue Mayhemisphere that is situated in Neskaupstaður. During the festival, however, the town lights up with the presence of the friendliest metalheads, rockers and overall party animals you will ever

meet. Musically, Eistnaflug is also a remarkable melting pot, with a few selected foreign acts stacking up against a massive selection of all the great things the Iceland music scene has to offer every year. From indie rock to hardcore to black metal, everything that's good is accepted and embraced at Eistnaflug.

#### Music Moments, Concerts in Egilsstaðir and Vallanes Churches

10.7 Organ Concert at 20:00 in Egilsstaðir Church

#### Museum day, The East Iceland Heritage Museum, Egilsstaðir

13.7 People are encouraged to visit museums on the Icelandic Museum Day. The East Iceland Heritage Museum is located in the town Egilsstaðir. It was founded in 1943, and since then its aim has been to collect and preserve items from the past which represent old ways of life, culture and activity, i.e. the history of the society and everyday life and work of the people in East Iceland, while it also has a special contemporary collection, according to the museum's collection policy. More info on www.miniasafn.is/

#### LungA festival, Seyðisfjörður

13.7-20.7 Progressive and ambitious festival for young

people, with known artists from around the world, art workshops, exhibitions. performances. events, youth exchanges, design show, the workshops' movies, DI party and a grand outdoor live concert. Since the beginning LungA has been part of creating a creative and artistic environment in Seyðisfjörður and has gained a strong reputation, in both Iceland and abroad for its ability to create and facilitate amazing atmosphere high quality workshops activities. Furthermore it brings joy, self-realisation, new friends, lovers and good memories to those who visit. More at www.lunga.is / E-mail: lunga@lunga.is

#### Rolling Snowball 5, Djúpivogur

15.7.-15.8. An international visual art exhibition that presents works of 32 contemporary artists from China, Iceland and the Netherlands. 'Rolling Snowball 5, Djúpivogur' brings together artists working in all disciplines including drawing, photography, painting, sculpture and video. CEAC is a non-profit organization and this exhibition was made possible by volunteers in Djúpivogur and participating artists.

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# Finnbogi Pétursson, a showing in Dalshús

19.7-2.8 Art show on the work of Finnbogi Pétursson.

# French days in Fáskrúðsfjörður / Le weekend Français

25.7-27.7 A family camping weekend in the French-rooted town of Fáskrúðsfjörður: The festival has been held annually since 1996. This weekend is dedicated to the memory of the French sailors in Fáskrúðsfjörður. Un monsieur attendait au café du palais. http://www.franskirdagar.com



#### Bræðslan music festival, Borgarfjörður Eystri

26.7 Bræðslan is a music festival that focuses on friendly atmosphere, having fun and of course great music. The festival is held in Borgarfjörður Eystri, a small village with 130 inhabitants, surrounded by colourful mountains and beautiful landscape. The festival venue is a 40-year-old fish factory

that for this one time of year is turned into a wonder world of music. The festival was first held in 2005 and only 800 tickets are sold for the festival each year. Most of the festival's guests stay at the camping place of the village or enjoy the hospitality of the locals. This summer, 2014, the main concert will feature artists such as Emilána Torrini, Lára Rúnars, Pollapönk, Mammút, Drangar and SúEllen. http://braedslan.is/



#### Black smith's festival, Seyðisfjörður

25.7-27.7. Held in the Technical Museum of East Iceland. The festival is a meeting place for professionals as well as the general public, where people of all ages and all walks of life have a good time. Music, dancing and dining are part of the event as well as lively exhibitions and education. As usual we will offer a number of courses. Live

concerts and the Saturday evening dance on the pier are all free for everybody and all age groups, while courses and dining are moderately priced. www.tekmus.is

#### Occupation Day, Reyðarfjörður

29.7 On this day we remember that British soldiers came to Reyðarfjörður in 1940. Special Fish & Chips offer: Soldiers, ladies and army trucks will remind us of the occupation of the Allied Forces in World War II.

#### August

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See June for more information. Open daily, guided tours every Wednesday at 16:00.

#### Neistaflug, Neskaupstaður

1.8-4.8 Neistaflug is a music festival that takes place in Neskaupstaður during the Bank Holiday weekend. Neistaflug is a family event and has been held yearly in Neskaupstaður (Fjarðarbyggð) from 1993 and has grown immensely throughout the years. It is held in the first weekend of August and the goal of the event has always been to entertain people of all ages, especially families. www.neistaflue.is



#### The Day of Hrafnkell, Aðalból, Hrafnkelsdalur

3.8 The Saga of Hrafnkell Freysgoði happens in the East, portraying a conflict of power and wealth between farmers during the tenth century. The main character in the story is Hrafnkell Freysgoði, a powerful chieftain of Aðalból in Hrafnkelsdalur. On this day we honour the characters of the saga with a bus-trip / hike over some of the saga trails, skits from the saga, games, handicrafts, a BBQ, singing, dancing, and other activities to help guests experience part of the life of the characters in the sagas. Historical fun for the whole family. More information on www. hrafnkelssaga.is / http://locatify.com/ smartguide/

#### Ormsteiti, Egilsstaðir and Fljótsdalshérað

8.8-17.8 A 10-day family festival at Egilsstaðir and Fljótsdalshérað with a great variety of events every day.

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A full week of exhibitions, concerts, celebrations and gatherings with a little bit of carnival style. The festival starts with a Carnival Party in which every inhabitant participates. Guests will enjoy it and are encouraged to be involved! The festival is a mixture of culture, art, traditional cooking sport activities and other happenings with the participation of the whole community and guests coming from other areas of Iceland, www.ormsteiti.is

#### This is what the children want to see, The Slaughterhouse, Egilsstaðir

An art exhibition from the cultural centre Gerðuberg where illustrations from Icelandic children's books 2013 are exhibited.

#### Secret Garden Terrace / Skaftfell – Visual Arts Centre, Seyðisfjörður

28.8 Inauguration at 16:00. Site-specific outdoor sculpture by Susanna Asp (SE) will be formally opened in the garden of Hóll-residency, Vesturvegur 15.

#### September

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See June for more information.

Open daily, guided tours every Wednesday at 16:00.



#### October

#### Autumn Blush, Seyðisfjörður

4.10 A market & crops family festival. Secondhand goods, crops, crafts, museums, exhibitions, refreshments, local food, movies and competitions for best photography, cupcakes and jam made of local ingredients like blueberries, rhubarb etc. Contact. Aðalheiður Borgþórsdóttir E-mail: ferdamenning@sfk.is Tel. +354 861 7789

#### Sviðamessa / Djúpivogur

In October each year Djúpavogshreppur invites everyone wishing to participate to "Sviðamessa" or the celebration of a successful sheep round-up season. Svið originally emerged at a time when people could not afford to let any part of

a slaughtered animal go to waste. Svið is a traditional Icelandic dish consisting of a sheep's head cut in half, singed to remove the fur, and boiled with the brain removed, It is enjoyed very much by enthusiasts and those seeking to preserve local traditions. Because of its status as an "extreme" food travelers often see it as a thrill and are willing to try it not only as an authentic rural dish, but also as a challenging culinary trophy, which appeals to thrill-seeking consumers as well. Similar dishes can also be found in other Nordic countries for example, Smalahove in Norway and Seyðahøvd in the Faroe Islands.

#### 700IS Reindeerland

an international experimental art festival founded in 2005. The first festival was in 2006 in Eiðar, near Egilsstaðir. Since then the festival has been held on a yearly basis and guests and artists from all over the world have attended. The focus of the festival is experimental art, video installation, sound and so on. www.700.is / www.facebook.com/700isReindeerland?ref=hl / ks

#### **November**

#### Days of Darkness

6.11-16.11 An all-round

celebration in East Iceland, organised to brighten the gloom of the darkest days when we light up the darkness with candles, Christmas lights and smiles. All through East Iceland you will find events such as concerts, village walks and all kinds of offers from hotels, restaurants and shops.

#### Gryla troll festival, Skriðuklaustur

30.10 The yearly advent celebration in Skriðuklaustur starts at 14:00. Entertainment for the children and Christmas cake buffet in the Klausturkaffi café. A traditional experience of Icelandic Christmas!

#### December

#### Christmas in East Iceland

December: A lottery and a campaign to boost trade and shopping in East Iceland before Christmas. The leaflet Jól á Austurlandi (Christmas in East Iceland) is distributed to every household from Vopnafjörður in the north to Djúpivogur in the south. Every leaflet has its own lucky number and is valid as one ticket in the Christmas lottery. Grocery stores, gift shops and restaurants also take part in this campaign. Support trade and commerce in East Iceland and do your shopping here for Christmas!

## LOCAL FOOD IN EAST ICELAND



East Iceland is a fertile area which enjoys a mild climate in the summer, and offers rich diversity in its landscape as well as in its food. The fjords are numerous where mountains, ocean and small fishing villages define the landscape. Fljótsdalshérað, the area around Egilsstaðir is known for its forestry, the glacial lake of Lagarfljót as well as plains and vegetation. From a food point of view, this is Iceland's wild side and reindeer, geese, berries, wild mushrooms and herbs are local ingredients.

The lamb in East Iceland varies in flavour depending on where the animals are bred, ranging from the seaside up to the mountains and everything in between. These flavours can be enjoyed in most

restaurants whether in Seyðisfjörður or in Möðrudalur, where the smoked Icelandic lamb is still made with the greatest respect for the local tradition. Iceland's oldest cheese Skyr is still produced according to the traditional, 1000 year old recipe at the Egilsstaðir farm. Slow food has recognised traditional Icelandic skyr, traditional smoked lamb and fermented shark such as the one made in Borgarfjörður Eystri, as a typical food of Iceland (Ark of Taste). You can encourage the production of these traditional foods by asking for them in the restaurants and shops as you travel.

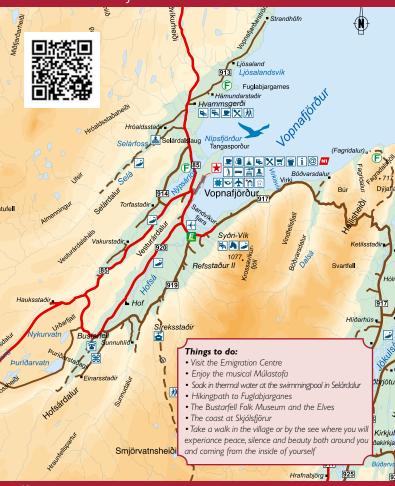
"Austurland" (East Iceland) is the oldest part of Iceland, the soil is very fertile as ash from numerous volcanoes has spread over the fields for centuries. It is by definition "a cold area" in Iceland, meaning that is is outside the North-Atlantic ridge and therefore short of geothermal energy. Agriculture in East Iceland is therefore shaped by other resources to grow food here at the 66°N. The organic farm in Vallanes has created natural conditions for their barley and vegetables by creating shelter for them by planting forests and shelterbelts.

East Iceland has a lot to offer for a travelling gourmet. The restaurants here are privileged in many ways. The natural surroundings from the coast up to the mountains and plains create a memorable

experience and one can choose from various, fresh and authentic ingredients and locally produced food according to the season. Look out for the logo of the Local food network of East Iceland which you can find in many restaurants and on food products from the area. It should indicate that the raw material is grown in the region, produced in the region of high quality at a small scale. Enjoy the taste of East Iceland.



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Vopnafjörður (Pop. 700) www.vopnafjardarhreppur.is

Vopnafjörður is a wide fjord sheltered by high mountains and extensive moors. The geology is fascinating and the only fossil of a mammal from before the Ice Age - a deer - was discovered close

to the folk museum at suggesting Bustarfell. that Iceland may have been connected by a land bridge to Scotland millions of years ago. The view from road 917. the Hellisheiði pass, is breathtaking as it winds across the ruins of the oldest volcano in the east of Iceland. with colourful rocks and marked hiking trails like Þerribjörg. In the



deep gorge of river Gljúfurá there is a lovely waterfall and the coast is lined with spectacular cliffs and columnar basalt formations. Vopnafjörður has a number of world-famous salmon rivers, such as

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Selá and Hofsá, and there is good birdwatching on the ocean-facing lagoon Nýpslón, north of the village, while close by is the well-known swimming pool Selárdalslaug. The small town of Vopnafjörður is a major fishing port and provides all basic services for the surrounding community. There is good accommodation, a restaurant and cafés. The Information centre in one of the oldest houses in Vopnafjörður village, Kaupvangur, is home to café Kaupvangskaffi, Múlastofa hosts an interesting music exhibition, and the East Iceland Emigration Centre depicts Vopnafjörður's major role in the emigration of Icelanders to America in the late 19th century.

#### **Nature**

## Bustarfell - Elves and ancient fossils. Follow the trail from the folk museum to the elf ladies' rock and to the gorge where fossils of a deer that lived here some 4 million years ago were discovered, and which may prove that there was once a land bridge connecting Iceland to Scotland via the Faroes. Upon the mountain Bustarfell is a viewpoint with a beautiful view over Vopnafjörður.

**#** The village of Vopnafjörður is on Kolbeinstangi, with varied opportunities for relaxation and outdoor activities. Many marked walking trails lead through Vopnafjörður's natural pearls. One of them is Ljósastapi, a rock pillar that looks very much like an elephant. Is it maybe the only Icelandic elephant?

 $\mathbf H$  Fuglabjarganes is a prominent cliff on the northern coast of Vopnafjörður. There is a scenic

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marked hiking path from the Strandhafnarvegur road, along the river Fugla. The headland itself is a level plain with stone wall fences, white beaches, rock caverns and pillars and magnificent cliffs. The hike is interesting for bird watching and an adventure for kids to play and search for things at the beach.

- ## Syðri-Vík wild eider duck farm Experience the sustainable and responsible way the farmers collect the world-famous eider down from the nests of the birds. Feel the softest and warmest down in the world
- # Skjólfjörur Make sure not to miss the impressive rock formations on the east coast and a beautiful beach facing the open ocean, the Atlantic Ocean.
- ## Hellisheiði is the highest (656 m) and steepest mountain pass in Iceland and is the shortest way to Egilsstaðir (road 917), but is only open in summer. Enjoy the colourful mountains as the road passes through the ruins of an ancient volcano. The view over Fljótsdalshérað and the coast is incomparable. Great hiking on marked trails.

#### Historical places

**#** Bustarfell , the farm and folk museum, is an extremely well-preserved old turf building. The turfhouse farm is originally from 1770, but has been extended and renovated inside for every generation until 1966 when the last inhabitants left.







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#### The Vopnafjördur Sagas

The Saga of Vopnafjörður takes place mostly in Vopnafjörður from the late 9th to the early 11th century. The saga tells of a power struggle between the clans at Hof and Krossavík; after conflict and bloodshed, however, tolerance and mercy finally prevail. The main characters of the saga are the powerful chieftains Brodd-Helgi at Hof and Geitir Lýtingsson at Krossavík, and their sons Víga-Bjarni and Þorkell. Women also play an important part in the story: the priestess Steinvör, Halla Lýtingsdóttir and Þorgerður Silfra. All over Vopnafjörður the sites of the saga can be seen; in many cases ancient relics are visible, but little archaeological research has yet been carried out. A dig in 2006 revealed the site of a longhouse of the saga period adjacent to the church at Hof. A monument has been placed at Hof, the home of Brodd-Helgi. Vopnafjörður is an area of great natural beauty and historical relics, and worth a visit.

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#### Bustarfell

Bustarfell Museum is a quaint, century's old, Icelandic family turf - house and is one of the most beautiful and best kept one in Iceland. Guided tours are available.



A visit to the Museum is a journey through the history of farming and changes in lifestyle from 18th century to the mid-20th century. Beside Bustarfell Museum is Café Croft placed. There our guests and enjoy coffee along with a tasty traditional cakes. The trail up to Álfkonusteinn has been marked with signs that tell stories from folklore and the discovery of stagbones since long before the ice age.

<b>√</b> Location	Vopnafjörður
Open	Daily during the summertime. For further information please visit our webpage or contact us through e-mail or phone.
Phone	(+354) 471 2211 / 844 1153
<b>⊠</b> Email	bustarfell@simnet.is
Website	www.bustarfell.is

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#### Múlastofa - Kaupvangur Cultural Center

Did you know that the wonderful, world known jazz melody "Vikivaki" is originated from Vopnafjörður, where the brothers, Jonas and Jon Muli, celebrated composer and lyric, were born. Everyone born in Iceland during the last 60 years know their songs and musicals. Múlastofa opened in the summer 2008 dedicated to life and art of the brothers Jón Múli Árnason and Jónas Árnason. Be welcome to come and enjoy this exhibition of those brothers that has given so much to Icelandic culture.

<b>♦</b> Location	Kaupvangi , 690 Vopnafjörður
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Website	www.vopnafjordur.com
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#### Vesturfaramiðstöð Austurlands

#### - Kaupvangur Cultural Center

The East Iceland Emigration Center focuses on the emigration years 1870-1914 and the years after the Askja eruption 1875. We are interested in the history of this time and in renewing contact with the emigrants' descendants. The Centre is of great interest to all those interested in genealogy and tracing their roots.



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#### Information Center

Kaupvangur Cultural Center is worth a visit: visitor information, Kaupvangskaffi- Café, Múlastofa (an exhibit about the life and music of well known brothers, Jónas and Jón "Múla"), and East Iceland Emigration Center providing information about 19th century emigrants.

Open	Summer 08.00 - 22.00 daily Winter: 08:00 - 18:00 daily
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#### Kaupvangskaffi - Café

Small and cosy Café at the heart of Vopnafjordur village. There you can treat yourself with coffee, te, cakes and light meals.



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### Swimming pool in Selárdalur



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	www.vopnafjordur.com
(1)	Open daily 07:00-23:00

Vopnafjordur's thermal pool stands on the banks of the Sela River, a world-famous place for salmon catching. The pool and hot tubs are filled with water from nearby hot springs. Nothing beats the total relaxation of sitting back in one of the hot tubs, watching a keen angler catch a salmon in the river below. About 12 km. north of the village.

#### Tours & activities

Syőri-Vík Horse rental and trout fishing Syőri-Vík, 690 Vopnafjörður • (+354) 473-1199 / 848-0641 holmi56@vortex.is • www.sveit.is

Gym Lónabraut 16 (+354) 473-1492

#### Golf

(+354) 473-1331 /844-1153

info@vopnafjardarhreppur.is • www.vopnafjordur.com

The Vopnafjordur Golf Course presents a diverse nine-hole challenge where it stands in rocky hills immediately south of Vopnafjordur. The unusual landscape surrounding the golf course, and scenic views to the mountains across the bay, make a round at the course a refreshing experience for golfers of all skill levels.

## www.east.is



#### Hótel Tangi

Hotel Tangi has served guests in Vopnafjörður for a long time and the guests are always welcome. The hotel has gone through a great renewal and the access is good. On the ground floor are 4 vultus rooms and 13 smaller on 1st floor. We have a little restaurant at the hotel. We offer good selecion of food from a la carte menu to hamburgers and pizzas.

<b>♦</b> Location	Hafnarbyggð 17, 690Vopnafjörður	
Open	All year	
Phone	(+354) 473-1840	
<b>⊠</b> Email	hoteltangi@simnet.is	
Website	www.hoteltangi.is	

# VOPNAFJÖRÐUR

### Síreksstaðir Farm, Cottages - Guesthouse



<b>4</b> ∳≻	Síreksstaðir, 690 Vopnafjörður
2	(+354) 473-1458 / 848-2174
$\boxtimes$	sirek@simnet.is
	www.sireksstadir.is
(1)	Open all year
	<u> </u>

A traditional farm with sheep, goats, cattles, horses, hens, ducks and rabbits. Two very nice, fully equipped cottages for 4-6 people, a large veranda with barbeque facilities. Hot tub with one of the cottage. A comfortable guesthouse with 7double rooms, shared bathroom and a roomy deck. Our guests are welcome to view the farm activities. A new restaurant! Open 18.00-21.00. Breakfast and dinner:

### Hvammsgerði - Bed & Breakfast



<b>₹</b>	Hvammsgerði 1,690 Vopnafjörður
1	(+354) 588-1298
$\bowtie$	stay@hvammsgerdi.is
	www.hvammsgerdi.is
(1)	Open all year

A romantic accommodation in an old farmhouse by the river Selá in Vopnafjörður. We offer newly renovated rooms and a delicious breakfast buffet. The farm is by road 85, close to a geothermal pool, Selárdalslaug. Come to enjoy the countryside and the soothing sound of a joggling creek.

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#### Accommodation

#### Vopnafjörður Campsite

Hamrahlíð 15, 690 Vopnafjörður (+354) 473-1331 / 844-1153

info@vopnafjardarhreppuris • www.vopnafjordur.com Vopnafjörður's campground is small and peaceful, in a lovely setting overlooking the village. All basic services are available for vehicles. trailers and tenters.

**Syðri-Vík Farm** Syðri-Vík, 690 Vopnafjörður (+354) 473-1199 / 848-0641 holmi56@vortex.is • www.sveit.is Guesthouse with 6 x dbl rooms with 2 shared bathrooms, fully equipped kitchen, dining room, lounge. Also two cottages and a small apartment with separate entrance.

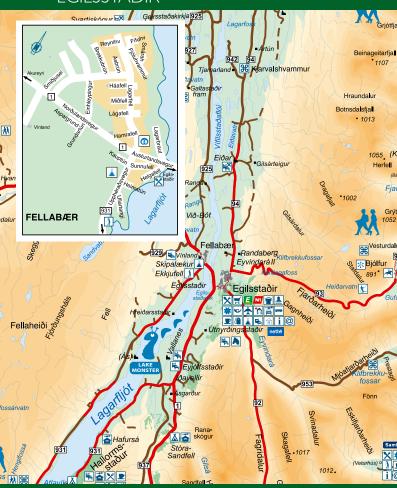
#### Ásbrandsstaðir Cottege

Ásbrandsstaðir 2, 690 Vopnafirði (+354) 473-1459 / 863-8734

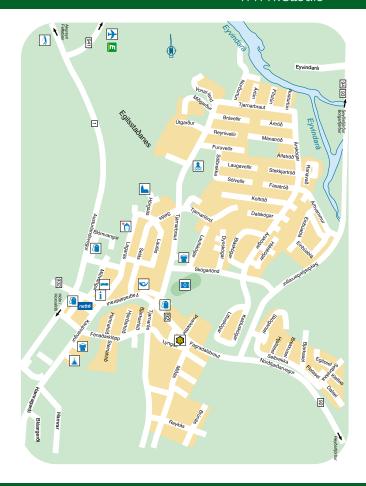
Set in the quiet countryside of Eastern Iceland, this basic cottage is 7 minutes' drive from the village of Vopnafjördur.



# **EGILSSTAÐIR**



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## **EGILSSTAÐIR**



Egilsstaðir (Pop. 2.740) www.visitegilsstadir.is

Egilsstaðir, the principal township of Fljótsdalshérað, is one of Iceland's few inland towns, founded in 1947. Since then Egilsstaðir has developed an extensive array of services and become the service and trade centre for most of East Iceland. There is good shopping, esp. Icelandic specialities, arts and crafts. The town is a centre of

transportation, mainly through Egilsstaðir International Airport. Scheduled buses connect to all the villages in the eastern fjords, as well as to Höfn and Akureyri. The ferry Norröna docks in nearby Seyðisfjörður and ferry days are very lively in town.

#### Things to do:

- · Visit the Minjasafn, museum
- · Stroll in Selskógur village woods
- · Soak in the hot tubs
- Visit the Slaughterhouse
  Culture Centre
- Enjoy fabulous local food

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The town's strategic location makes it perfect to plan daytrips to many of the great attractions nearby. There are many good hotels and guesthouses, as well as fine restaurants where local food can be savoured and good cafés. There are good facilities for sports - not forgetting a great outdoor pool with hot-pots, a waterslide and a children's splash pool. There are also bike rentals, many hiking routes and nice walks, long and short. Nearby, horserentals offer great tours, while you can also engage in sealwatching and other great ways to explore nature. Daytours to Vatnajökul National park and Dyrfiöll/ Stórurð are available.



#### Nature highlights

- **#** Selskógur, the village woods east of Egilsstaðir, contain mainly birch but also numerous rowans. Woodchip trails of varying length invite one to stroll through the peaceful surroundings. There is a playground in the forest. A nice way to enjoy an arctic woodland.
- **#** Fardagafoss waterfall is situated near where the road starts climbing on the way to Seyðisfjörður some 5 km from Egilsstaðir. From the parking area there is a short walk to the waterfall. On your way you can enjoy the beautiful gorge and view over the whole of Hérað. Don't forget the shallow cave behind the fall: make a wish and search for the hidden pot of gold.



## **EGILSSTAÐIR**



#### The East Iceland Heritage Museum / Minjasafn Austurlands

The museum's exhibition consists of objects from the old rural society in East Iceland, i.e. before 1900. On display are things from the history of hunting, crafts, food production, clothing and various aspects of daily life, hygiene, hobbies, morals and values. Also visitors are invited to enter a 19th century style "living/sleeping" room of a farmhouse which was moved from the countryside and rebuilt in the museum. There are also various objects on display in connection to the 20th century urban development in the eastern region, i.e. from the history of health care, industry, trading, forestry, transport, schools and entertainments. The special pride of the museum is an archeological treasure, a brooch from the Viking period, found few years ago in the ground on a farm in East Iceland.

<b>₹</b>	Location	Laufskógar I,700 Egilsstaðir
(1)	Open	Summer: June 1st – August 31st, daily 13-17. Winter: By agreement.
2	Phone	(+354) 471-1412
$\boxtimes$	Email	minjasafn@minjasafn.is
<b>(1)</b>	Website	www.minjasafn.is We are on
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### Hús Handanna Art & Design

The shop specializes in selling and promoting east Icelandic art and design that is creative and beautifully made of good quality. It offers a good selection of paintings, ceramics by local artists. Quality handcraft made from



reindeer leather, antlers and wood by local craftsmen. mouthwatering local food products by "Austfirskar krásir". At Hús Handanna you will find clothes, jewellery, applied art, furniture and much more by some of Iceland's most prominent designers.

<b>♦</b> Location	Miðvangur I, 700 Egilsstaðir
Open	Weekdays 11-18, saturdays 11-15.
Phone	(+354) 471-2433
<b>⊠</b> Email	info@hushandanna.is
Website	Facebook: Hús Handanna Art + Design
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## **EGILSSTAÐIR**



#### Sláturhúsið Culture Centre

The Slaughterhouse Culture Centre is the heart of culture and arts in Egilsstadir, East Iceland. The Slaughterhouse offers a variety of cultural events all year long such as concerts, cinema, plays, art exhibitions etc. The Slaughterhouse also houses artists' studios where guests are always welcome. Internet connection and coffee for sale.



<b>◆</b> Location	Kaupvangi 7,700 Egilsstaðir	
Open	Mon Thur. 18-22, Sat. 13-17 and special events	
Phone	(+354) 894-7282 / 471-1479	
<b>⊠</b> Email	slaturhusid@egilsstadir.is / mmf@egilsstadir.is	
Website	www.slaturhusid.is	
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#### Culture & arts

Gallery Rétt-inn Lagarfell 2, Fellabæ, 700 Egilsstaðir (+354) 861 1794. Open: 13-18 weekdays, closed on weekends.

Skemman - Local handicraft market Miðvangi 6,700 Egilsstaðir • We are on Facebook.

#### Tours & activities

Lingua / Norðan Jökuls - Guiding and travel consultancy Dalskógar 12, 700 Egilsstaðir • (+354) 471-2190 philip@islingua.is • www.islingua.is

East Highlanders - Fjallamenn Austurlands Bjarkargrund I, 700 Egilsstaðir • (+354) 699-3673 info@easthighlanders.is • www.easthighlanders.is

JeepTours Stekkjatröð | 3b, 700 Egilsstaðir • (+354) 898-2798 info@jeeptours.is • www.jeeptours.is

**APK Fishing Guide** Flatasel 2, 700 Egilsstaðir • (+354) 867-2023 apk@apk.is • www.apk.is

Golf - Ekkjufellsvöllur - www.golf.is/gfh • (+354) 867-2715



# EGILSSTAÐIR TOURS & ACTIVITIES

#### TRAVEL EAST Day Tours From Egilsstaðir



	<b>√</b> ∳≻	Travel East Booking Center Egilsstaðir Campsite
	2	(+354) 471-3060
	$\boxtimes$	traveleast@traveleast.is
		www.traveleast.is

Departure from Egilsstaðir Campsite. (1st of June - 30th of September 2014). Minimum 4 pax. Book on www.traveleast.is or at Travel East Booking Center:

- 1. Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon, dep: 08:00 am, dur: 12 hours. Price: 31.900 ISK.
- 2. Mývatn and Dettifoss, dep: 08:00 am, dur: 8-9 hours. Price: 25.900 ISK.
- 3. Hengifoss, dep: 2:30 pm, dur: 4 hours. Price: 12.900 ISK.
- 4. Seyðisfjörður\*, dep: 10:00 am, dur: 4 hours. Price: 22.900 ISK.
- (\*Local guide, museum admission and lunch included).

#### TRAVEL EAST Superjeep tours from Egilsstaðir



	<b>√∳</b> ≻	Travel East Booking Center Egilsstaðir Campsite
Ī	1	(+354) 471-3060
	X	traveleast@traveleast.is
Ī	<b>(</b>	www.traveleast.is

Departure from Egilsstaðir Campsite. Minimum 2 pax. Daily upon request. Book on www.traveleast.is or at

Travel East Booking Center. See all Superjeep tours on www.traveleast.is

- I. Askja and Herðubreið. Operated: 28. June 30. Sept. Price: 39.500 ISK.
- 2. Highland Circle. Operated 25. June 30. Sept. Price 34.000 ISK.
- 3. Kverkfjöll tour. Operated 25. June 30. Sept. Price 36.000 ISK.
- 4. Mjóifjörður, the tiniest town in Iceland. Op. 20. June 31. Oct. Price 22.000 ISK.

#### TRAVEL EAST Hiking tours from Egilsstaðir

<b>₹</b>	Travel East Booking Center Egilsstaðir Campsite
2	(+354) 471-3060
$\bowtie$	traveleast@traveleast.is
	www.traveleast.is



Departures from Egilsstaðir Campsite. Minimum 2 pax. Daily upon request. Book on www.traveleast.is or at Travel East Booking Center:

- I. **Snæfell.** Operated all year. Price 29.800 ISK.
- 2. Stórurð. Operated all year. Price 25.800 ISK.
- 3. Canyon tour. Operated 25. June 30. July & 15. Sept 31. Oct. Price 35.900 ISK. See all our hiking options on www.traveleast.is

#### Village walk - Meet the locals

	<b>₹</b>	lcelandair Hotel Hérað, Miðvangi 5-7
	2	(+354) 476-1399
	$\boxtimes$	info@meetthelocals.is
		www.meetthelocals.is
	(1)	June 1st - Sept 15th
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**Travel back in time** Time: Fridays at 16:00. Booking is necessary. Meeting point: Icelandair Hotel Hérað, Miðvangi 5-7.

Fun and rather easy walk in charming villages with a local person. In the late 1930's a few pioneers started to build the town of Egilsstaðir as a center for local service and commerce. Join us for a walk and hear about the elves in the basement, the most famous video-rental in Iceland, and maybe catch a glimpse of the local olympic medalist.

# EGILSSTAÐIR TOURS & ACTIVITIES

## Egilsstaðir Swimmingpool



	<b>4</b> ∳≻	Tjarnarbraut 26, 700 Egilsstaðir
	2	(+354) 470-0777
	$\boxtimes$	sundlaug@egilsstadir.is
		www.fljotsdalsherad.is
	(1)	Open all year

Opening hours: Winter: Mon-fri: 06:30-20:30 sat-sun: 10:00-17:00. Summer: Mon-fri: 06:30-21:30, sat-sun: 10:00-18:00. The swimming pool is 25 m long and 12,5 m wide with a waterslide. Two hot pots with different heat, one of them has water massage, a small and shallow pool for children. In Egilsstaðir you can enjoy the good summer weather with us in the pool or on a sunbench. We welcome you.

### The Touring Club of Fljótsdalshérað



<b>₹</b>	Tjarnarás 8, 700 Egilsstaðir
2	(+354) 863-5813
$\boxtimes$	ferdafelag@egilsstadir.is
	www.fljotsdalsherad.is/ferdafelag
(1)	Open all year

We offer a variety of tours all year round, everything from birdwatching to more difficult hikes. So for people looking for exciting trips and tours this is the club. During the wintertime, the focus is mainly on day tours in the area and over the summer period, weekend tours and longer trips are added to the program. The tours vary in difficulty so everybody interested in hiking and nature will find an adequate tour, beginners just as advanced mountaineers. All tours on our webpage.

#### **East Iceland Tourist Info**

4⊕>	Miðvangi 2-4, 700 Egilsstaðir	
2	(+354) 471-2320	
$\boxtimes$	info@east.is	
	www.east.is	
(1)	Open all year	





Located in Egilsstaðir the Centre provides tourists with overall information on geography, services and products in the region, or the area from Vopnafjörður in the north to Djúpivogur in the south.

#### **Vinland Guesthouse**

<b>₹</b>	Vínland, 700 Egilsstaðir	A DATE
٦	(+354) 615-1900 / 471-2259	THE
$\bowtie$	info@vinlandhotel.com	A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR
	www.vinlandhotel.com www.cottageinegilsstadir.com	
<u> </u>	Open all year	



Vinland is a family run guesthouse on Rd I. across the bridge from Egilsstadir. The accommodation comprises of 6 tastefully decorated rooms, all of which have en-suite bath/shower rooms, tv's, tea and coffee making facilities. We also offer cottages with all facilities. Vinland is an ideal place to stay, gateway to the rugged splendour of the East Fjords.

# EGILSSTAÐIR ACCOMMODATION

#### Guesthouse Egilsstaðir



<b>√</b> ∳≻	Egilsstaðir, 700 Egilsstaðir
2	(+354) 471-1114
$\bowtie$	hotel@lakehotel.is
<b>(1)</b>	www.lakehotel.is
(1)	Open all year

Are you looking for a cosy family country hotel with lots of history, beautiful surroundings, peaceful environment, romantic atmosphere, good Icelandic cuisine, free internet, friendly staff who will welcome you all year around and not only during the summer time. Then Guesthouse Egilsstaðir is a place for you. Looking forward to seeing you, Hulda E. Daníelsdóttir and Gunnlaugur Jónasson.

#### Icelandair Hótel Hérað



✓ Miðvangi 5-7, 700 Egilsstað	
2	(+354) 471-1500
$\bowtie$	herad@icehotels.is
<b>(</b>	www.icelandairhotels.is
(1)	Open all year



The hotel is located in the thriving centre of Egilsstadir. Built with three storeys, well-equipped, stylish rooms offer a relaxing stay and a great night's sleep and there's always the chance for dining as well as socialising in our superb restaurant and bar. On the balcony here you can find yourself sipping your drink in the midnight sun.

## Skipalækur

<b>4</b> ♦►	Skipalækur, 701 Egilsstaðir
2	(+354) 471-1324 / 895-1324
$\bowtie$	booking@skipalaekur.is
	www.skipalaekur.is
(1)	Open all year



Skipalækur is on the outskirts of Egilsstaðir, with all services at hand. Accommodation at the farmhouse and in a separate houses; 6 rooms with bathrooms, and five chalets on the banks of lake Lögurinn w. kitchen. Exceptional view, great walks and all it takes for a successful and enjoyable stay. Camp site with toilet facilities. Golf course nearby and a swimmingpool 3 km away.

### Hótel Egilsstaðir

<b>⋖</b> ∳≻	Skógarlönd 3, 700 Egilsstaðir
1	(+354) 471-2830
$\boxtimes$	info@ehotel.is
	www.east.is
(1)	May - September



The Hótel Egilsstaðir is located in midtown Egilsstaðir, next door to the Regional Museum, shopping centre, cafés, banks and the local swimming pool. Main tourist attractions are within reach; the Hallormsstaður forest, Hengifoss, the Borgarfjörður hiking trails, the fjords and the hiking pearls of Herad. The hotel has 39 rooms, all with bath, TV and internet hook-ups. Three conference- and banquet rooms available.

# EGILSSTAÐIR ACCOMMODATION

## Birta & Olga Guesthouses



<b>4</b> ♠►	Tjarnarbraut 3 and 7, Egilsstaðir
2	(+354) 860-2999
$\boxtimes$	info@gistihusolgu.com info@gistihusbirtu.com







Birta & Olga - Guesthouses - Cosy stay in the heart of Egilsstaðir. Free Wifi, tv and frigde in all rooms. Communal kitchen, made up beds and optional breakfast.

#### Gistihúsið Ormurinn



<b>4</b> ∳≻	Fagradalsbraut 9, 700 Egilsstaðir
2	(+354) 852-1004
$\bowtie$	info@ormurinn.is
	www.ormurinn.is
(1)	Open all year



We are situated in the heart of Egilsstaðir above the post office. All shopping, service and restaurants are within walking distance as well as the swimming pool and local museum. The guesthouse consists of 5 cosy double rooms with made up beds and towels. 2 rooms can be fitted with extra beds. Other facilities are shared; a spacious living room, fully equipped kitchen and bathroom. Free Wifi.

#### Hótel Edda Egilsstaðir

<b>√</b> ∳≻	Tjarnarbraut, 700 Egilsstaðir
1	(+354) 444-4880
$\boxtimes$	edda@hoteledda.is
<b>(1)</b>	www.hoteledda.is
(1)	June - August



Eastern promise. Egilsstaðir, the "capital of the east" boasts an international airport and a host of local attractions. Among them are Hallormsstaður, Iceland's biggest forest, the extinct Mt. Snæfell volcano, Atlavík's sandy cove and the beautiful Lagarfljót river, which, according to myth, is home to one mighty—but shy—monster, a older cousin of the one in Scotland's Loch Ness. Come and stay.



### Gisting 707 apartments

<b>4</b> ∳≻	Hamragerði 3, 700 Egilsstaðir
2	(+354) 847-1733
$\bowtie$	annfi@simnet.is
	www.gisting707.is
(1)	Open all year

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Single beds-bedroom apartments in a new building in Egilsstaðir for rent over a period, week weekend or a single night. They are in a walking distance from the main shopping area in Egilsstaðir. Each apartment has a double room and a double sofabed in the living room. Extra mattresses are available. The apartments have a washing machine and a drier.

# EGILSSTAÐIR ACCOMMODATION

## Hotel Eyvindará



∢(	<b>)</b> >	Eyvindará II, 700 Egilsstaðir
4	9	(+354) 471-1200
▷	<u> </u>	eyvindara2@simnet.is
(	₽	www.eyvindara.is
(	9	Open 1.330.11.

Hotel Eyvindará is located in a beautiful wooded area 2.7 km from the center of Egilsstaðir at road 94. Beautiful view over the Hérað Region and nice hiking in the neighbourhood. Hotel Eyvindará has now 28 new rooms with private bathroom and 4 DBL rooms with shared facilities in the main building. We also have 7 cottages with bath and full facilities. We serve dinner for our guests every night from the 15th of May until start of Sept.

#### Acommodation

**Egilsstaðir Campsite** Kaupvangur 17, 700 Egilsstaðir (+354) 470-0750 • camping@egilsstadiris

Icelandair Hótel Hérað

Miðvangi 5-7, 700 Egilsstaðir • (+354) 471-1500

herad@icehotels.is • www.icelandairhotels.is

Lyngás Guesthouse Lyngási 5-7, 700 Egilsstöðum

(+354) 471 1310 • lyngas@lyngas.is • www.lyngas.is

**Skipalækur Campsite** Fellabær, 701 Egilsstaðir

(+354) 471-1324 • www.skipalaekur.is

#### **Dining**

Bókakaffi Hlöðum 700 Egilsstaðir (+354) 471-2255

Kaffi Egilsstaðir Kaupvangi 17,700 Egilsstaðir (+354) 470-0200

**Salt café & bistro** (+354) 471 1700

Miðvangur 2-4, 700 Egilsstaðir • http://www.saltbistro.is/

NI Kaupvangi 4,700 Egilsstöðum • (+354) 440 145 I

Shell skálinn Fagradalsbraut 13,700 Egilsstöðum (+354) 471-1899

#### Café Nielsen

<b>∢∳</b> ≻	Tjarnarbraut 1,700 Egilsstaðir
1	(+354) 471-2626
$\boxtimes$	cafenielsen@simnet.is
	www.cafenielsen.is
(1)	Open June - August



This friendly restaurant and café is situated in Egilsstaðir's oldest house. A menu with a variety of fish, vegetable and meat e.g. the renowned Reindeer-steak. Along with coffee, chocolate and cakes. Lunch buffet all weekdays from 11:30-13:30. Café Nielsen's veranda is a favorite place to spend the late afternoon after a good day of action or work. Café Nielsen is only open during the summer:

#### Icelandair Hótel Hérað

<b>₹</b>	Miðvangi 5-7, 700 Egilsstaðir
2	(+354) 471-1500
$\boxtimes$	herad@icehotels.is
	www.icelandairhotels.is
(1)	Open all year



The Hotel Herad restaurant offers top quality, local Icelandic vegetables, meats and dairy products - all in a cozy and peaceful atmosphere. Specializing in fresh fish, Icelandic lamb and incredible reindeer steaks, the Hotel Herad restaurant is a great place to enjoy a meal. You can also take a drink in our balcony bar, a fantastic way to spend the evening. You can sit, relax and enjoy the midnight sun.

## EGILSSTAÐIR DINING

### Hótel Edda Egilsstaðir



<b>4</b> ∳≻	Tjarnarbraut, 700 Egilsstaðir
2	(+354) 444-4880
$\bowtie$	edda@hoteledda.is
	www.hoteledda.is
(1)	Open June - August

Hotel Edda in Egilsstaðir has an on-site restaurant with marvellous river views. During dinner we offer a great dinner buffet where the emphasis is delicious food made from local ingredients. Treat yourself to our plentiful breakfast buffet in the early hours. Wholesome bread, oat meal, fresh fruits, cereal, coffee, tea and waffles to drive up your energy for an eventful day.

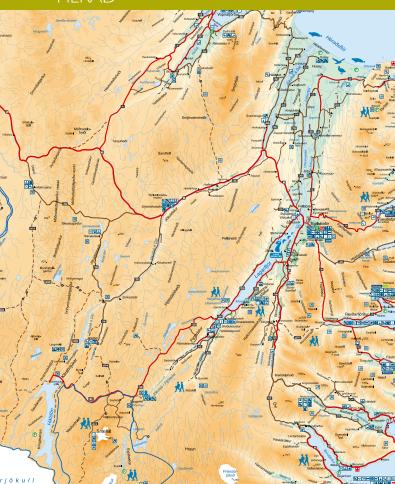
#### Gistihúsið Egilsstöðum



	<b>√</b> ∳≻	Egilsstaðir, 700 Egilsstaðir
	2	(+354) 471-1114
ľ	$\boxtimes$	hotel@lakehotel.is
		www.lakehotel.is
	(1)	Open all year

Our Ambition and devotion are the main features of the kitchen; like the Guesthouse itself the cuisine stands on a solid tradition. We have great respect for the ingredients. It is mostly Icelandic and gotten from our immediate environment. It is our desire that you enjoy our cooking and good service in our welcoming environment of the Guesthouse Egilsstadir all year around. Looking forward to seeing you, Hulda E. Daníelsdóttir and Gunnlaugur Jónasson.





#### Hérað www.visitegilsstadir.is / www.hengifoss.is

Fljótsdalshérað, or Hérað, is the broad valley southwest from the black beaches of Héraðsflói to the Vatnajökull glacier and Kverkfjöll volcano. Hérað covers an area of 8.884 km², almost 8.5% of Iceland. Snæfell volcano (1883 m), reins overVatnajökull National Park and the highlands, where the reindeer live. Strange sub-glacial deserted landscapes

dominate Möðrudalur. The long, smooth-sided valleys of Hérað, Jökuldalur, Fljótsdalur and Skriðdalur are known for farming and have a reputation for natural beauty and nice weather, reinforced by the district's growing forests. Summertime breezes from the south, across the highlands, tend to be dry and warm and Hérað (the Shire) is considered a weather paradise. By Iceland's largest forest, Hallormsstaðaskógur, you



can visit the shores of Lagarfljót lake, which is the home of the famous wyrm monster Lagarfljótsormur. Hengifoss, Icelands's second highest waterfall (128m), drops from the highlands not far from Skriðuklaustur, a historical site with ruins of a 16th century monastery, a cultural centre and a VNP centre. The district is also the scene of Hrafnkel's saga, one of the Icelandic sagas. The Húsey nature-reserve and the sandy coast are a prime habitat of seals and birds. Natural monuments such as Stórurð and Þerribjörg lie on both sides of the bay.

#### Things to do:

- Stop at Möðrudalur
- Visit the Troll's wall, Skessugarður
- Skjöldólfsstaðir reindeer museum
- Klaustursel mini Zoo
- Bath at Laugarvalladalur
- A drink at Sámsbar, Aðalból
- Europe 's largest dam; Kárahnjúkar
- Climb Mt Snæfell
- A seal-watching tour at Husey
- Hike to Stórurð and Dyrfjöll
- · See the Reindeer
- · Fish in rivers and lakes
- Go horseback riding







### **Nature highligths**

**H** The Perribjörg cliffs are some of the most colourful sea cliffs in Iceland. Experience the brilliant yellow cliffs where the dark stripes meet the turquoise blue ocean. The trail starts at the Hellisheiði pass. An easy lowland walk to Landsendi is worth while.

**36** Möörudalur. Site of the highest farm in Iceland at 469 m. Deep inland and including a large area of land, Möörudalur has been inhabited almost continuously since the settlement. The church there was built single-handedly by farmer Jón Stefánsson (1880-1971) at his own expense, in memory of his wife, and was consecrated in the year 1949. He also painted the distinctive altarpiece depicting the Sermon on the Mount.

₩ Jökuldalsheiði - Highland farms trail.

This vast highland plateau lies 500-600 m above sea level with alternating gravel dunes and hills. green marshlands and endless small lakes full of trout. During the middle of the 19th century, poor people who wanted to lead independent lives inhabited the plateau as lowland farms were too expensive. The volcano Askja buried most of these farmlands in ash in the 1875 eruption. driving many of the poor farmers to emigrate to North America. Three of the most prominent authors of the country, Halldor Laxness, Jon Trausti and Gunnar Gunnarsson, based some of their works on the experiences of those people. Experience the 19th century Iceland with a visit to Sænautasel. The highland farms trail brochure is available at the tourist info centres.

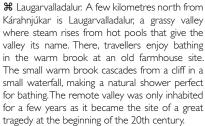
- **36** Skessugarður (The Troll's wall) close to Sænautasel is a huge natural wall made of boulders that on average weigh a couple of tons. The wall was formed by the ice-age glacier and was later washed clean of smaller rock during a catastropic flood. Don't miss this geological phenomena.
- **36** Kárahnjúkar Dam is the tallest concrete-faced rockfill dam in Europe and among the largest of its kind in the world. Most of the rockfill was quarried just upstream of the dam within the reservoir area and placed in compacted layers. Two smaller saddle dams were built at Kárahnjúkar, Desjará Dam to the east and Saudárdalur Dam to the west. Together, the three dams form the Hálslón Reservoir which covers an area of 57 km2 and reaches all the way to the Brúarjökull Glacier. Fljótsdalur Power Station came on-line in 2007; the underground powerhouse is located inside Valthjófsstadur Mountain and is accessed through an 800 m tunnel.
- **H** Hafrahvammagljúfur. Below the dam at Kárahnjúkar, the river Jökulsá cuts through Kárahnjúkar to form a huge canyon, Hafrahvammagljúfur, as well as Dimmugljúfur which is one of the darkest and most impressive canyons in Iceland, over 200 m deep. There is a short hike to the viewpoint of the now almost-empty gorge.













**#** Eiðar used to be one of its locality's most important farms and church. The agricultural school was founded here in 1883. Efforts are being made to develop a centre for arts and culture here. Around Eiðar are attractive trails towards Lagarfljót river and around the small lakes and ponds, where there is a good possibility to see the great northern diver; the loom, with its ghostly singing.



**#** Húsey is near Héraðsflói bay and is characterised by rich wildlife, for example the world's largest breeding colony of arctic skua and one of the largest breeding colonies of red-throated divers. The sandy beaches are also home to one of the largest colonies of seal. The wonderful nature of Husey can be explored in short horseback rides, with the chance to watch seals and reindeer in an unusual environment. Nature documentaries have been filmed at Húsey. Úthérað to the south is also a nature reserve, with interesting wildlife.

**K** Stapavík. The historical trading point by Stapavík inlet lies in a magnificent setting. The

trail starts by the farm Unaós, leads to the river Selfljót, follows it to its estuary at Krosshöfði, and continues to the cliffs of Stapavík. In the early 20th century, Stapavík was an important trade point and goods were landed in the inlet until the 1950s, when a road was built over Vatnsskarð to Borgarfjörður Eystri and the harbour there. Seals are often seen here



**#** Lagarfljót stretches some I40 km from its source in Jökulsá á Fljótsdal to its estuary. The upper part of the river forms a long lake, Lögurinn or Lagarfljót, which is the third largest lake in the country, with an area of 53 km2. The lake is deep and its bottom is some 90 metres below sea level. An old folk belief claims that a monster,













Lagarfljótsormurinn, lives in the Lagarfjót lake and every year people talk of some unexplainable sights in the lake.

# Hallormsstaðaskógur . Iceland's largest forest, protected since 1905, on the eastern bank of Lagarfljót river. The first imported trees were planted 1903, but large-scale forestation did not begin until 1950 when imported species had demonstrated that timber could be grown in Iceland. Some 85 foreign tree species from 600 worldwide sources have been planted in the forest. The oldest larch colony, named Guttormslundur, dates from 1938. Many measures taken at Hallormsstaðarskógur make the forest more accessible and enjoyable for travellers and there are well-marked trails throughout much of the surrounding woodland. The whole woods are a pleasant area, and in late summer one can pick large quantities of mouth-watering berries and mushrooms. There is a popular campsite in the forest, along with a hotel restaurant and ATV hoat and horse rentals.

**#** The Hallormsstaður arboretum is unique in Iceland, comprising a collection of around 70 tree species. There are well-marked trails throughout much of the surrounding woodland, shown on a clear map published by the Forest Service.

**#** Atlavík in Hallormsstaður is a small bay beautifully situated on the shores of Lagarfljót and like other areas in the Hallormsstaður woods provides the shelter of trees, as well as

a comparatively continental climate. Atlavík is a beloved camping site to the Icelanders. There is a boat rental for those who want to explore the lakeshore.

- **#** Strútsfoss is a waterfall on the south side of Fljótsdalur. Take the road to the farm Sturluflöt, and then follow the marked footpath. The waterfall is very beautiful and majestic as it falls down a colourful gorge more than 200 m deep in two parts, the higher one being more than 100 m high.
- 36 Hengifoss is the second highest waterfall in Iceland, 128 m in a magnificent gorge. The background of basalt lava with red intermediary layers of ancient soil give Hengifoss a unique setting and the sandstone beneath them contains fossilised tree trunks, evidence of the much warmer climate in Iceland when this rock was formed during the Tertiary period. The waterfall Litlanesfoss, only 10 minutes up from the parking is also spectacular in a beautiful columnar basalt setting. I-2 hour guided morning walks are available daily with Vatnajökull National Park Rangers from June 2 Ist August 11 th.
- **#** Laugarfell. Hot natural pool in the highlands on the way to Mt. Snæfell. Known for centuries for healing powers. A new hut welcomes visitors.

#### Historical places

## Heiðarbýlin - The heath farms are some 16 farms built on Jökuldalsheiði around the middle of the 19th century, but the area was rendered almost uninhabitable by the Mt. Askja













eruption in 1875. Nevertheless, some farms remained inhabited until the middle of the last century. Remains of settlements dating from 1841-1946 can be seen along the Ring Road. There is a trail linking the farms. Sænautasel is a good example of a turf farm which was inhabited from 1843-1943 and is located on the lakeshore. Tours and descriptions available.

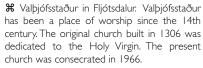
ℜ At Aðalbólin Hrafnkelsdalur, the farmstead of Hrafnkell Freysgoði is also his burial mound. Various artefacts have been discovered in the vicinity that appear to support the validity of the Saga of Hrafnkell. Every August, scenes from the Saga are enacted on Hrafnkel's Day.

**%** Kjarvalshvammur is an artist cabin, the only real estate that the well-known painter Kjarval ever owned. He often stayed here for long periods, producing some of his most famous pictures in the years 1948-1969. The huts remain, the lower one still sheltering his boat. In fact, it was on this boat that he did something no one else has been known to try: rowing and sailing down the river, continuing along the coast to the village of Borgarfjörður Eystri.

**#** Galtastaðirfarm is a very well preserved 19th century turf farm that was inhabited until 1967. The building exemplifies the sort of housing common Icelanders lived in during previous centuries, heated to some extent by keeping cows under the communal living room or baðstofa, which was also used for sleeping

and handicrafts. Both the interior and exterior of this small but remarkable showcase of former living conditions are open to the public. The house is part of the National Museum's Historic Building Collection.

## Geirstaðakirkja is a replica of a church made of turf and stone from the Viking age (930-1262) and was built on the land of Litli-Bakki a few years ago, based on an archaeological excavation run by the East Iceland Heritage Museum. The church is open for visitors free of charge during summertime.



The inner door is an exact replica of the famous Valthjofsstadur door, on display in The National Museum. It dates back to the 13th century. originally a hall door of a manor that later became the door to the stave church which served until reformation in the 16th century. Two beautifully carved, round planes decorate the door, which depicts the friendship of a knight and a lion. These carvings are considered to be among the purest Roman pieces of art of the Nordic countries. In the 19th century the door was sold to Copenhagen, but returned, with other Icelandic pieces of art, in 1930. Among other pieces of interest in the church are the chalice and the baptismal font dating back to the 18th century.











# Skriðuklaustur is an ancient manor estate in Fljótsdalur. From 1493-1552 a monastery operated there. In the years 2002-2012 an extensive archeological excavation took place on the cloister ruins which are now open to visitors. The writer Gunnar Gunnarsson (1889-1975) bought Skriðuklaustur in 1939 and built a large house there designed by the German architect Fritz Höger. The writer moved to Reykjavík in 1948 and donated Skriðuklaustur to the Icelandic nation, In 2000 the Institute of Gunnar Gunnarsson resumed operation in Skriduklaustur as a centre of cuture and history. In the summertime Skriðuklaustur comes alive with various exhibitions, cultural happenings and guided tours for visitors around the writer's house and the archeological site.



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Set in the historic Hrafnkelsdalur Valley, this guest house offers an in-house restaurant and bar, as well as basic guest rooms with shared bathrooms. Several hiking routes are found in the area, and staff can help arrange activities like hunting. Breakfast and packed lunches are available on site. A small shop is found at the property. A small hot spring is found a 5-minute walk from Guesthouse Sámur Bóndi.

## Hálsakot Hunting Lodge



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## The Saga of Hrafnkell freysgoði

The Saga of Hrafnkell, set in the East of Iceland, tells of conflict between chieftains and farmers in the IOth century. The main character is Hrafnkell Freysgoði (who worshipped the Norse god Freyr), a powerful chieftain who lived at Aðalból in Hrafnkelsdalur.



When Hrafnkell kills one of his shepherds for daring to ride his stallion Freyfaxi, a fine steed which he shares with the god Freyr, it



sparks a chain of events that lead to Hrafnkell's defeat and humiliation. But, learning from his experience, he regains his former power and status, takes revenge upon his enemies, and rules more peacefully than before. The Saga of Hrafnkell takes place mainly in Hrafnkelsdalur; Fljótsdalsheiði and Fljótsdalur. Archaeological

excavations have been made in the saga's locations. Information signs are being installed at various saga sites, including the burial mound of Hrafnkell, a short distance from the present farmhouse at Aðalból. A ten-kilometre walking route has also been marked out, from Hálsendi near Brú to Aðalból. Tourist services are provided at Aðalból, where further information is available on the sites of the Saga of Hrafnkell.



### Skjöldólfsstaðir

In the reindeer themed area of the East, Skjöldólfsstaðir schoolhouse offers accommodation in single, double and triple rooms with shared facilities and sleeping bag accommodation. Playground indoor and outdoor for the children and a outdoor hot pot. Camping site. A restaurant is on the premises.



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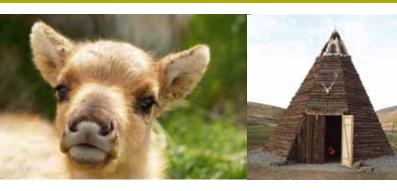












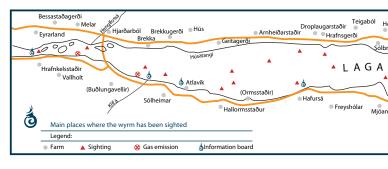
### Á hreindýraslóðum

"On a Reindeer trail" is a small museum on the history of reindeer in Iceland. There is a wonderful collection of photographs and artwork relating to the reindeer. Learn about the life of these graceful animals in the harsh wilderness at the edge of Europe's largest glacier, Vatnajökull. There is a craft store and just a few kilometres away there is a small zoo where you can see a few reindeer up close and personal.





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#### The Wyrm in Lagarfljót - a living legend

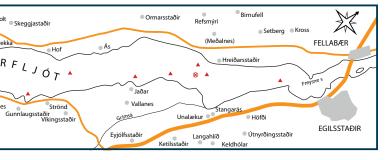
The oldest recorded sighting dates back to 1345. At that time the wyrm was said sometimes to resemble large islands, but at other times to rise out of the water in arches, spanning hundreds of fathoms. People were unsure what sort of monster this was, because neither its head nor tail were visible. (from Skálholtsannáll)

In 1589, the wyrm was reported to have lifted its back so high above the water that a fast ship under full sail – crosstree, tackling and all – could have passed underneath. When its gigantic body slammed back into the water, the resulting crash rumbled throughout the vicinity. Several nearby farmsteads were damaged so badly that they had to be abandoned, and no one has lived there since. (from the bishop Oddur Einarsson)



Sightings of the wyrm's activities were frequent during the 17th century. It appeared variously as humps or islets, and yet again lifted its huge form into the sky. Such appearances were generally considered to bode misfortune. (from Islenskir annálar)

Around the mid-18th century, other creatures were observed in the lake.



Once when the wyrm was seen during winter, it raised three arches above the water and blew out blue smoke. (from Djáknaannáll)

The wyrm shot its humps up regularly during the 19th century, in addition to appearing as a clump or overturned boat gliding upriver against the current and against the wind, tossing towards both sides. During the 20th century, various shapes of the Lagarfliót Wyrm were

viewed from all around the lake. A depth sounder once noted it snuggling under an overhanging bank, far below the surface. The wyrm was also seen sprawled on the Atlavík beach, stretching from one side of the inlet to the other.

In February 2012 the farmer at Hrafnkelsstaðir in Fljotsdalur valley caught



on camera a large swimming creature in one of the rivers that run into the lake Lagarfljót. The video got over 4 millions hits on Youtube and was in the news around the world.



#### The Orgin of the Wyrm Monster of Lagarfljót

The Lagarfliót or Lögurinn is one of Iceland's deepest lakes and lies in a narrow trough carved by glaciers. It reaches a depth of 112 m, 90 m below sea level, and shows no obvious flow. Its deep mysterious glacial waters are the home of Iceland's ancient and much older equivalent of the Loch Ness monster, the terrifying sea-worm-like Wyrm or 'Lagarfljótsormur'. Legend says that once upon a time a young girl living beside the lake acquired a gold broach. She placed the broach in a box, underneath a tiny worm, to increase her gold. Soon the worm had outgrown the box. Panicking, the girl grabbed the box and threw it far into the lake. Time passed, and the worm became a monstrous wyrm so powerful that even the greatest magicians declared that they were unable to overpower it completely, but managed to fasten its head and tail to the lake bottom. There the wyrm will stay bound till the end of all days, causing no harm. The worm-like creature is presumed to be longer than a football field and has been seen coiled near the shore by countless eyewitnesses.

#### **Tours & activities**

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The Móðir Jörð farm, Vallanes, is an organic farm 10 minutes south of Egilsstaðir. Bed & Breakfast and sleeping bag accomodation with kitchen access is open all year serving local breakfast. We offer fresh vegetables, cereals and food products in our organic food shop open May — September from 1-6 pm. Field to table visits can be arranged for groups upon request. Various facilities to enjoy nature, walk in our forrest or picnic for a natural experience of our local Icelandic food products.

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Situated at the edge of Hallormsstaðarskógur, only 20 km from Egilsstaðir, Hafursá enjoys a beautiful view, across the lake Lögurinn with volcano Mount Snæfell as a backdrop. Hafursá offers two cottages; one with a bedroom with 4 beds, the other 2 bedrooms for 6 persons as well as 2 apartments in the main building with made up beds and breakfast. Good hiking in the woods, a swimming pool and a horse and boat rental in the close-by.

## Trjásafn - Arboretum

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The arboretum is unique in Iceland, comprising a collection of more than 70 tree species. There are well-marked trails throughout much of the surrounding woodland, shown on a clear map published by the Forest Service. The whole woods are a pleasant area, and in late summer one can pick large quantities of mouth watering berries and mushrooms.

### **Campsites**

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#### Klausturkaffi



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(1)	Open daily May/mid-Sept.12-17, June-August 10-18

Klausturkaffi is a small and cosy café full of character and famous in the region for wild mushroom soup. In summertime you can rely on the well known lunch and cake buffet and enjoy stone bramble berry skyr cake on the terrasse. Homebaked cakes and bread. East Icelandic delicacies - local food products. Dinners, banquets and refreshments for groups can be ordered year round.

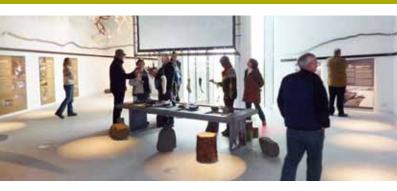


#### Skriðuklaustur Culture Centre

Skriðuklaustur is a historical site with the ruins of a 16th century monastery. The home of the writer Gunnar Gunnarsson, built in 1939, hosts exhibitions and events of various kind. Personal guidance every day through the museum of Gunnarsson who donated his home to the nation in 1948. Café with lunch and cake buffet.



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#### Snæfellsstofa Vatnajökull National Park visitor centre

Snæfellsstofa is the Visitor and Information centre for the eastern territory of Vatnajökull National Park. It is located at Skriðuklaustur in Fljótsdalur, in the first environmentally certified building in Iceland. Snæfellsstofa houses a lovely exhibition which focuses on nature's cycles and formation, the interaction of vegetation and animal life within the Park, revealed in the water cycle, seasonal changes and the cycle of life and death. The exhibition allows visitors interactively to feel, smell and try out assorted objects. The visitor centre also houses a souvenir shop with focus on products from surrounding areas of the National Park and a small cafeteria.

<b>♦</b> Location	Skriðuklaustri, 701 Egilsstaðir
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Fljótsdalsgrund in Fljótsdal where peace and quiet dominate the area. We offer accommodation in apartments all equipped with own kitchen and made up beds, perfect for families. We also offer sleeping bag accommodation, camping and full accommodation for caravans. We are 40 km from Egilsstaðir and 6 km from Hengifoss hiking trail.

### Laugarfell Highland Hostel

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Laugarfell Highland Hostel offers accommodation for 38 people. Two geothermal pools are located by the hostel, many tracking paths around the area and a number of beautiful waterfalls. We offer breakfast and dinner. Orders need to be made before 4pm. We also offer sandwiches, cakes, coffee, tea and food packets.

# BORGARFJÖRÐUR EYSTRI





# **Borgarfjörður eystri** (Pop. 130)

www.borgarfjordureystri.is

Borgarfjörður Eystri and the surrounding area are known for great natural beauty. Bakkagerði village provides tourists with good services. The Víknalslóðir trails leading to the deserted fjords and coves have become a hiker's paradise, with numerous trails marked, comfortable hiking huts and a good hiking-map. The marked trails range from one hour to a full day, with highlights

such as Dyrfjöll, Stórurð and Brúnavík.

According to folklore, Borgarfjörður is the home of the Queen of Elves and you can visit Álfaborg, the Elves' Castle, where the Queen holds her court. Visit Álfacafé and try the local fish-dishes or look at

some of the beautiful handicraft by the local people. In Borgarfjörður, there are excellent facilities for bird-watching and a special hide at the harbour from which over twenty species have been sighted at once. Hafnarhólmi, by the harbour for small boats, is one

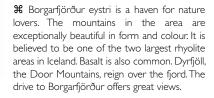


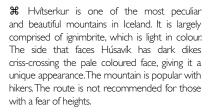
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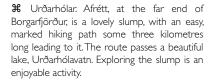




#### **Nature highligts**













the river and cross on the footbridge located a short distance from the coast. Follow the road tracks across Hofstrandarskarð (320 m). This hike takes 5-6 hours along marked paths and road tracks.

**#** Innra Hvannagil canyon is in Njarðvík, accessible in just a few minutes from the road. The route leads some 100 metres up along a river, past a dyke which blocks the view of the canyon. From there, a magical world opens up. Stunning rock formations line the banks of the canyon and rapids lend the river a unique appearance at its bottom.



## Hiking in Borgarfjörður with TRAVEL EAST



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# BORGARFJÖRÐUR EYSTRI

## Hiking tours in Borgarfjörður



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	www.borgarfjordureystri.is
(1)	Open June - August, rest of year upon request

Ever wanted to see wild reindeer in majestic landscapes. We offer organised hiking tours, focusing on Reindeer-watching, geology and flora in the wonderful Borgarfjörður region.

We do also organise transport of luggage for those hiking hut-to-hut along the Víknaslóðir trail in the Deserted Inlets.

### **Borg Guesthouse**



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	www.borgarfjordureystri.is
(1)	Open all year
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The friendly guesthouse is situated in the heart of the small village. We offer 25 made up beds and sleeping bag accommodation as well as one apartment. Breakfast is available. We organise hikes in the Borgarfjörður region and in the autumn hunting.

## Blábjörg Guesthouse

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helgisig@simnet.is

www.blabjorg.is

Open all year





Located at a former fish factory in Borgarfjörður eystri, guesthouse Blábjörg offers II rooms w. made-up beds, with shared access to three bathrooms/showers. Joint fully-equipped kitchen facilities. Excellent location with a perfect view of the fjord. Spa and sea-swimming facilites. Good hiking trails and bird watching close by.

## Ferðaþjónustan Borg, Njarðvík

<b>∢∳≻</b>	Borg, Njarðvík, 720 Borgarfjörður
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(+354) 472-9805 / 893-9505

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A stay at Borg furnishes the visitor with a excellent chance to learn about daily life on a typical icelandic farm. Private facilities for 6-people await those who desire to experience "life on a farm" on an extended basis. The there is space for 10 people for regular stay and sleeping bag accommodation alike. At the foot of Dyrfjöll and Stórurð the small Njarðvík bay is very scenic with some of Borgarfjörður's main attractions nearby.

# BORGARFJÖRÐUR EYSTRI

#### Álfacafé



<b>₹</b>	lðngarðar, 720 Borgarfjörður eystri
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$\boxtimes$	alfacafe@simnet.is
	www.borgarfjordureystri.is
(1)	Open 20.520.9.

Álfacafé is a unique café in the village Bakkagerdi, Borgarfjordur eystri. Try our famous fishsoup, the salted cod-balls, made from prime baccalao or our home made cakes and bred. Enjoy the Álfasteinn (Elf-stone) artifacts made form local rocks on display. Next door is the local fish factory and you may just be allowed to peak inside and see how Iceland'smain industry is in action.

#### Accommodation

Borgarfjörður eystri Campsite Álfaborg, 720 Borgarfjörður (+354) 472-9999 • borg@eldhorn.is • www.borgarfjordureystri.is

Álfheimar Mountain Inn Álfheimar, 720 Borgarfjörður • (+354) 861-3677 / 868-1689 / 471-2010 (summertime) • info@elftours.is • www.elftours.is Our small and friendly guesthouse has 30 double rooms, all with private bathroom. At our restaurant you can enjoy local fresh fish and lamb, home cooked in Icelandic-style.

#### Dining

Fjarðaborg 720 Borgarfjörður eystri • (+354) 472-9920 / 865-0800

### Breiðavík - Víknaslóðir www.fljotsdalsherad.is/ferdafelag



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Winter (+354) 863-5813 Summer (+354) 863-5813



Size / sleeps 33 persons



## Húsavík - Víknaslóðir www.fljotsdalsherad.is/ferdafelag



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Winter (+354) 863-5813 Summer (+354) 863-5813



Size / sleeps 33 persons



## Loðmundarfjörður - Víknaslóðir www.fljotsdalsherad.is/ferdafelag



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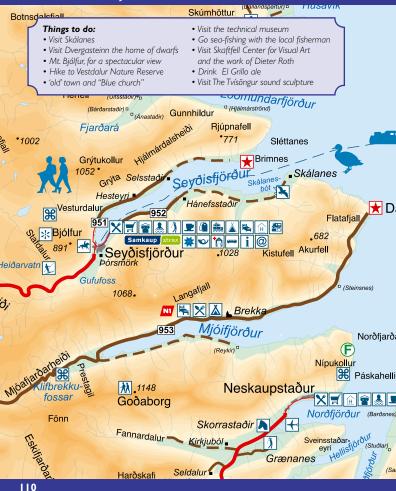
Winter (+354) 863-5813 Summer (+354) 863-8637



Size / sleeps 38 persons



## **SEYÐISFJÖRÐUR**





### Seyőisfjörður (Pop. 675) www.visitseydisfjordur.com

The long, calm, deep fjord of Seyðisfjörður twists and turns 17 kilometers from its mouth to the bottom, where the lovely small town of Seyðisfjörður is situated beneath two towering mountains, The river Fjarðará cascades in numerous gorgeous waterfalls down to a small lagoon around which the town is built. Up alongside the river lies the road to Hérað (Egilsstaðir), 26 km away. Make a detour for a brilliant view from Mt. Bjólfur (Beowulf), across the pass of Fjarðarheiði, which offers a marvellous view of the surrounding area.

Seyðisfjörður is considered to be one of Iceland's most picturesque towns, not only because of its unique environment but also as hardly any other community



## SEYÐISFJÖRÐUR



in the country has such a collection of old wooden buildings so well preserved. Hence, Seyőisfjörður is often nicknamed "the Norwegian village". The inhabitants lead quiet lives except during summer when the town turns into a tourist hub. The town offers good services, a great restaurant, nice cafés, a craft market and a thriving art scene at the Skaftfell cultural centre, not to forget the Technical Museum. There is kayaking and seafishing available and the nature centre Skálanes provides good birdwatching. Sometimes whales swim by.



## Nature highligts

- **#** Mt. Bjólfur; A short detour on a summer road onto the uppermost mountain slopes, 600 m high, offers a breathtaking view over Seyðisfjörður and the Snow Avalanche Barriers. This spot is fantastic for paragliders.
- **H** Vestdalur Nature Reserve is a grassy, glacially carved valley, just 1 km north of Seyðisfjörður, famed for its numerous waterfalls, colourful plants and bird life. It's a truly spectacular hike. Enjoy the views, while wondering about the young girl who lost her life on this trail more than a thousand years ago carrying the greatest treasure of glass pearls of the Viking era.



**#** Dvergasteinn (Dwarf Boulder), on the north side of the fjord, was once a church site and a parsonage. The Seydisfjörður church was moved twice before resting in its present location. Where it originally stood to the south of the bay, a big boulder, shaped like a house,

stood beside it. The boulder was believed to be inhabitet by dwarfs and it somehow sailed across the bay and now stands on the shoreline just below the second location of the church.

- **#** Austdalur is the starting point for a hike to Mjóifjörður. Another route to Mjóifjörður is farther inland, from Sörlastaðir and through Hesteyrarskarð pass. Sörlastaðadalur is also the starting point for a walk to Gullþúfa, high up in the mountains on the south side of the town.
- # Skálanes at the south end of the fjord is a haven for nature lovers. Rich in plants and birdlife, it is a favourite for many.
- # Brimnes lighthouse at the fjord's north end is worth a visit.
- **#** The seven mountaintops. The Seyðisfjörður Hiking Club has installed boxes with logbooks atop seven separate summits along the fjord. A map with the names of the seven mountains and a route description may be purchased from the Information Centre. This is a fun activity for avid hikers.





### Historical places

**#** Þórarinsstaðir in Seyðisfjörður. A few years ago, an archeological excavation was done at Þórarinsstaðir where the remains of a stave church from the first years of Christianity in Iceland were discovered, along with numerous graves and interesting artefacts. It is ideal to stop at this important historical site and try to imagine the ways of life of people living there one thousand years ago.

## SEYÐISFJÖRÐUR

### **History & museums**

### Technical Museum / Tækniminjasafn

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#### Culture & arts

### Borgarhóll Art and craft,

Austurvegur 17b, 710 Seyðisfjörður, borgarhollartandcraft@gmail.com

Arts and Crafts market, Old bookstore

Galleri Vigdis, Botnhlið, 710 Seyðisfjörður (+354) 865-0633

**Gullabúið**, a charming store with souvenirs, design, vintage treasures and home decor. www.facebook.com/gullabuid Norðurgata 8, 710 Seyðisfjörður, (+354) 899-9429 / (+354) 698-2460

## Seyðisfjörður Tourist Information Centre



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		www.visitseydisfjordur.com

In summer it is open from 8.00-16.00 on weekdays. At other times it is open on Tuesdays from 08-12 and Wednesdays from 13 - 17. These are the days during which the ferry Norröna is scheduled to dock. During the off-season information can be obtained at other times at the Office of Travel and Cultural Affairs. It is based at Hafnargata 44 (the municipal offices).



### Skaftfell - Visual Art's Center

Skaftfell operates in the field of contemporary art, on a local and international level. It's activities are based upon exhibitions and

events, alongside a residency and education program. A Bistro is on the ground floor with coffee, beverages and food, plus free Internet and an art library. Guided tours every Wednesday at 16:00.



<b>♦</b> Location	Austurvegur 42 , 710 Seyðisfjörður
Open	Daily during summer or by arrangement
3 Phone	(+354) 472  632 / 472  633
<b>⊠</b> Email	skaftfell@skaftfell.is
Website	www.skaftfell.is

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#### **Tours & activities**

Golf Hagavöllur – www.golf.is/gsf

Gym Austurvegur, (+354) 472-1501

Skiing in Stafdalur, Seyðisfjörður

www.stafdalur.is (+354) 472-1160 / (+354) 878-1160

Swimming pool Suðurgata 5 (+354) 472-1414 (indoor pool)

Kayak and mountainbike rental, Hotel Aldan • 710 Seyðisfjörður (+354) 865-3741 • vestmar@visir.is www.visitseydisfjordur.com

Seafishing Iceland Múlavegur 57, 710 Seyðisfjörður (+354) 472-1551/861-7789 • www.visitseydisfjordur.com

Skálanes - Hiking and birdwatching 710 Seyðisfjörður (+354) 861 7008 / 690 6966 • skalanes@skalanes.is • skalanes.com

## Cultural tour in Seyðisfjörður with TRAVEL EAST



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(		www.traveleast.is	



A beautiful small village full of culture and interesting things to see. Take a look at all our cultural options on www.traveleast.is

### Post - hostel

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<b>(III)</b>	http://posthostel.com/	
Open all year		



Post-Hostel guesthouse near the harbour with ocean view, 4 double rooms and 2 rooms for four person in the hostel. New comfortable beds. Beds are made, good towels and shared bathroom. Guests have access to fully equipped kitchen, washer and clothes dryer. Free wireless internet. Also classy I40m² apartment in center of town with ocean view, 3 bedrooms, fully equipped kitchen, large bathroom, living room, laundry room and terrace.

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**Guesthouse Ola,** Botnahlíð 13,710 Seyðisfjörður (+354) 862 2990 • www.gueshouseola.com

**Guesthouse Silla** Botnahlíð 10,710 Seyðisfjörður (+354) 865 4605/+354 472 1189 • www.gistihussillu.com

Hótel Aldan Norðurgata 2,710 Seyðisfjörður (+354) 472-1277 • aldanhf@simnet.is • www.hotelaldan.com

### **Dining**

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**Skaftfell Bistro** Austurvegur 42,710 Seyðisfjörður (+354) 472-1633 • aldanhf@simnet.is • www.skaftfell.is

MJÓIFJÖRÐUR



### Mjóifjörður - the hidden treasure (Pop. 24) www.fjardabyggd.is

A visit to Mjóifjörður is a good way to spend a day. The "narrow fjord", 18 km long, is known for pleasant weather and tranquility. The road leading to the fjord is relatively good, however it remains closed in winter, when the only access to Mjóifjörður is via boat. Don't miss

some of Iceland's most impressive waterfalls, Klifbrekkufossar, along the road. After an impressive descent down to the fjord, the road continues along the fjord, across Hofsárgljúfur gorge to Dalatangi lighthouse, with a its magnificent view over the wide ocean.

There are many attractions in Mjóifjörður, which many consider the most impressive fjord in Iceland. The ravine Prestagil – the clergymens' ravine – is on the southern side. It is the scene of a local folktale



which tells of a huge troll woman who tried to lure two priests into the perilous ravine. The small inlet Smjörvogur, close to Hofsárgljúfur, once served as a prison for there was no way in or out, without assistance. In Asknes are the remains of a whaling station, the largest

in the world when it was built by the Norwegians at the end of the 19th century. In the tiny village Brekkuporp you will find a guesthouse and a restaurant.

#### Things to do:

- ·Visit Dalatangi lighthouse
- ·Stay at the guesthouse
- Try local shellfish and whitewine at Sólbrekka restaurant

## MJÓIFJÖRÐUR



### **Nature highligts**

**36** Mjóifjörður is a narrow fjord with an exceptionally fine climate. Old footpaths to neighbouring fjords lie through high mountain passes. Birch shrub grows in much of the fjord. Around the turn of the century there was a fairly large settlement in Mjóifjörður, but few people live there now. A road leads from the fjord via Mjóafjarðarheiði heath and Slenjudalur valley to the inland district around Egilsstaðir.



**36** Dalatangi. The drive out to Dalatangi is on a turf path that edges its way out along the fjord. It passes along landslides and cliff edges, past waterfalls and ravines, and when Dalatangi appears one has the sensation of being on an island in the midst of land. The old lighthouse is a historic landmark and the seashore and surroundings are magnificent.

**#** Klifbrekkufossar waterfalls - waterfalls in River Fjarðará cascade down from the heath in a stair-step pattern amidst green, grassy slopes sheltered by murky cliff walls.



### Accommodation

Sólbrekka Campsite 715 Mjóifjörður (+354) 476-0007

### Sólbrekka Tourist Info

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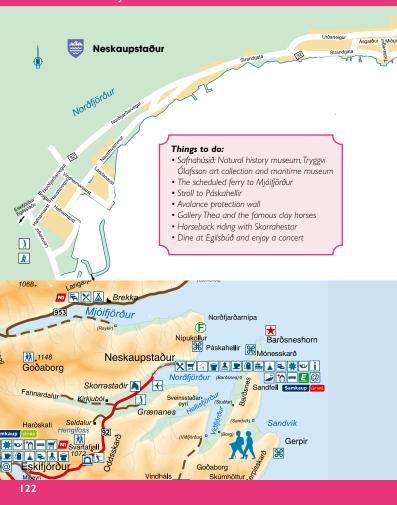
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Situated in the small but quaint service centre of the locality.



## NORÐFJÖRÐUR/NESKAUPSTAÐUR





### Norðfjörður (Pop. 1.540) www.fjardabyggd.is

Until 50 years ago the town of Neskaupsstaður was only accessible by sea and is therefore almost self-sustainable with lively culture. Today a road winds up across Oddsskarð, the skiing resort, offering good views over the fjords, and passing through a dramatic single-lane tunnel. Neskaupsstaður is a thriving fishing town with a busy harbour and good services to accommodate for your needs. Services include hotels, guesthouses, restaurant and bars, not to forget fine shopping. The town

is known for a lively music scene; the main impresarios are the local blues-, rock - and jazz club Brján and Iceland's only hard rock festival, Eistnaflug, in July.

Hiking trails in the nature reserve are known for stunning scenary, diverse birdlife and fauna. The Rauðubjörg cliffs



across the bay, an impressive red cliff face, make the view spectacular. The cosy café and info-centre Nesbær offers refreshments, exhibitions by local artists and crafts for sale. Activities include a visit to the Safnahús with three interesting museums, the outdoor swimming pool with a

## norðfjörður/neskaupstaður



thrilling waterslide and hot-tubs, a scheduled boat to Mjóifjörður with great views along the way, the Skorrahestar's long and short horse-back riding tours, or renting a kayak and going on a kayak tour with Kaj, the local kayaking club.

### **Nature highligts**



**#** Avalanche defence structures above the town in Norŏfjörður are massive structures designed to protect against snow avalanches. Hiking paths lead up to the structures, from where the view is breathtaking. There are also paths leading from there to the nature reserve east of Neskaupsstaður – a route that definitely should not be missed. The path leading to the Páskahellir cave is dotted with information signs and is a wonderful and informative walk



**#** Gerpir, Iceland's easternmost point. The wild and uninhabited fjords and inlets between Eskifjörður and Norðfjörður are a true paradise for hikers that hike the fascinating Fjord Trail. There is a magnificent view from the 661 m cliff with a sheer drop to the ocean. Walking on the edge of cliffs made of 12 million year old stone is a trip you never forget. In the area called Gerpissvæðið there are many marked trails, walking paths and hiking routes made by the touring club Ferðafélag Fjarðamanna. The area is also popular for kayaking enthusiasts and mountainbikers. Good maps are available.

**#** Rauðubjörg is a set of lovely rhyolite rocks located in Barðsnes by Norðfjarðarflói. The residents of Norðfjörður have long said that the sun shimmering on Rauðubjörg in the evening signals fine weather for the following day.

**#** Páskahellir: It's said that from Páskahellir cave (the Easter Cave) you can watch the sun dance on Easter morning. The cave was carved out by sea erosion and there are holes in its walls left by trees that stood here in a forest that was covered in fresh lava about 12 million years ago. Next to the cave is beautifully shaped pillow lava and interesting rock formations called dikes. The cave is in Norðfjörður Country Park and is easily accessible by steps leading down to it.



#### **Culture & arts**

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### **Tours & activities**

Golf Grænanesvöllur – www.golf.is/gn

Gym Miðstræti 15 (+354) 477-1243

Skiing - Oddsskarð between Eskifjörður and Norðfjörður www.oddsskard.is (+354) 476-1465

The Kayaking club Kaj Kirkjufjara 740 Neskaupstaður (+354) 863-9939 • kayakklubburinn@gmail.com • www.kaj.123.is

**Skorrahestar** Skorrastaður, 740 Neskaupstaður (+354) 477-1736 / 891-8036 / 848-1990 skorra@simnet.is

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## The Museum house - Safnahúsið

This old building at the Neskaupsstaður harbour houses three wonderful and different museums. Enjoy a cultural day at the docks.

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Website	www.fjardabyggd.is

### The East Iceland Museum of Natural History

A interesting museum which displays the best of Icelandic nature; Icelandic mammals, shellfish, birds, insect- and stone collection as well as specimens from the East Icelandic flora. The museum also has a hands-on collection for children, with an arctic fox and many more items.



## The Jósafat Hinriksson Maritime Museum

The museum displays interesting objects relating to fishing, iron work, boat building and the old ways of the Icelandic people. It displays a replica of Josafat's fathers old iron workshop where Josafat studied and started his carrier.

## Málverkasafn Tryggva

## - Tryggvi Ólafsson Art Collection

Tryggvi Ólafsson was born in Norðfjörður in 1940. He studied art at the National College of Arts and Crafts, Reykjavik, Iceland and during 1961-67 at the National Art Academy, Copenhagen, Denmark Tryggvi is one of Iceland's most celebrated contemporary artists. A visit to the museum is a must for all art lovers.





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## Neskaupstaður Swimmingpool



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		www.fjardabyggd.is
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Summer opening, June - August

Weekdays 06:00 - 20:00. Weekends: 10:00 - 18:00

Winter opening, September and May

Weekdays: 06:00 - 20:00. Weekends: 13:00 - 18:00

## Horseback riding in Neskaupstaður with TRAVEL EAST



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VISILIJAI GADYEEG.



Sharing the same roof with three wonderful museums in the town centre.

## Village walk - Meet the locals

<b>∢</b> ∳≻	Hildibrand hotel, Hafnarbraut 2, Neskaupstaður
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www.meetthelocals.is

June 1st - Sept 15th



**Little Moscow** Time: Mondays at 15:00. Booking is necessary. Meeting point: Hildibrand hotel, Hafnarbraut 2.

Fun and rather easy walk in charming villages with a local person. Neskaupstaður, formerly known as Little-Moscow for its strong socialist background, is a mysterious little village with charming townsfolk and gorgeous scenery.

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### Hótel Egilsbúð

Egilsbúð is a hotel, restaurant and a bar located in the heart of our small village Neskaupstadur. The resort offers cozy, single and double rooms, with or without breakfast. At our restaurant you can find everything between sandwiches and steaks, including the famous Icelandic lamb, seafood and other icelandic dishes. Visit us at hotel Egilsbúð and enjoy the countryside combined with the seaside, at a small but very cozy resort with warm and intimate atmosphere.





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	Website	Facebook.com/egilsbud



#### Hildibrand Hotel

Hildibrand Hotel is a brand new boutique apartment hotel in the heart of Neskaupstaður a charming fishing village located in Norðfjörður one of East Icelands magical Eastfjords. Since the building was originally built as a Co-op shop in the 1940's and was run mainly by farmers, we find it fitting to honour its history and tradition with Kaupfélagsbarinn a nostalgic place were locals and guests come togeather for drinks and locally sourced delicatessen.

- Catering service, event planning, activities coordination
- · Meeting facilities and banquet rooms
- Shuttle service

<b>√</b> ∳≻	Location	Hafnarbraut 2 , 740 Neskaupstað
(1)	Open	June - August
2	Phone	(+354) 477 1950
$\boxtimes$	Email	hildibrand@hildibrand.com
<b>(</b>	Website	www.hildibrand.com

## norðfjörður/neskaupstaður

#### **Accommodation**

### Tónspil

Hafnarbraut 22,740 Neskaupstaður (+354) 477-1580 tonspil@tonspil.is • www.tonspil.is

#### Skorrastaður 3

Skorrastaður, 740 Neskaupstaður (+354) 477-1736 / 891-8036 / 848-1990 • skorra@simnet.is • www.123 is/skorrahestar

#### Hótel Capitano

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#### Nesbær



	<b>4</b> ∳≻	Egilsbraut 7, 740 Neskaupstaður
	Í	(+354) 477-1115 / 894-0415
	$\boxtimes$	nesbaer@simnet.is
		Find us on facebook,
	Ġ	Access
	(1)	Open all year

Have a relaxed sitdown with a slice of a delicious, home-made cake and a cup of freshly ground coffee or a lovely, light meal from our menu. We are proud to continue a over a hundred year long trading history in this house in the centre of Neskaupstaður. We offer refreshments, internet access, meeting facilities, catering, handcraft and exhibitions by local artists. We are also the towns information center; florist and local yarn store. Free wifi



### Hótel Edda Neskaupstaður

Feast on the east. Fifty years ago the town of Neskaupstaður in Norðfjörður – one of the finest eastern fjords, was accessible only by sea. Visitors now flock to its outstanding Nature Reserve, Gerpir, Iceland's easternmost point, great hiking routes and there is horsebackriding and ocean-kayaking, as well as interesting culture and museums. Hotel Edda Neskaupstaður has an on-site restaurant with magnificent views of the fjord. Our restaurant is

open in the evening where the emphasis is delicious food made from local ingredients. You can also treat yourself to our plentiful breakfast buffet in the early hours. Wholesome bread, oat meal, fresh fruits, cereal, coffee, tea and waffles to drive up your energy for an eventful day.



<b>♦</b> Location	740 Neskaupstað
Open	June - August
3 Phone	(+354) 444 4000 / 444-4860
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Eskifjörður (Pop. 1.015) www.fjardabyggd.is

Don't miss Eskifjörður, a charming seaside village in the midst of the Eastern fjords. Eskifjörður became an official trading post in 1786

and has been a commercial centre ever since. The fjord is dominated by two mountains, Eskja and Hólmatindur (985m), the pride and joy of the locals. The village culture and industry have been shaped by the sea. Walking around town is enjoyable, noting the historical buildings and piers. A visit to the Maritime Museum will add to the experience. The old seafarers' lodge Randulfssjóhús remains unaltered since 1890 and shows how fisherfolk lived and worked; try the shark and dried fish or stay for a traditional dinner! Renting a boat to sail around the fjord is enjoyable



- or try angling for your supper! There is good accommodation in the village. Geology in the area is unique and along the coast you reach the world's most famous Iceland spar mine, the Helgustaðanáma,

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where the world's largest spar crystals have been found. There are many great trails in the area: the most renowned among them is the Fjord Trail to Iceland's easternmost point, Gerpir. Other options include a visit to the Spa and swimming pool or enjoying a drink at Kaffihúsið, while viewing Mount Harðskafi – the birthplace of 'Erlendur', the lead character in the prize-winning books by writer Amaldur Indriðason.



### Nature highligts

- **#** Vöölavík is a deserted bay where there were formerly several farms. Situated south of Iceland's easternmost pit of land the Gerpir cliffs it has a sizeable and nice stretch of sandy beach. Many disastrous seafaring accidents have taken place in the bay. Several enjoyable hiking trails start from here. Vöölavík is accessible by jeeps and accommodation is available at the hut.
- ## Hólmatindur peak is Eskifjörður's pride and joy. Hólmatindur is 985 m high and towers over the fjord opposite the town. The hike to the top is demanding, but once there, hikers can record their accomplishment in a logbook.



**H** Hólmanes, between Reyðarfjörður and Eskifjörður, was declared a commons and partially a nature reserve in 1973. There is a great deal of bird life in the area and unique rock formations abound. This is a highly enjoyable location for outdoor activities, either along the cliffs or the shoreline.

## Helgustaðanáma. The Iceland spar mine at Helgustaðir is one of the best known in the world. Iceland spar was mined there from the I7th century until the early 20th century. The mine is located a short distance out along Reyðarfjörður fjord and has a walking path leading to it. The Helgustaðir mine has been declared a natural monument.

### Historical places

## Völvuleiði is on the top of Hólmaháls hill, a short distance above the road, and holds the gravesite of the völva (a female seer in Icelandic mythology) who is said to have protected Reyðarfjörður and Eskifjörður from outside attacks for centuries. There is an exceptional view from the site



Steinasafn Sörens og Sigurborgar / Minerals 735 Eskifjörður (+354) 476-1177





### Things to do:

- · Rent a boat at Mjóeyri
- · Learn about the last execution in the east
- Helgustaðanáma, the world famous mine
- Vöðlavík the deserted bay with black sandy beach
- The Church and cultural centre for art
- Steinasafn Sörens og Sigurborgar a stone collection in a private home

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# Sjóminjasafn Austurlands / The East Iceland Maritime Museum

In the villages of East Iceland fishing was and is a way of life. The maritime museum mostly exhibits objects and utensils relating to fishing and seafaring in general. It also displays various reminders of local trade, industry and medicine from times past. The collection is in a well preserved trading house "Gamla búð", built in 1816.



<b>♦</b> Location	Strandgata 39b, 735 Eskifjörður
() Open	Open 13:00 - 17:00 pm, 7 days a week, from June 1st – August 31st or by arrangement.
Phone	(+354) 476 1605 - 470 9000
Email	sofn@fjardabyggd.is
Website	www.fjardabyggd.is



#### Randulff's sea-house

Randulff's fisherman-lodge is a beautifully preserved shore-building. Built by Norwegian Peter Randulff in 1890 it provided a station for landing and processing herring caught within the fjord through to 1930. The house preserves many artefacts and a lingering atmosphere from the days when herring fishery was a way of life in the Fjords. Here you can try shark-meat (hákarl) and dried fish (harðfiskur), both produced in Eskifjörður and widely acknowledged as being among the very best in Iceland. Randulffs' sea house is open as a restaurant during the summer. Rent a boat at dock for recreational fishing within the fjord where cod and haddock are still plentiful.

<b>√</b> Location	Strandgata 96, 735 Eskifjörður
Open	Open from 12:00-21:00, 7 days a week from June 1st – August 31st or by arrangement.
Phone	(+354) 477-1247 / 696-0809
<b>⊠</b> Email	mjoeyri@mjoeyri.is
Website	www.mjoeyri.is

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### Mjóeyri

Mjóeyri Travel is located on a beautiful and peaceful peninsula, Eskifjörður. We offer accommodation in rooms and cottages and put our efforts into creating a warm and welcoming atmosphe. We also offer recreational activities or just relaxing in the cozy



environment at Mjóeyri. Recreational activities include: Boat rental, nature observation, hiking, bird-watching, guided tours to the Helgustaðir Mine, skiing, reindeer hunting, boat trips, team-building, incentive travel, hiking and enjoying the outdoor experiences, watching the northern lights.

<b>♦</b> Location	Strandgata 120,735 Eskifjörður	
Open	All year	
Phone	(+354) 477-1247 / 696-0809 / 698-6980	
<b>⊠</b> Email	mjoeyri@mjoeyri.is	
Website	www.mjoeyri.is	

### The East Iceland Maritime Museum Tourist Info

<b>∢</b> ∳≻	Strandgötu 39b, 735 Eskifjörður
2	(+354) 476 1605 - 470 9000
$\bowtie$	fjardabyggd@fjardabyggd.is
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In the entrance area of this impressive museum that relates the economic history of the region.

## Eskifjörður Swimmingpool

<b>₹</b>	Dalbraut 3a, 735 Eskifjörður
2	(+354) 476 1218
$\bowtie$	itmesk@fjardabyggd.is
	www.fjardabyggd.is
(1)	Open all year



Summer opening, June - August:

Weekdays 06:00 - 21:00. Weekends: 10:00 - 18:00

Winter opening, September and May:

Weekdays: 06:00 - 20:00. Weekends: 13:00 - 18:00

From October to April:

Weekdays: 06:00-09:00 and 13:00-20:00. Weekends: 13:00 - 18:00a

## MAIN TOWNS / VILLAGES

#### **Tours & activities**

**Golf** Eskifjarðarvöllur www.golf.is/ge

**Gym** Dalbraut 3a (+354) 476-1218

#### Skiing

Oddsskarð between Eskifjörður and Norðfjörður

www.oddsskard.is (+354) 476-1465

### Swimming pool Dalbraut 3a (+354) 476-1218

#### Accommodation

## Eskifjörður Campsite

Strandgata 49, 735 Eskifjörður (+354) 470-9000 jardabyggd@fjardabyggd.is www.fjardabyggd.is

## Karlsstaðir - Fjord Trail http://www.simnet.is/ffau



	<b>∢∳</b> ≻	GPS 65°01.803 / 13°40.354
	3	Winter (+354) 893-5477 Summer (+354) 894-5477
		Size / sleeps 33 persons

## Askja Guesthouse

<b>∢∳≻</b>	Strandgata 86, 735 Eskifjörður
1	(+354) 477-1247
$\boxtimes$	info@hotelaskja.is

www.hotelaskja.is

Open all year



This property is set by the Eskifjördur waterfront. It offers free Wi-Fi, a shared kitchen and lounge, plus in-room TVs. Guesthouse Askja's rooms feature bright, minimalist décor and pine furnishings. Bathroom facilities are shared.

## Íbúðahótel - Apartments

<b>⋖</b> ∳≻	Strandgata 26, 735 Eskifjörður
1	(+354) 892-8657 / 845-8801
$\bowtie$	addie@simnet.is
	www.hotelibudir.net
(3)	Open all year



Now for rent all year around, luxury hotel apartments in Eskifjordur. The apartments have everything you need to enjoy a good vacation, all comfort and a great view over the town and the fjord. Here can you, your family and friends enjoy life in a beautiful place. Hotel Apartments provide you with with comfort.

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#### Kaffihúsið Eskifirði - Guesthouse

<b>∢</b> ∳≻	Strandgötu 10,735 Eskifjörður
2	(+354) 476-1150 / 894-6606
$\bowtie$	kaffiesk@kaffihusid.is
<b>(1)</b>	www.kaffihusid.is
(1)	Open all year 📮 👤 💢 🝸



Kaffihúsið Guesthouse and restaurant is in the small fishing village Eskifjörður. The restaurant offers a fine a la carte menu, but also serves burgers and lighter meals. A specialties menu is available for guests and group menus on request. We have accommodation for up to 19 persons in 11 rooms, all with washbasins. The restaurant is open daily in summer from 12:00 to 23:00 pm, and in winter from 17:00 to 22:00 pm.

### The Sea-house Restaurant

<b>₹</b>	Strandgata 96, 735 Eskifjörður
3	(+354) 477-1247 / 696-0809
$\bowtie$	mjoeyri@mjoeyri.is
	www.mjoeyri.is
(1)	Open in summer, in winter upon request



Randulffs sea house, built 1890, preserves many historic artefacts in an atmosphere virtually unchanged from the time when herring fishing was the main occupation for many inhabitants of Iceland's East Fjords. The Sea-house is open as a restaurant during the summer, it provides an opportunity to enjoy local delicacies like shark-meat, dried fish, pickled herring and reindeer along with fresh fish. Traditional meals can also be provided for groups.

## REYÐARFJÖRÐUR





### Reyðarfjörður (Pop. 1.150) www.fjardabyggd.is

Reyðarfjörður is the longest and widest of Iceland's eastern fjords, over 30 km long. Norwegians used to run whaling stations all along the fjord when fishing off the coast. The town Búðareyri, in

the sheltered bottom of the fiord, has an optimal natural harbour. In 1909, as the road via Fagridalur to Egilsstaðir was completed, it became a trade centre for the whole region and still holds its own. Today the Alcoa aluminum smelter is the main employer. During World War II, Reyðarfjörður was occupied by British forces. The signs of the occupation are visible all around the town, ranging from an



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airfield and old barracks to small gun shelters. In 1995 a Wartime Museum was founded in an abandoned freezing plant and now includes some of the old barracks. The goal was to give people the opportunity to experience the occupation and the ensuing dramatic social changes. Interesting for a country that was never at war. A walk up to the waterfall in Búðará is relaxing - or a stroll towards the town centre, along 'Love lane'. Midtown boasts the shopping centre Molinn, the bakery Sesam Brauðhús, good accommodation and nice restaurants at Fjarðahótel: Hjá Marlín and Tærgesen.



#### Nature highlights

**36** Grænafell. A friendly, sheltered area beneath the shrub-covered slopes of Mt. Grænafell. An easy, marked hiking path leads onto the mountain from Fagradalur valley and there is also a magnificent hiking path along the beautiful Geithúsaá river ravine. Large boulders in the shrubbery could be mistaken for elf domiciles but are in fact deposits left by avalanches and landslides from the mountain. It is currently the most popular walking and hiking area for residents of the town.

## Historical places

 $\Re$  Sómastaðir is a small stonehouse from the late 19th century, built of carved stones from the surroundings and plastered together with glacier clay. It is the only surviving example of this building technique in Iceland. The house is part of the National Museum's Historic Building Collection, but is supervised by museums in Fjarðabyggð and the East Iceland Heritage Museum.

#### **Tours & activities**

Austfjarðaleið Óseyri 1,730 Reyðarfjörður (+354) 477-1713 • aust@austfjardaleid.is www.austfjardarleid.is

Golf Kollur – www.golf.is/gkf

Gym Heiðarvegi 10, (+354) 474-1331

**Accommodation** 

Reyðarfjörður Campsite

Búðareyri 7,730 Reyðarfjörður (+354) 470-9000 • fjardabyggd@fjardabyggd.is www.fjardabyggd.is



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### Íslenska stríðsárasafnið / The Icelandic Wartime Museum

At the Icelandic Waretime Museum you can travel back to the days of the 2nd World War and the military occupation of Reyðarfjordur. The museum gives a vivid insight into life during the war, in a country that has never had an army or been at war, with this one exception. The focus is on the impact of the occupation on the Icelandic people. On the first of July there is a festival in memory of this unique event in our history.

<b>₹</b>	Location	Spítalakamp / Heiðarvegur 37, Reyðarfjörður
	Open	Open 13:00 - 17:00 pm, 7 days a week, from June 1st – August 31st or by arrangement.
2	Phone	(+354) 470-9000
$\bowtie$	Email	sofn@fjardabyggd.is
<b>®</b>	Website	www.fjardabyggd.is

### The Icelandic Wartime Museum Tourist Info

<b>₹</b>	Heiðarvegi 37,730 Reyðarfjörður
2	(+354) 470-9000
$\boxtimes$	fjardabyggd@fjardabyggd.is
	visitfjardabyggd.is
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Situated in the only museum in Iceland that displays the WW2 story of the country.

### Village walk - Meet the locals

<b>⋖</b> ∳≻	Hjá Marlín,Vallargerði 9
1	(+354) 476-1399
$\boxtimes$	info@meetthelocals.is
	www.meetthelocals.is
(1)	June 1st - Sept 15th



**Travel back in time** Time:Wednesdays at 13:00. Booking is necessary. Meeting point: Hjá Marlín, Vallargerði 9, 730 Reyðarfjörður Fun and rather easy walk in charming villages with a local person. The village lies at the head of the largest fjord in Iceland, also called Reyðarfjörður. The village was the second largest of the Allied bases in Iceland during World War II and remains from that time can be found along with a Word War II museum.

# REYÐARFJÖRÐUR



## **Tærgesen**

The Tærgesen house is built in 1870, that makes it one of the oldest, if not the oldest guesthouse in Iceland. Experience a journey to the past in this wonderful old house. We offer accommodation in 4 single and 35 double rooms (23 w/bathroom) in two houses. The restaurant offers a good selection of food from breakfast to hamburgers and a la carte menu, but pizzas are our speciality.



<b>♦</b> Location	Búðargata 4,730 Reyðarfjörður
Open	Open all year
Phone	(+354) 470-5555
<b>⊠</b> Email	taergesen@gmail.com
Website	www.taergesen.is



### Hjá Marlín - Youth hostel

<b>∢∳≻</b>	Vallargerði 9, 730 Reyðarfjörður
2	(+354) 474-1220 / 892-0336
$\boxtimes$	bakkagerdi@simnet.is

www.bakkagerdi.net

Open all year



The guesthouse is located in 3 houses. The reception-house has a café where meals are served for dinner. All the houses have a guest kitchen, spacious and comfortable common areas, and a special view.

### Hótel Austur

<b>⋖</b> ⊕≻	Búðareyri 6 , 730 Reyðarfjörður
1	(+354) 456-2555
$\bowtie$	hotelaustur@simnet.is
	Open all year



Unwind with a relaxing drink in the hotel bar and enjoy delicious Icelandic cuisine in our restaurant. Guests can choose from Fjarðahótel's twenty rooms, all of which are equipped with Wi-Fi internet. A conference room with all modern facilities can accommodate up to twenty people.

FÁSKRÚÐSFJÖRÐUR Reydam Svartafjall Kross Things to do: · The French museum and Café S · The French Graveyard all · Kaffi Sumarlína Angling in Dalsá river Lambafell Berutindur 1097 Kolmúl Ljósafjall Vattarnes Fáskrúðsfjörður Brimnes Hafnarnes yjustaður 🔏 Fáskrúðsfjörður Selsker Samkaup Víkurgerði Háöx Jafnadalur Gráfell Sandfell Hafnarnes 枞  $\mathbb{R}$ Stöð Stöðvarfjörður Saxa ti Stöðvarfjörður Kambanes Súlur Staðarborg 96 Heydalir Breiðdalsvík Eyjar n 🎎 客 모 🛽 🗱 🐝 i @ 🚾 964 Breiðdalsvík 👩 154



#### Fáskrúðsfjörður (Pop. 710) www.fjardabyggd.is

Fáskrúðsfjörður is in the centre of the eastern Fjords, between peninsulas Vattarnes and Hafnarnes. At the bottom of the fjord is

a grassy valley with lovely arctic woodlands. The route from along the coast is very scenic and offers great views to the hollow island of Skrúður with its colourful birdlife, the strange 'Puffin Cave' - home to thousands of puffins - and a great colony of Gannets, piercing the billowy waves like arrows.

The town named Búðir, which is actually always known as Fáskrúðsfjörður, became a trading post in 1880 and a major fishing port. From the later part of the



19th century up until 1935, it was the main hub for French fishermen in the East of Iceland. The French heritage is visible and a strong connection to its sister town, Gravelines in France, is maintained. Enjoy a visit to the French Museum and find out more about these historical connections, such as the French consul, the French hospital and the chapel. The French were instrumental in positioning the district doctor here. Just outside the town there is the final resting place of 49 French

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#### **Nature highlights**



**X** Skrúður is a steep, grassy island situated at the mouth of Fáskrúðsfjörður. The island hollow contains the high and spacious Skrúðshellir caves, considered the largest in East Iceland. Fishermen in days long past would dwell in these caves between trips out to sea. Birdlife thrives on the island, and there was a time when egg collecting and hunting birds were an important part of daily life. Birds include puffins, kittiwakes, various black birds from the Alcidae family, gannets, storm petrels and Leach's petrels. Skrúðshellir cave is the largest "puffin city" in the world. You can see the great dives of the gannets from the coast with good binoculars. Legends say there were three giant brothers living in the East, one of them in Skrúður, another in Streitishvarf and the third in Papey.



**36** Mt. Sandfell. A rhyolite mountain (743m) south of Fáskrúðsfjörður. It is one of the most typical examples of a laccolith in Iceland. On the south side of the mountain it is possible to see how the laccolith has lifted the basalt cover over itself. The laccolith is considered to be 600m thick, and one of the best examples from the tertiary period found in the northern hemisphere. A very enjoyable and beautiful walking trail leads up Mt. Sandfell and takes 2-3 hours



## Fransmenn á Íslandi / Les Français en Islande / French Fishermen in Iceland

Recently relocated to period buildings of the French era of Fáskrúðsfjörður, beautifully rebuilt by the Icelandic Antiquities Preservation Society, the museum communicates the local French heritage in multi-formed ways, ranging from traditional museum pieces to multi-media displays.

Fáskrúðsfjörður played an important role for French fishermen from the 19th century until the onset of the first world war. Historic buildings were left behind, such as the French hospital and the Doctor's House now the home to the museum and a splendid new hotel and restaurant

<b>♦</b> Location	Strandgata 12, 750 Fáskrúðsfjörður
Open	Open from 10:00 - 18:00
Phone	(+354) 470-9000 / 470-9063
Email	sofn@fjardabyggd.is
Website	www.visitfjardabyggd.is www.fosshotel.is

# FÁSKRÚÐSFJÖRÐUR

## Fáskrúðsfjörður swimmingpool



<b>√∳</b> ≻	Skólavegur 37, 750 Fáskrúðsfjörður
2	(+354) 475 9070
$\bowtie$	itmnes@fjardabyggd.is
<b>(1)</b>	www.fjardabyggd.is
(1)	Open all year

Summer opening, June - August:

Weekdays 16:00 - 19:00. Weekends: 10:00 - 13:00.

Winter opening, September and May:

Weekdays: 16:00 - 19:00. Saturdays: 10:00 - 13:00.

**Tours & activities Gym** Óseyri I, (+354) 475-9045



## **Tangi Tourist Info**

<b>∢</b> ∳≻	Búðavegur I7, 750 Fáskrúðsfjörður
1	(+354) 470 9000
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	visitfjardabyggd.is





Hosted by the local handicraft society in Tangi, Tale and Handicraft House.

## Village walk - Meet the locals

<b>∢</b> ∳≻	Samkaup Strax, Skólavegur 59
2	(+354) 476-1399
$\bowtie$	info@meetthelocals.is
<b>(</b>	www.meetthelocals.is
	June 1st - Sept 15th



**The French town** Time: Thursdays at 14:00. Booking is necessary. Meeting point: Samkaup Strax/the supermarket, Skólavegi 59. Fun and rather easy walk in charming villages with a local person. The little French town where you can learn about how the French sailors had big impact on the life of the locals. Remains from that time are various buildings, artefacts, a gravesite and all the street signs both in Icelandic and French.

# FÁSKRÚÐSFJÖRÐUR

#### Kaffi Sumarlína



<b>√</b> ∳≻	Búðavegi 59, 750 Fáskrúðsfjörður
2	(+354) 475-1575/845-8008
$\boxtimes$	sumarlina@simnet.is
<b>(1)</b>	www.sumarlina.is
(1)	Open all year

The lovely local café welcomes you. Lunch and dinner are served. Local fish is celebrated in our kitchen and our home-made cakes and pastries have earned a reputation. An evening with a view over the fjord after a good meal at Sumarlína is not to be resisted.

#### Accommodation

Hótel Bjarg 750 Fáskrúðsfjörður (+354) 475-1466 hotelbjarg@simnet.is

Tunguholt 750 Fáskrúðsfjörður (+354) 475 1374

#### Fáskrúðsfjörður Campsite

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## STÖÐVARFJÖRÐUR





### Stöðvarfjörður (Pop. 205) www.fjardabyggd.is

Stöðvarfjörður is a small and friendly town. The fjord is famed for its natural beauty and spectacular mountain peaks. Many rare and peculiar stones have been found in Stöðvarfjörður and good examples are on display at the Petra Sveinsdóttir mineral museum, an

impressive collection of colourful semi-precious stones and rocks from eastern Iceland. Mount Súlur, a basalt lava peak split into two awesome columns at the top, is considered one of the most majestic mountains in Iceland. On the coast north of the village is the awe-inspiring sea gorge Saxa , which sprays water high up in the air.

Despite the modest population, art life flourishes. Visit the Graphic Centre and see the artists at work. Located in the same place is Gallery Snærós where you can buy artwork by local artists Ríkharður and



## STÖÐVARFJÖRÐUR,



Sólrún. Don't forget to visit Salthúsið, the local market, film shows from the fishing industry and modern artists' exhibitions.

Situated in the middle of the town, Stöðvarfjörður church watches majestically over the village and is one of its landmarks. It was deconsecrated in 1991 and now houses the unique Kirkjubær guesthouse.

The local restaurant Brekkan offers personal service and good food and the new guesthouse and restaurant café Steinn will welcome you with quality coffee and cakes.



## Nature highlights

- ## Petra's rock collection. In the small fjord of Stöðvarfjörður there is a wonderful collection of rare rocks and minerals all found in the vicinity, mostly through the efforts of Petra Sveinsdóttir. This tiny place also has thriving artistic life, and one of the best centres for graphic arts in the country, run by the artists Ríkharður and Sólrún Valtingojer. Don't miss the ceramic birds!

**#** Einbúi in Jafnadalur. Jafnadalur valley leads upwards from Stöðvarfjörður fjord on the north side. A hiking path leads through the valley across Stöðvarskarð. The natural phenomenon Einbúi may be found at the end of Jafnadalur valley: a set of large, fairly unique rocks that stand alone in otherwise flat surroundings. Jafnadalur is also the site of a large stone archway some six metres in diameter in eastern Mt. Álftafell.

## Saxa. Near the sea, just outside of Lönd, is the 'sea geyser' Saxa. Saxa is a unique natural phenomenon, where the ocean waves crash into a rock crevice and then shoot high into the air in impressive 'eruptions'. The name Saxi is derived from the kelp and seaweed that are saxað (chopped) inside the crevice and then hurled into the air with the waves.

#### Culture & arts

#### Salthússmarkaðurinn -

Local handicraft market, arts, events and more, Fjarðabraut, 755 Stöðvarfjörður (+354) 863-2650 We are on Facebook

#### Accommodation

Kaffi Steinn 755 Stöðvarfjörður (+354) 511 3055

#### Campsite

Fjarðarbraut, 755 Stöðvarfjörður (+354) 470-9000

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#### Kirkjubær

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## STÖÐVARFJÖRÐUR



#### Petra's rock collection

#### - Steinasafn Petru

This wonderful collection of rare rocks and minerals was mainly found in the vicinity, through the efforts of Petra Sveinsdóttir. It is said to be the world's largest private collection of rocks . The garden and the house at Sunnuhlíð are open for public. Come and enjoy this colourful display of amazing rocks, birds and a variety of plants. This is truly an experience not to be missed.



<b>♦</b> Location	Fjarðarbraut 21,755 Stöðvarfjörður
Open	09:00 -18:00 May-September or on request
Phone	(+354) 475-8834 / 866-3668
<b>⊠</b> Email	jonapetra@visir.is
Website	www.steinapetra.is





#### Gallerí Snærós

Gallery Snærós is run by the artists Ríkharður Valtingojer and Sólrún Friðriksdóttir and open daily during the summer. In the Gallery their

Arts and Crafts are exhibited and for sale, e.g. Graphics, paintings, textiles such as scarves from silk and wool, jewellery, ceramics of icelandic birds, and glass. In connection with the Gallery is Graphic Studio.



<b>♦</b> Location	Fjarðarbraut 42, 755 Stöðvarfjörður
Open	Daily 1.6-15.8 or by arrangement
Phone	(+354) 475-8931
	solrun.frid@simnet.is

## STÖÐVARFJÖRÐUR

#### **Brekkan Tourist Info**



<b>√</b>	Fjarðabraut 44, 755 Stöðvarfjörður
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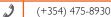


Situated in this nice local service centre that features a coffee shop, bistro and groceries.

## Stöðvarfjörður Swimmingpool



<b>√</b> ∳≻	Skólabraut 20, 755 Stöðvarfjörður
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Open all year

Summer opening, June - August Weekdays 13:00 - 19:00 Weekends: 10:00 - 13:00

#### Saxa Guesthouse

<b>⋖</b> ∳≻	Borgargerði 2,755 Stöðvarfjörður
1	(+354) 861-9055 / 861-0230
$\bowtie$	saxa@saxa.is
	www.saxa.is
(1)	Open all year



Situated next to the harbour in the village of Stödvafjördur, this guest house features views over the water and Súlur Mountain. Guests can enjoy free Wi-Fi and modern, bright rooms. A private bathroom with shower is provided in each Saxa Guesthouse room. Facilities at Guesthouse Saxa include a communal TV lounge, terrace and the in-house Café Saxa. Within 50 metres guests can find a restaurant, Gallery Snærós and a summertime handicraft market. Hotel Rooms: 14.

## Village walk - Meet the locals

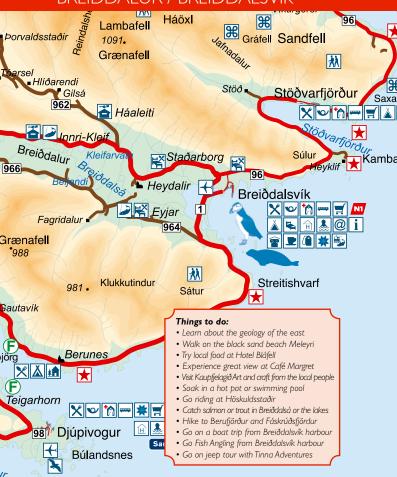
<b>₹</b>	Brekkan shop, Fjarðabraut 44 755 Stöðvarfjörður
2	(+354) 476-1399
$\boxtimes$	info@meetthelocals.is
	www.meetthelocals.is
(1)	June 1st - Sept 15th
	Julie 1st - Sept 15th



The heart of art and craft Time: Tuesdays at 14:00.

Meeting point: Brekkan shop, Fjarðabraut 44. Booking is necessary. Fun and rather easy walk in charming villages with a local person. A small village in a scenic fjord enveloped by majestic mountains. The village is rich in culture and has one of Iceland's most excellent graphic centers and a new creative Centre.

## BREIÐDALUR / BREIÐDALSVÍK





#### Breiðdalur - Breiðdalsvík (Pop. 190) www.breiddalur.is

The friendly valley of Breiðdalur is the longest and widest of the valleys in Eastern Iceland. It is surrounded by majestic

alpine mountains rising on both sides to over 1100 m. From Breiðdalsheiði pass there is a great view of Breiðdalur, an ancient eroded volcano on the Ring Road, as the impressive salmon river Breiðdalsá winds its way across the valley basin to the sea. Stop and search for colourful semi-precious stones and enjoy the healthy walks. A lovely arctic forest, Jórvíkurskógur, is a good place to stop and allows camping.



## BREIÐDALUR / BREIÐDALSVÍK







The charming village of Breiðdalsvík boasts a coast view of great seascapes and black sand beaches. The first house was built in 1883 and soon drew more people. The old Co-op still exists, and now houses the George Walker geological centre on the Breiðdalur region's volcanic history as well as a collection dedicated to the linguist Stefán Einarsson and his research on the Icelandic language. The new Co-op now serves as a souvenir shop and café. In Breiðdalur you will find accommodation to meet your needs as well as coffee shops, restaurants and arts and craft markets. The main activities are horse riding with Odintours, fishing for trout or salmon, bird-watching and hiking.

#### **Nature highlights**

**#** Berufjarðarskarð. The old, well-marked, post route connecting Breiðdalur with Berufjörður passes between old eroded volcanic intrusions. The pass reaches a height of 700 m, offering wonderful views over both valley and fjord. Estimate 3-4 hrs for the hike.

**#** Streitishvarf. On the rocky coastline south of Breiðdalsvík, beautiful basaltic dikes make the shoreline spectacular. The lighthouse is worth a photo, marking a place where so many fishermen lost their lives in former times. Remains of sheep fences and a stone wall can be found there and the marked hiking trail leads to some hidden gems, a sea carved cave and a view like no other.

- **#** Meleyri, the black sand beach, is great for strolling, bird-watching and building sandcastles. So very different from the stony beaches north of Breiðdalsvík, with their beautifully polished rocks.
- **#** Stafndalur jeep track. This scenic but tough route connecting Breiðdalur with Hérað via Þórustaðadalur, is open in the late summer and is only for larger jeeps. It is very steep as it winds up and down the mountain and crosses small rivers. For an adventure this is the trail to seek out.
- **36** Jórvík is a perfect place for a picnic, hiking and nature exploring. It is a favourite place to visit in Breiðdalur. A small ravine runs up the slope to the mountain and an arctic forest, with native aspen and birch combined with cultivated areas and the remains of the forest cultivation experience of the first half of the 20th century.
- ## Beljandi is one of most beautiful waterfalls in Breiðdalur. It is accessible by jeep and is walking distance from the road (964). Breiðdalsá River is one of the best salmon fishing rivers in Iceland.
- **#** Flögufoss in the river Flaga is a spectacular 60m waterfall through a hole in the cliff (Road 964)
- ## Tiinna (roads 962/I). A nice walking trail leads along the river up Tinnudalur to the peaks Njáll and Bera, named after a couple of giants that were turned to stone by the midnight sun.







## BREIÐDALUR / BREIÐDALSVÍK



#### Breiðdalssetur

Science and research centre in Breiðdalsvík's oldest house: Geological and mineral exhibitions showing the work of the British geologist Dr. G.P.L. Walker; linguistic scientist and writer Dr. Stefán Einarsson from Breiðdalur; and the history of the house, the village and surrounding settlements. A multi-purpose room is available for various events for up to 70 persons.

<b>♦</b> Location	Sæberg I , 760 Breiðdalsvík
Open	Summer: May 20th — Sept. 15th 2014 Daily 11.00-18.00. Winter: No winter opening schedule but please contact us for an appointment. Admission: 300 lsk.
Phone	(+354) 470 5565 / (+354) 865 9857
<b>⊠</b> Email	info@breiddalssetur.is
Website	www.breiddalssetur.is
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## Kaupfjelagið market & Café

Kaupfjelagið market & Café is located in the Co-op building in the center of Breiðdalsvík village. The village, although quite small, is vibrant with life during the summer months, where the sea meets life and tourists enjoy. Kaupfjelagið



offers an Arts and Craft market with products from the local people, a souvenir shop, a cozy Café by the sea that offers light meals and good coffee, and a tourist information centre perfect for those "what to do" moments

<b>4</b> ∳≻	Location	Sólvellir 25, 760 Breiðdalsvík
(1)	Open	Daily from 10:30 am.
1	Phone	(+354) 475 6670
$\boxtimes$	Email	kaupfjelag@simnet.is
	Website	www. kaupfjelagid.is
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## BREIÐDALUR / BREIÐDALSVÍK TOURS & ACTIVITIES

## **Strengir Angling Service**



<b>4</b> ∳≻	Smárarimi 30, I 32 Reykjavík
2	(+354) 567 5204
$\bowtie$	ellidason@strengir.is
<b>(III)</b>	www.strengir.com
(1)	Open all year

Strengir Angling Service is a family company that has been in operation for 20 years. Strengir offers excellent fishing in Jökla, Fögruhlíðará and Breiðdalsá in the East as well as other rivers in Iceland. Strengir own some of the most elegant and comfortable lodges in the country. Some of them cater to guests all year as there are also off season activities such as shooting, ice fishing. Northern Lights, snowmobiling etc.

## Sea angling in Breiðdalsvík with TRAVEL EAST



<b>√</b> ∳≻	Travel East Booking Egilsstaðir Campsite	Center
Ì	(+354) 471-3060	
$\boxtimes$	traveleast@traveleast.is	
	www.traveleast.is	



A great way to spend the day with the family. Take a look at other family options on www.traveleast.is

#### **Odin Tours Iceland**

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	www.odintoursiceland.com

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With over 20 years experience in guided riding tours, our horses cater for every need. Tailored to fulfil your dreams of riding the unique Icelandic horse in indescribable scenery, testing both horse and the human limit, our tours include, as a gift on our behalf, a demonstration in riding the TÖLT, and exercise in our teaching paddock. Our objective is to create a unique experience.

## Tinna Adventure Jeep Tours

<b>∢∳≻</b>	Sólvellir 14 - 760 Breiðdalsvík
1	(+354) 475 1100
$\bowtie$	info@tinna-adventure.is
	https://www.facebook.com/ tinna.adventure
(1)	Open all year 🕒 f



Tinna Nature Adventure offers summer tours by jeep around Breiðdalur and the mountains of east Iceland as well as and winter tours riding across snow and glaciers in the eastern mountains. The tours range from 2 to 12 hours enjoying the spectacular scenery of east Iceland. Tinna also offers special request tours, for example searching for the northern lights or reindeers.

## BREIÐDALUR / BREIÐDALSVÍK **TOURS & ACTIVITIES**

## Tinna Adventure Boat Tours



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tinna adventure



Open from April - October

Tinna Nature Adventure offers boat rides for sea angling from the costal town of Breiðdalsvík. The passengers get the chance to try their luck sea angling as well as enjoying the small islands in the area where chances are at seeing seals and puffins as well as many other species of marine birds.

### Village walk - Meet the locals



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⊳	◁	info@meetthelocals.is
•	€	www.meetthelocals.is
(	9	June 1st - Sep 15th

Embraced by mountains Time: Wednesdays at 20:30. Booking is necessary. Meeting point: Hótel Bláfell Sólvellir 14, 760 Breiðdalsvík.

A small friendly village that lays surrounded by one of the most beautiful mountain ranges in Iceland where geology and history entice the visitors. A footpath leads through the town into the unique nature, cliffs and the home to elves and other mystical creatures.

#### Tours & activities

#### Swimming pool

Selnes (+354) 470-5575

#### **Accommodation**

Breiðdalsvík Campsite Ástún, 760 Breiðdalsvík (+354) 470-5560 • hreppur@breiddaluris • www.breiddaluris

Háaleiti and Skarð Farm and cottages 760 Breiðdalsvík (+354) 475 6798 / 854-6798 haaleiti@hotmail.com • www.vortex.is/sissi

Staðarborg Campsite Staðarborg, 760 Breiðdalsvík (+354) 475-6760 • stadarborg@simnet.is • www.stadarborg.is



## BREIÐDALÚR / BREIÐDALSVÍK **ACCOMMODATION**

## Hótel Staðarborg



<b>⋖</b> ∳≻	Staðarborg, 761 Breiðdalsvík
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$\boxtimes$	stadarborg@simnet.is
	www.stadarborg.is











Hotel Staðarborg is a beautiful, new hotel in the heart of East Iceland, located on Highway #1 in the valley Breiðdalur. The distance from Reykjavík is 625 km and 100 km from Seyðisfjörður. Hotel Staðarborg is formerly the schoolhouse in Breiðdalur which has now been thoroughly renovated and can accommodate 54 people in 30 spacious rooms.

### **Odin Tours**



<b>∢</b> ∳≻	Höskuldsstaðir, 760 Breiðdalsvík
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Open all year











Odin Tours offers a combination of Spanish and Icelandic hospitality and traditions with an emphasis on creating a 'no stress' ambience. If you want to get away from it all and stay in one of Iceland's most beautiful valleys, then we offer a Cottage with a breathtaking view. We are located 45 minutes south of Egilsstaðir by car, and aprox. 30 min from Breiðdalsvík



#### Hótel Bláfell

Situated in the coastal village of Breiddalsvík where you can enjoy spectacular sea views surrounded by the magnificent peaks and cliffs of one of Iceland's most beautiful mountain ranges. Hotel Blafell offers a large terrace with an open fireplace and rooms with a satellite TV and work desk. The Icelandic Route I Highway passes right by the hotel. All guest rooms at Blafell Hotel have a private bathroom with shower. Some guest rooms also have a balcony. WI-Fi is available in all moms Our restaurant offers Icelandic cuisine Our lamb beef and vegetables come from farmers in the area, and our sea food from the fisherman who fish the local waters. We also offer great traditional lunchtime meals and our evening buffet offers a wonderful selection of local produce. If you are just passing by drop in for a cup of coffee together with some home made cakes and biscuits. The hotel has a library with books in many languages as well as different board games. Relaxation options include a sauna. Children will enjoy the on-site playground. The fishing river of Breiddalsa is just 300 metres from the hotel. Numerous hiking trails are found in the surrounding area.

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# BREIÐDALUR / BREIÐDALSVÍK accommodation

# **Eyjar Hunting lodge**



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Open all year 🔑 ち



The most exclusive accommodation in East Iceland is in Breiðdalur valley. Eyjar lodge provides first class accommodation and service all year, as well as fishing in Breiðdalsá during summer months. Nice living and sitting room with fireplace, as well as a sauna and a hot pot. Internet access. For Salmon fishing permits contact our office.

## **Silfurberg Country Resort**



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	<b>4</b> ∳≻	Þorgrímsstaðir; 760 Breiðdalsvík
	2	(+354) 475-1515
	$\boxtimes$	silfurberg@silfurberg.com
		www.silfurberg.com
	(1)	Open 01.0515.09.



Silfurberg is a new boutique country resort, beautifully located at Porgrimsstaðir in Breiðdalur valley, 45 min. south of Egilsstaðir by car, and less than 30 min. from Breiðdalsvík We offer four high quality double rooms and a suite located in a newly renovated barn as well as two double rooms in the farmhouse. Breakfast is included. Other meals can be arranged given notice. Free WiFi, exercise facilities, hot tub and sauna.



#### Café Margret

Café Margrét is a small guesthouse and a restaurant, ideally placed right off Road no. I just outside the village of Breiðdalsvík. The guesthouse has has 5 luxury and stylish rooms with private shower; WC and Satellite TV. Make yourself at home over coffee and homemade cakes and pastries - or have a taste of our home-made cuisine, soups and salads made from fresh local materials, while you enjoy the view over the wide Atlantic Ocean.

<b>♦</b> Location	Þverhamri, 760 Breiðdalsvík
Open	Open all year
3 Phone	(+354) 475 6625
<b>⊠</b> Email	cafemargret@simnet.is
Website	www.breiddalur.is



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**Djúpivogur** (Pop. 470 as of 01.01.2014) www.djupivoguris Djúpavogshreppur community consists of three fjords; Álftafjörður and Hamarsfjörður are broad lagoons with rich birdlife, where as

Berufjörður is a long and narrow fjord and the pyramid-shaped mountain of Búlandstindur (1069 m.) dominates the landscape. Djúpivogur is a charming village, with a long history of trading since 1589, located in a place of incomparable beauty. Today the main industry is fishing and rapidly growing tourism. Langabúð, the oldest house in Djúpivogur, built in 1790, has been renovated and









now serves as a cultural centre, with a display of works by sculptor Ríkarður Jónsson and a heritage museum, as well as a café and a display of local handicrafts. The nature around Djúpivogur is very versatile. The Búlandsnes bird sanctuary allows you to observe most Icelandic birds nesting in their natural habitat. Join the Papey bird- and seal watching boat-tours or hike in the fascinating mountains and fjords in the vicinity. On the East coast of Iceland Djúpavogshreppur has the biggest reindeer colonies in the wild, most notable in the autumn, winter and spring months. During the summer months they migrate higher up to the mountains. Since 2013, the Municipality of Djúpivogur is a member of International Cittaslow network, a movement originally founded in 1999 in Italy. In times of "furiously fast" and "competitive production", Cittaslow continues to focus on the authenticity of products and good food based on the slow food philosophy, on rich and fascinating local craft traditions, and on the protection of the environment together with the joy of slow and quiet living on a daily basis.

#### **Nature highlights**

**36.** Papey the small island off Djúpivogur is named after the Papar, the Irish monks, believed to have been in Iceland prior to the Viking settlement. The island was inhabited for more than a thousand years, until 1966. Papey is of great interest for birdwatchers. An estimate of 30.000 couples of puffins breed on the island, along with Common guillemot, Eider ducks and the Black-legged Kittiwake. Some 124 species of plants have been found on the island.

Guided tours with Papeyjarferðir to the Island during the summer are available daily at 13:00.

**H** Blábjörg. These low cliffs on the northem coast of Berufjörður, consists of flikruberg (ignimbrite) formed by very hot tephra from an explosive volcanic eruption. A short walk along the coast with great views.

**X** Búlandsnes in Djúpivogur, this area, which is considered of international importance by BirdLife International, is a brilliant site for birdwatchers It is rich in bird life with the bulk of Icelandic birds in their natural environment within easy reach from the village. The marsh, ponds and beaches near Djupivogur are ideal for breeding and many species can be found Ducks like shelduck and shoveler breed there and also the beautiful slavoninan grebe. Oystercatcher, turnstone, curlew. sanderling, knot, little auk, king eider, grey heron, common goldeneye and brent goose can also be seen there in spring and autumn. There is a birdwatching shelter and good information about the birds www.birds.is

**#** Hamarsfjörður and Álftafjörður the southernmost fjords in the east, are wide, shallow lagoons, closed of from the ocean by barrier reefs. The fjords are important stopovers for migrant birds esp. many species of ducks and grallatores. Up to 3600 black-tailed godwits have been seen there at the same time. Walks along the rivers up the valleys are a wonderful experience.

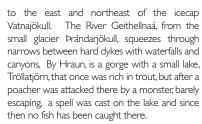
**X** Geithellnadalur to Þrándarjökull. The valley is long and deep and penetrates the highlands



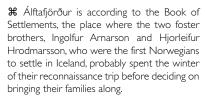


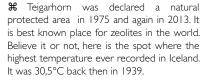








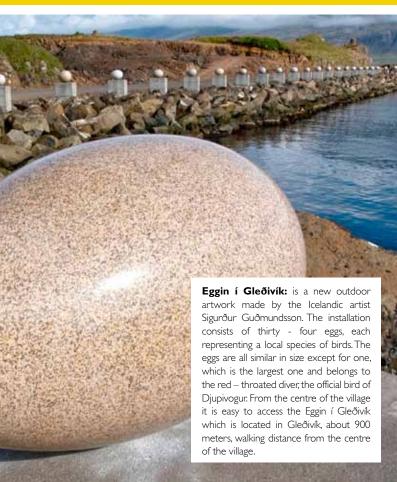




**36** Bragðavellir is a farm in Hamarsfjörður. Early in the 20th century, two ancient Roman coins were discovered near the farm, the coins date back to the roman settlement in England in the 1st century. Copper nails have also been found of a foreing origin as the Vikings used wood nails for their longboats. How did this become? Did the Romans visit Iceland searching for the Ultima Thule of Pytheas the greek?









## Langabúð

Langabúð is Djúpivogur's cultural center, housing museums, exhibitions and a cafe. It is the comer stone in the town's culture. The museums exhibit the life and work of Rikardur Jonsson, a sculptor and artist, and a memorial of the politician Eysteinn Jonsson and his wife, Solveig Eyjolfsdottir. The building's loft houses a heritage museum. The cafe offers a wide variety of homemade goods and a variety of vegan and gluten free choices. You can also try out a selection of Icelandic beers and spirits.

<b>√∳</b> ► Location	Búð 1,765 Djúpivogur
Open	May 15th - October 1st Mon -Thu: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Fri - Sat: 10:00 am - 01:00 am Sun: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. Note in July Sun-Thu 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Phone	(+354) 478-8220
<b>⊠</b> Email	langabud@djupivogur.is
Website	www.rikardssafn.is
Ė	Access



## Gallery Bones, Sticks & Stones

Art from bones, wood, stones. Gallery - Mineral Collection. Minerals, zeolites, necklaces, skulls, sculptures, skeletons and carvings. Handmade souvenirs. Show 2014: The Hidden-world.

Special Dog Show (30 min.

Special Dog Show (30 min. or more) on Saturdays and





Sundays at 5 p.m. for dog owners and friends. Black bordercolly dog actor and his playball welcomes you! Bookings are essential by phone 868-9058 or by e-mail stonesandbones@talnet.is.

<b>♦</b> Location	Hvarfi, 765 Djúpivogur
Open	Free entry. Always open from 01.0601.10
3 Phone	(+354) 868 9058
<b>⊠</b> Email	stonesandbones@talnet.is

#### Culture & arts

#### Arfleifð - Heritage from Iceland, gallery and workshop

Reindeer and fish leather workshop

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 www.arfleifd.is

#### **Tours & activities**

**Papeyjarferðir - Boat tours •** Hraun 3,765 Djúpivogur (+354) 862-4399 / 659-1469

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**Guided tours, Adventura** (+354) 843-9889 adventura@adventura.is • www.adventura.is

# **Djúpivogur Sports Centre**



<b>⋖</b> ∳≻	Varða 4, Djúpivogur
2	(+354) 478-8999
$\bowtie$	info@djupivogur.is
	www.djupivogur.is
(1)	Open all year

Gym, sauna and a newly built indoor swimming pool with hot tubs, and a small pool for children.

Opening hours:

Summer: Mon-Fri 7:00-20:30; Sat-Sun 10:00-18:00.

Winter: Mon-Fri 7:00-12:00; 13:00-20:30; Sat 11:00-15:00.

## Djúpivogur Information Centre

<b>∢</b> ∳≻	Bakki 3, 765 Djúpivogur	
2	(+354) 478-8204	
$\bowtie$	ugnius@djupivogur.is	
	www.djupivogur.is	
	Open May 15th - Sept 15th	



The municipality's Information Centre provides tourists with all basic and local information regarding services and activities in Djúpivogur and the surrounding area.

Opening hours: May 15 - September 15: Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00. Saturday, Sunday 12:00 - 16:00.

## Village walk - Meet the locals

<b>₹</b>	Hótel Framtíð, Vogalandi 4	
1	(+354) 476-1399	
$\bowtie$	info@meetthelocals.is	
	www.meetthelocals.is	
(1)	June 1st - Sept 15th	



Rich in birdlife Time: Sundays at 20:30. Booking is necessary. Meeting point: Hótel Framtíő, Vogalandi 4, Djúpivogur. Fun and rather easy walk in charming villages with a local person. Djúpivogur is a small fishing village. The friendly, beautiful town is known for great places for bird watching, rich culture and beautiful scenery. The town was the first in Iceland to be granted Cittaslow 'Slow City' status and their emphasis is on hospitality, courtesy and friendliness.

# MAIN TOWNS / VILLAGES

#### **Berunes - Youth hostel**



	<b>∢</b> ∳≻	Berunes, 765 Djúpivogur region
	Ì	(+354) 478-8988 / 869-7227
	$\bowtie$	berunes@berunes.is
		www.berunes.is
	(1)	Open 1.41.11.
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Berunes is a farm, ideally located at an seafront. The Hostel is centrally located between Skaftafell National Park and the Mývatn area and close to road nr I. We offer our guests accommodation in an old house, and other newer and 3 self catering cottages. All together 45 beds. Breakfast, dinner and drinks available. Berunes also has a good camp-site.

#### Accommodation

#### Eyjólfsstaðir

Fossárdal, 765 Djúpivogur (+354) 478-8971 / 844-6485

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#### Hótel Framtíð

Hotel Framtid Djupavogi offers a comfortable stay in beautiful natural surroundings. Our new wing has panoramic sea and mountain views. 46 Rooms. 20 well-designed 17m² rooms with shower and wc, telephone and TV. 28 rooms with basin in several buildings. 4 cottages 25m² each, 5 apartments only 150 meters from the main building. Campground. The new resturant has seating for 250 persons and is ideal for groups and special events. The old resturant is full of charm and character and can accommodate 40. A favourite of tour guides in Iceland, the popular daily special at Hotel Framtíð is always the catch of the day. Other excellent menu items include starters. Contact us and we will help you plan your holiday in the east of Iceland.

<b>4</b> ∳≻	Location	Vogalandi 4,765 Djúpivogur
(1)	Open	Open all year
1	Phone	(+354) 478-8887
$\boxtimes$	Email	framtid@simnet.is
	Website	www.hotelframtid.com
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