

Fáskrúðsfjörður

Eastern Iceland · Iceland

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Fáskrúðsfjörður is a small fishing village in the Eastern Fjords. It lies at the head of a long fjord, under steep mountains. French fishermen worked here from the 19th century, and the village keeps this history.

Street signs are in Icelandic and French. The village is a quiet stop on the east coast.

When to visit

Summer is best. Roads are clear and the days are long. Winter has snow, wind and short days. Mountain roads in the east can close at short notice.

Road conditions (Vegagerðin)

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	1° / 5° Feels like -6°	-3° / -9°	20 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	1° / 5° Feels like -6°	-3° / -10°	18 rainy days · Dry air
March	Poor Poor for sightseeing	1° / 5° Feels like -5°	-3° / -9°	19 rainy days · Dry air
April	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 7° Feels like -3°	-1° / -7°	17 rainy days · Dry air
May	Poor Poor for sightseeing	6° / 11° Feels like 0°	2° / -3°	16 rainy days · Dry air
June	Fair Fair for hiking	9° / 13° Feels like 5°	5° / 1°	16 rainy days · Dry air
July	Fair Fair for hiking	11° / 15° Feels like 8°	7° / 5°	18 rainy days · Dry air
August	Fair Fair for hiking	11° / 14° Feels like 8°	7° / 4°	18 rainy days · Dry air
September	Poor Poor for hiking	9° / 12° Feels like 4°	5° / 1°	19 rainy days · Dry air
October	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 9° Feels like -1°	2° / -4°	20 rainy days · Dry air
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	2° / 7° Feels like -4°	-1° / -8°	19 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	1° / 6° Feels like -6°	-3° / -9°	20 rainy days · Dry air

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- The French Museum tells the story of the French fishing fleet that sailed to Iceland. It is in old hospital buildings.
- A French cemetery stands near the village. It holds graves of fishermen who died at sea.
- Walks along the fjord shore give wide views of the mountains.
- Boat trips and fishing trips are offered in summer.

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Getting there

- **By car**: The village is about 1 hour from Egilsstaðir. A tunnel links it with Reyðarfjörður.
- **Nearby**: Djúpivogur is about 1 hour south. Höfn is about 2 hours south.
- **Region**: The village is in Eastern Iceland.

Country facts

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CURRENCY
ISK kr

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
Icelandic

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Faskrudsfjordur Essentials

Fáskrúðsfjörður is defined by its deep historical ties to French fishermen, who established a base here in the late 19th century. This collection highlights the town's heritage through the French Museum and the restored hospital building, now home to Fosshótel Eastfjords. Coastal landmarks like the Hafnarnes lighthouse and historic timber churches at Fáskrúðsfjörður and Kolfreyjustaður provide scenic and architectural interest. On the waterfront, the preserved vessels Rex NS-3 and Gideon stand as memorials to the region's enduring maritime and fishing legacy.



A Hafnarnes

A bright orange coastal lighthouse situated on the southern headland of the fjord.

(64.87437, -13.76601)

B The French Museum

Housed in a restored hospital building, this museum documents the history of French fishermen who worked off the Icelandic coast between 1828 and 1939.

(64.92649, -14.00070)



C Fosshótel Eastfjords

A hotel located within a meticulously restored 19th-century hospital complex originally built to serve French sailors.

(64.92650, -14.00079)

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D Fáskrúðsfjarðarkirkja

A local church serving the town, featuring traditional Icelandic architectural elements.

(64.93041, -14.01253)

E Kolfreyjustaðarkirkja

A historic timber church located on the Kolfreyjustaður estate, east of the main town.

(64.91245, -13.79673)

F Rex NS-3

A preserved historic fishing vessel displayed as a memorial to the town's maritime history.

(64.93197, -14.02305)

G Gideon

A historic boat preserved as a waterfront memorial, representing the region's traditional fishing industry.

(64.93190, -14.02221)

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