

Höfn

Eastern Iceland · Iceland

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Höfn is a fishing town in southeast Iceland, with views over the Vatnajökull ice cap. It is the main town between Kirkjubæjarklaustur and the east fjords and a good base for the glaciers and lagoon nearby.

Höfn is known for langoustine, which is caught here and served in several restaurants. Most visitors stay one night.

When to visit

Summer is the best season for roads, long days and glacier tours. In winter, the town is quiet and dark. Clear nights give a good chance to see the northern lights, and ice cave tours run nearby.

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

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

Top sights

- A Seamen's Monument is a memorial to lost fishermen, near the harbour.
- B Humarhöfnin and C Pakkhus are harbour restaurants known for langoustine and fresh fish.
- Glacier Lagoon is about 1 hour by car to the west.
- The glaciers of Vatnajökull National Park are visible from the town on a clear day.



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Getting there

- **By car**: Höfn is on the Ring Road, about 450 km from Reykjavík, a drive of 5.5 to 6 hours.
- **By bus**: Long-distance buses run along the Ring Road, with fewer services in winter.
- **Nearby**: Djúpivogur is about 1 hour east. Glacier Lagoon is about 1 hour west.

Höfn's Must-Sees

Höfn serves as Iceland’s langoustine capital, centered around a harbor where Humarhöfnin prepares local seafood. The town’s maritime history is preserved through the Seamen's Monument and the Akurey SF 52, a former fishing vessel repurposed as a public art installation. Along the rugged coastline, the Hornafjörður and Hellir lighthouses provide essential navigational markers for the local fishing fleet against the backdrop of the Vatnajökull glacier.





A Humarhöfnin

Restaurant specializing in langoustines, a local delicacy.

Hafnarbraut 3, Höfn 780, Iceland (64.25074, -15.20517)

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B Seamen's Monument

Memorial sculpture dedicated to fishermen lost at sea, situated overlooking the harbor area.

Óslandsvegur, 780, Iceland (64.24426, -15.20487)



C Boat

A decommissioned fishing vessel preserved as a public monument to honor the town's maritime heritage.

2 Ránarslóð, Höfn 780, Iceland (64.24923, -15.20562)

E Hellir

Shoreline lighthouse serving as a navigational aid for vessels navigating the rocky Icelandic coast near the town.

Iceland (64.24150, -15.18571)

D Hornafjörður

Coastal navigational beacon marking the entrance to the fjord and the approach to the harbor.

(64.23190, -15.20040)

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