

Borgarfjörður

Iceland

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Borgarfjörður is a fjord and farming region in western Iceland. It is about an hour from Reykjavík. The town of Borgarnes lies on a small peninsula in the fjord.

The region links Reykjavík with the Snæfellsnes peninsula. It has waterfalls, hot springs and sites from the Icelandic sagas.

When to visit

Summer is best for driving and short hikes. The area can be visited all year. Winter has snow and wind, and mountain roads inland may close.

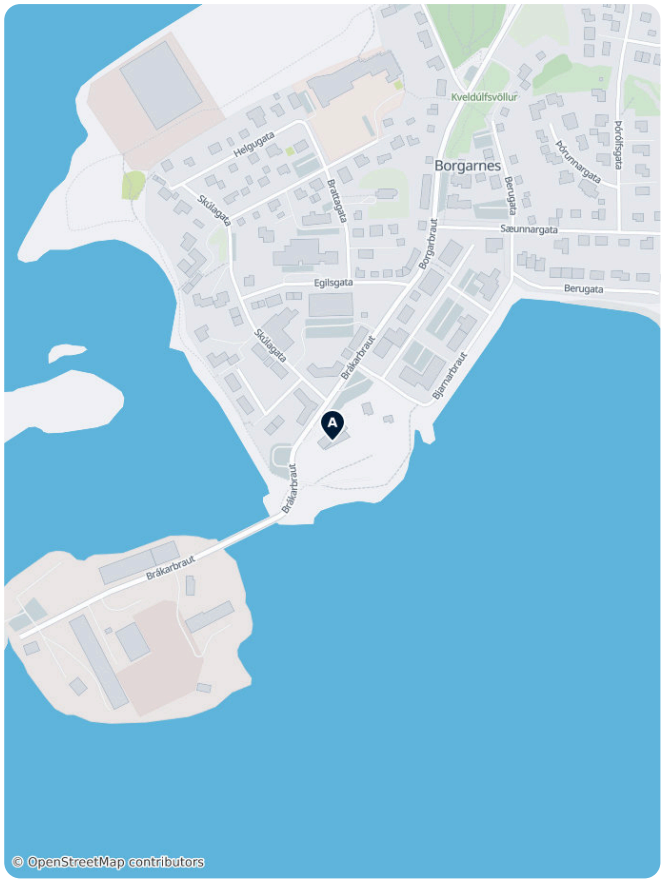
Road conditions (Vegagerðin)

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	0° / 6° Feels like -5°	-4° / -14°	18 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	1° / 7° Feels like -5°	-4° / -14°	17 rainy days · Dry air
March	Poor Poor for sightseeing	2° / 7° Feels like -3°	-3° / -12°	17 rainy days · Dry air
April	Poor Poor for sightseeing	6° / 11° Feels like 1°	0° / -7°	16 rainy days · Dry air
May	Poor Poor for hiking	9° / 15° Feels like 6°	4° / -2°	16 rainy days · Dry air
June	Good Good for hiking	13° / 17° Feels like 10°	7° / 3°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Good Good for hiking	14° / 19°	9° / 6°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
August	Good Good for hiking	14° / 18°	9° / 5°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
September	Fair Fair for hiking	10° / 15° Feels like 7°	6° / 1°	18 rainy days · Dry air
October	Poor Poor for sightseeing	6° / 11° Feels like 2°	2° / -4°	16 rainy days · Dry air
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	2° / 9° Feels like -2°	-2° / -10°	15 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	1° / 7° Feels like -5°	-4° / -14°	17 rainy days · Dry air

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Landnámssetur Íslands is in Borgarnes. It has exhibitions about the settlement of Iceland and Egil's Saga.
- Hraunfossar and Barnafossar are waterfalls inland, near Húsafell. Water flows out of a lava field.
- Deildartunguhver is a large hot spring beside the road. Keep to the marked paths.
- Reykholt was the home of the medieval writer Snorri Sturluson. A museum and his old bathing pool are there.
- Walks around Borgarnes give wide views over the fjord.



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Getting there

- **By car**: Borgarnes is about 1 hour from Reykjavík on the Ring Road. The road passes through the tunnel under Hvalfjörður.
- **By bus**: Long-distance buses between Reykjavík and the north stop in Borgarnes. See Strætó.
- **Nearby**: Akranes is on the other side of the fjord. Snæfellsnes is about 30 minutes further north-west.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Iceland at a glance:

CURRENCY

ISK kr

EMERGENCY

112

ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES

Icelandic

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Borgarfjörður Essentials

Borgarfjörður serves as a central hub for Iceland's saga history and volcanic geography. This selection highlights the Settlement Centre, which explores the life of Egill Skallagrímsson, and the historic Borgarkirkja church. Key landmarks include the extinct volcano Hafnarfjall and the Borgarfjarðarbrú, the second-longest bridge in the country. The list also covers local culture at the Agricultural Museum in Hvanneyri and the folklore-inspired Troll Garden, with a stop at Geirabakarí for views across the water.





A Settlement Centre

This place presents the history of Iceland and heroes of the Icelandic Sagas.

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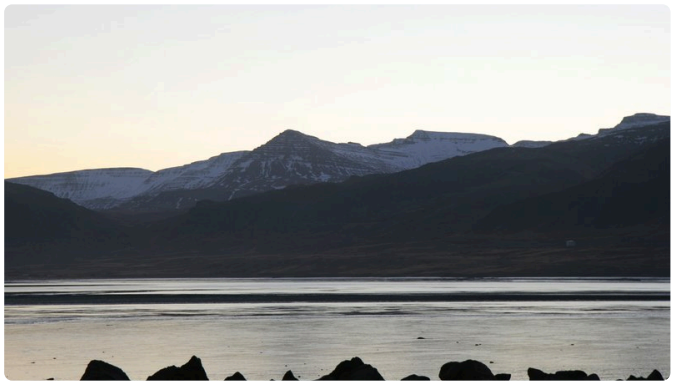
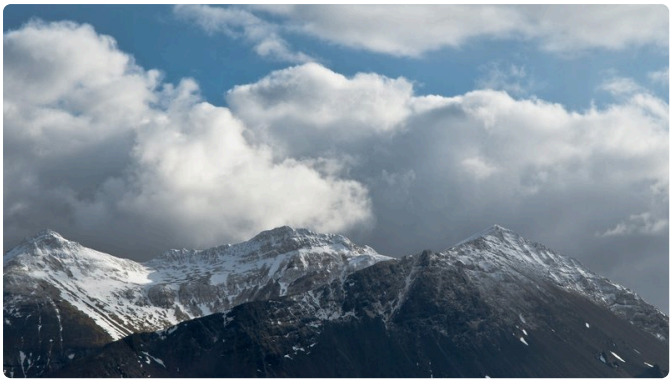


B Borgarfjörður

Fjord.

Hringvegur, 301, Iceland
(64.48511, -21.95112)



C Hafnarfjall

An extinct volcano rising 528 meters above the fjord, offering hiking trails and views over the town of Borgarnes.

Iceland (64.49591, -21.91030)



D Geirabakarí

A bakery and cafe overlooking the fjord, famously used as a filming location for the movie The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.

(64.54081, -21.90914)

E Borgarfjarðarbrú

Borgarfjarðarbrú is the second longest bridge in Iceland, after Skeiðarárbrú.

Hringvegur, Iceland (64.53371, -21.89260)

F The Agricultural Museum of Iceland

Exhibits the history of Icelandic farming and agricultural technology, located on the historic Hvanneyri farmstead.

(Unnamed Road), Hvanneyri 311, Iceland (64.56482, -21.76368)

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G Troll Garden

An outdoor park featuring large-scale sculptures and art installations based on traditional Icelandic troll folklore.

(Unnamed Road), 311, Iceland (64.59270, -21.58013)

Mo–Su 10:00–17:00

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H Borgarkirkja

A church located at Borg á Mýrum, the historic farmstead of the 10th-century Viking poet and saga hero Egill Skallagrímsson.

(64.56141, -21.91577)

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