

Hella

Southern Region · Iceland

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Hella is a small village on the Ring Road in southern Iceland. It sits on the river Ytri-Rangá, in a wide farming plain. The volcano Hekla rises to the east.

Hella is a practical stop. It has shops, fuel and places to stay, and it is a good base for the south coast and the highlands.

When to visit

The village can be visited all year. Summer is best for the highland roads, which open in June or July. Winter brings snow, short days and a chance of northern lights.

Road conditions (Vegagerðin)

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

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

Top sights

- The Caves of Hella are old man-made caves cut into the rock near the village.
- The Ytri-Rangá river is known for salmon fishing in summer.
- Hekla is an active volcano. It can be seen from the plain. Do not climb it without checking the conditions with locals.
- Farms in the area offer horse riding.

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Getting there

- **By car**: Hella is about 1 hour from Reykjavík on the Ring Road.
- **By bus**: Long-distance buses on the south coast stop in Hella. See Strætó.
- **Nearby**: Skógar is about 45 minutes east. Þórsmörk and Fjallabak are reached by 4x4 vehicles or tours.
- **Ferry**: The ferry to Vestmannaeyjabær leaves from Landeyjahöfn, about 25 minutes east.

Country facts

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CURRENCY
ISK kr

EMERGENCY
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ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type F
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LANGUAGES
Icelandic

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Safe to drink

DATA SOURCES

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