

Eyjafjörður

Northeastern Region · Iceland

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Eyjafjörður is the longest fjord in northern Iceland. Steep mountains rise on both sides. Akureyri, the main town of the north, sits at its head.

The fjord has fishing villages, farms, ski slopes and islands. It is a good base for whale watching, skiing and short drives.

When to visit

Summer has long light evenings and the best weather for driving and boat trips. Whale watching runs from spring to autumn. Winter brings snow and ski slopes, with short days and a chance of northern lights. Roads can close in storms.

Road conditions (Vegagerðin)

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Good Good for skiing	-1° / 5° Feels like -6°	-6° / -13°	19 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Good Good for skiing	-1° / 5° Feels like -6°	-6° / -14°	18 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Good Good for skiing	-1° / 6° Feels like -5°	-5° / -12°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for skiing	2° / 8° Feels like -2°	-3° / -9°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Fair Fair for skiing	5° / 13° Feels like 2°	1° / -5°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Fair Fair for hiking	10° / 17°	5° / 0°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
July	Good Good for hiking	13° / 19°	8° / 3°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
August	Fair Fair for hiking	13° / 19°	8° / 3°	17 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
September	Poor Poor for hiking	9° / 15°	4° / -2°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Fair Fair for skiing	3° / 10° Feels like 0°	-1° / -8°	21 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Good Good for skiing	0° / 6° Feels like -4°	-5° / -12°	19 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Good Good for skiing	-1° / 5° Feels like -6°	-6° / -14°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- A Akureyrarkirkja is the landmark church of Akureyri. It stands on a hill above the town centre.
- B Menningarhúsið Hof is the cultural centre on the Akureyri waterfront. It hosts concerts and exhibitions.
- Whale watching tours leave from Akureyri and from Dalvík. Humpback whales are often seen.
- Hrísey is a small island in the fjord. A short ferry crosses to it from Árskógssandur.
- Siglufjörður, on the north side, has the Herring Era Museum.
- C Old Turfhouse Laufás is an old turf farm on the east shore.



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Getting there

- **By air**: Akureyri Airport (AEY) has domestic flights from Reykjavík. It takes about 45 minutes.
- **By car**: The Ring Road passes Akureyri. It is about 4.5 hours from Reykjavík.
- **By bus**: Long-distance buses link Reykjavík and Akureyri. See Strætó for city routes.
- **Nearby**: Húsavík and Mývatn are about 1 to 1.5 hours east of the fjord.

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

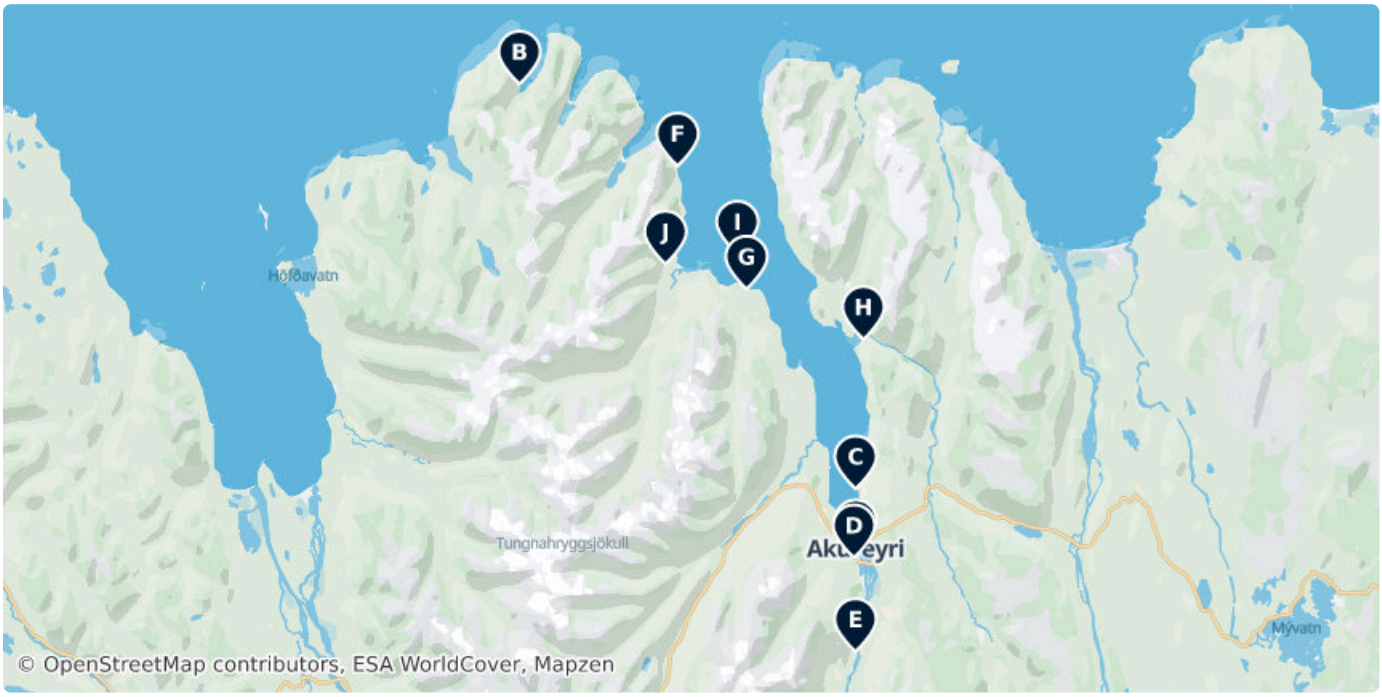
Icelandic

TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Eyjafjörður Essentials

Eyjafjörður, North Iceland's longest fjord, serves as a central hub for maritime heritage and traditional architecture. This selection includes the landmark Akureyrarkirkja church and the Akureyri Botanical Garden, one of the northernmost in the world. Key sites range from the Herring Era Museum in Siglufjörður and the historic turf manor at Laufás to the bird sanctuary of Hrísey island. The list also features regional highlights like the Mígandifoss waterfall, Dalvík's ski slopes, and the craft brewing tradition in Árskógssandur.





A Church of Akureyri

Akureyrarkirkja or The Church of Akureyri is a prominent Lutheran church at Akureyri in northern Iceland.

Eyrarlandsvegur, 600 Akureyri, Iceland
(65.67987, -18.09084)

Mo–Fr 09:00–16:00

akureyrarkirkja.is, +354 462 7700



B Herring Era Museum

The Herring Era Museum is located in Siglufjörður, Iceland. It is Iceland's largest maritime museum and the only Icelandic museum to have...

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(66.14745, -18.91335)

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C Svalbarðseyri

A bright orange lighthouse situated on the eastern shore of the fjord, serving as a distinct coastal landmark.

(Unnamed Road), Svalbarðseyri 601, Iceland (65.74409, -18.09119)



D Akureyri Botanical Garden

The Akureyri Botanical Garden is located on the west side of the inland end of the fjord Eyjafjörður at about 45 metres elevation.

Akureyri, Iceland (65.67489, -18.09495)

Mo–Fr	08:00–22:00
Sa–Su	09:00–22:00

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E Santa's Workshop

A year-round Christmas attraction featuring a large advent calendar, a decorative tower, and displays of traditional Icelandic holiday folklore.

605 Akureyri (65.58011, -18.09150)

F Mígandifoss

A high, narrow waterfall located on the cliffs of Ólafsfjarðarmúli that drops almost directly into the sea.

Iceland (66.06637, -18.52681)

G Bruggsmidan Brewery

Iceland’s first microbrewery, established in 2006. It produces unpasteurized beer using water from the nearby Mt. Sólarfjall.

(65.94408, -18.35781)

Mo–We	11:00–20:00
Th–Sa	11:00–21:00
Su	11:00–20:00

bruggsmidjan.is, +3544662505



H Old Turfhouse Laufás

A well-preserved 19th-century manor and vicarage showcasing traditional Icelandic turf architecture and a museum of rural life.

Laufásbær, 616 (65.89377, -18.07184)

Mo–Su	Open 24/7

I Hrísey

The second-largest island off the coast of Iceland, accessible by a 15-minute ferry and known for its bird sanctuary and walking trails.

Sæfari, Iceland (65.97878, -18.38028)

hrisey.is/en/ferry-schedule



J Dalvík Ski Resort

A pleasant ski resort that's not too big and crowded. Enjoy the two lifts and many cross-country skiing tracks.

Brekkusel, 620 Dalvik, Iceland (65.96897, -18.55591)

skidalvik.is, +354 466 1010

Peaks and Viewpoints

This collection highlights the diverse topography surrounding Akureyri and the Tröllaskagi peninsula. It includes the iconic twin peaks of Súlur, the high summits of the Glerárdalur valley, and viewpoints offering perspectives across Eyjafjörður, Iceland's longest fjord. The list features a mix of roadside stops on the Vaðlaheiði plateau and remote alpine peaks in the Tröllaskagi Alps, a region defined by steep basalt layers and deep glacial valleys.



A Point of View

Roadside viewpoint on the eastern shore of Eyjafjörður, providing a panoramic view of Akureyri and the surrounding mountains.

(65.66653, -18.08875)

B Súlur

Súlur is a mountain located to the south west of the town Akureyri in Iceland rising some 1213 meters. It is popular for hiking tours.

Iceland (65.60360, -18.19842)

C Bjarnarfjall

A 580-meter mountain located on the eastern side of Eyjafjörður, north of the village of Grenivík.

Iceland (66.13491, -18.04313)

D Kúgilshnjúkur

Peak situated in the mountain range west of Akureyri, overlooking the Hörgárdalur valley.

Iceland (65.86350, -18.44182)

E Strýta

A 1,456-meter peak in the Glerárdalur valley, south of Akureyri, part of the rugged mountain circle surrounding the town.

Iceland (65.64428, -18.30681)

F Kista

Mountain peak in the Glerárdalur area, contributing to the high-altitude landscape south of Akureyri.

(65.63773, -18.31638)

G Bunga

Prominent peak in the Glerárdalur mountain range, rising to approximately 1,100 meters above sea level.

Iceland (65.64359, -18.28963)

H Lítlibróðir

Peak in the central Tröllaskagi peninsula, part of a pair of mountains colloquially known as the "Brothers."

Iceland (65.91323, -18.74962)

I Stóribróðir

The taller of the "Brother" peaks in the Tröllaskagi highlands, reaching an elevation of 1,304 meters.

Iceland (65.91358, -18.72662)

J Brennihnjúkur

Peak in the mountainous interior of the Tröllaskagi peninsula, north of Hörgárdalur.

Iceland (65.91192, -18.66877)

K Efrafjallshnjúkur

Mountain peak located in the high-altitude terrain of central Tröllaskagi.

Iceland (65.88555, -18.68823)

L Litlihnjúkur

Peak in the Tröllaskagi peninsula, situated north of the Hörgárdalur valley and west of Eyjafjörður.

Iceland (65.92250, -18.66009)

M Sigmundskolla

A 1,085-meter mountain peak located in the Tröllaskagi peninsula, overlooking the Svarfaðardalur region.

Iceland (65.92840, -18.66024)

N Barkarkolla

Prominent peak in the Svarfaðardalur valley, known for its steep slopes and alpine character.

Iceland (66.01957, -18.65907)

O Rauðhyrna

Mountain peak in the northern Tröllaskagi peninsula, known for its distinct shape and proximity to the Svarfaðardalur valley.

Iceland (65.97305, -18.70460)

Museums & Art Galleries

Explore the cultural landscape of Northern Iceland through specialized collections in Akureyri and Siglufjörður. This selection includes the Herring Era Museum, Iceland's largest maritime museum, and the Akureyri Art Museum, focusing on contemporary works. Historical sites like the 19th-century Old Turfhouse Laufás and Nonni's House offer insight into traditional Icelandic living. Technical history is represented by dedicated museums for aviation and motorcycles, while the Folk Music Centre preserves the region's vocal heritage.





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B Old Turfhouse Laufás

A 19th-century vicarage and farmstead constructed from turf and stone. The interior features traditional household items and tools illustrating rural Icelandic life.

Laufásbær, 616 (65.89377, -18.07184)

Mo–Su

Open 24/7



C Akureyri Art Museum

The Akureyri Art Museum was founded in 1993. The museum is located in the center of Akureyri, the second-largest city in Iceland.

Kaupvangsstræti 8, 600 (65.68041, -18.09193)

May-Sep Mo–Su	10:00–17:00
Oct-Apr Mo–Su	12:00–17:00
Dec 24-Dec 25 Mo–Su	Closed
Dec 31-Jan 01 Mo–Su	Closed

listak.is, +354 461 2610



D Nonni's House

Nonni's House is a museum in the Akureyri municipality in Iceland. The small wooden house, built around 1850, is one of the oldest houses...

Aðalstræti 54 54, 600 (65.66704, -18.08579)

nonni.is, +354 462 3555

E Icelandic Aviation museum

Located at Akureyri Airport, this collection documents the nation's flight history with vintage aircraft, photographs, and equipment dating back to 1919.

(Unnamed Road), 600, Iceland (65.65160, -18.07589)

Sa	13:00–16:00

flugsafn.is, +354 461 4400

F Folk Music Centre

Located in Siglufjörður's oldest house, this center preserves traditional Icelandic folk songs, rhymes, and chants, centered on the collection of Reverend Bjarni Þorsteinsson.

1 Norðurgata, Siglufjörður 580, Iceland (66.15013, -18.90714)

folkmusik.is, +354 467 2300

G The Motorcycle Museum of Iceland

An 800-square-meter facility in Akureyri showcasing the history of motorcycling in Iceland through a collection of vintage bikes, memorabilia, and custom builds.

Krókeyri 2, 600 Akureyri (65.66125, -18.08117)

Jun-Aug Mo–Su	13:00–17:00
Sep-May Sa–Su	13:00–16:00

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