

Keflavík

Reykjanesbær · Iceland

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Keflavík is a harbour town on the Reykjanes peninsula, in the municipality of Reykjanesbær. It is best known as the home of Keflavík International Airport, where almost all international visitors arrive.

The town is a practical place to stay for a first or last night. It also has a good museum and is close to the geothermal and volcanic sights of the Reykjanes peninsula.

When to visit

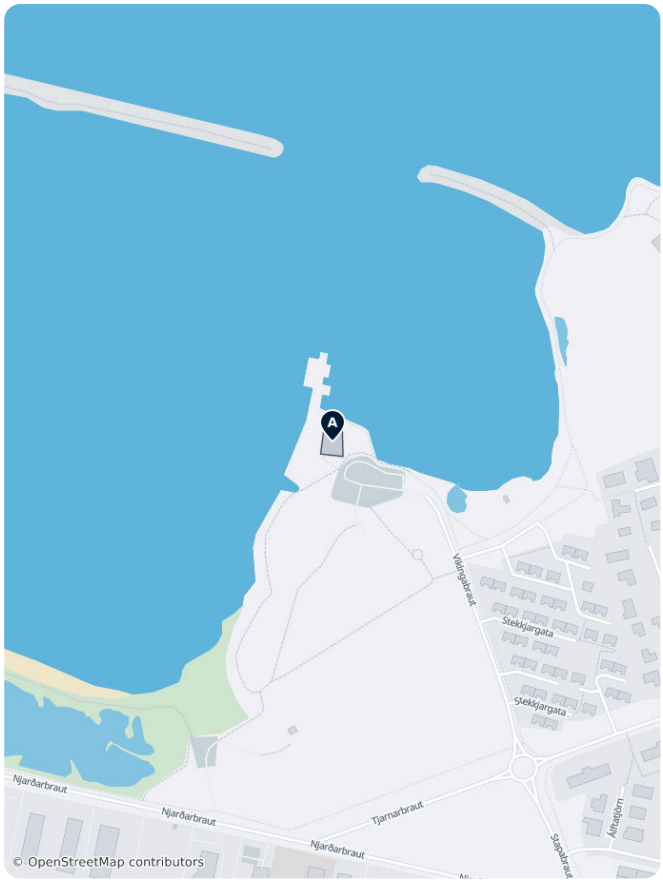
The town is open all year. Winter nights can be dark and clear, and the northern lights are sometimes visible on the coast away from the town lights. Summer has the longest days.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 7° Feels like -5°	0° / -6°	21 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 7° Feels like -5°	-1° / -6°	19 rainy days · Dry air
March	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 7° Feels like -4°	0° / -6°	20 rainy days · Dry air
April	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 8° Feels like -1°	2° / -3°	17 rainy days · Dry air
May	Poor Poor for sightseeing	8° / 11° Feels like 3°	4° / 0°	15 rainy days · Dry air
June	Poor Poor for sightseeing	11° / 14° Feels like 7°	7° / 4°	14 rainy days · Dry air
July	Fair Fair for sightseeing	12° / 15° Feels like 9°	9° / 7°	16 rainy days · Dry air
August	Poor Poor for sightseeing	12° / 15° Feels like 9°	9° / 7°	17 rainy days · Dry air
September	Poor Poor for sightseeing	10° / 13° Feels like 5°	7° / 3°	20 rainy days · Dry air
October	Poor Poor for sightseeing	6° / 10° Feels like 1°	4° / -1°	18 rainy days · Dry air
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	4° / 8° Feels like -3°	1° / -4°	19 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	3° / 7° Feels like -4°	0° / -6°	21 rainy days · Dry air

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

Top sights

- Viking World Museum is a museum around the replica Viking ship *Íslendingur*, which sailed from Iceland to North America in 2000.
- The harbour and coastal path have views over the bay.
- Nearby, the Reykjanes peninsula has the Blue Lagoon, lava fields and geothermal areas. See Grindavík.



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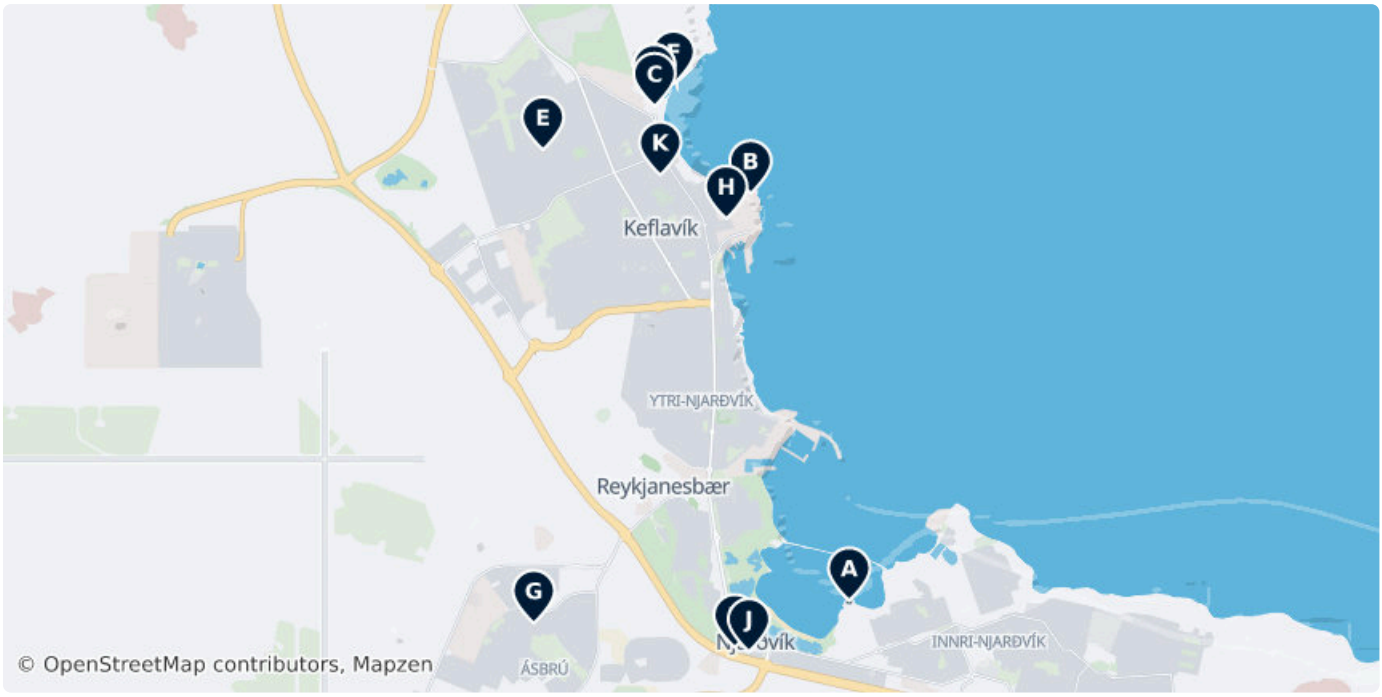
Getting there

- **By air**: Keflavík International Airport (KEF) is the main international airport of Iceland. It is about 5 km from the town centre.
- **To Reykjavík**: The distance to Reykjavík is about 50 km. Airport buses and taxis take 45 to 60 minutes.
- **By car**: Route 41 links the town with Reykjavík.

Keflavík Must-Sees

Keflavík, located on the Reykjanes Peninsula, features cultural landmarks and essential services near the international airport. The Viking World Museum houses the Íslendingur ship replica, while the Duus Museum complex highlights maritime history and local art. Visitors can explore the Skessuhellir cave, inspired by Icelandic folklore, or walk the coastline near the Vatnsnes lighthouse. The town provides practical amenities through major supermarkets like Bónus and Krónan, alongside harbor-side hotels and long-standing local bakeries.



A Viking World Museum

Houses the Íslendingur, a full-scale Viking ship replica that sailed to New York in 2000. Exhibitions cover the settlement of the North Atlantic and Norse mythology.

Vikingabraut 1, 260 Reykjanesbær (63.97602, -22.52899)

Mo–Su 10:00–17:00

vikingworld.is, +354 422 2000

B Vatnsnes

Coastal point featuring a lighthouse and views across Faxaflói Bay toward the Snæfellsnes Peninsula.

(64.00204, -22.54339)

C Duus Museum

Cultural and maritime center housed in historic 19th-century buildings, featuring art galleries and exhibits on local fishing history.

Duusgata 2-8, 230 Keflavík, IS (64.00762, -22.55740)

Mo–Su 12:00–17:00

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D Kaffi Duus

Waterfront restaurant and café offering views of the harbor, specializing in fresh seafood and traditional Icelandic desserts.

Ægisgata, 230 Keflavík, Iceland (64.00817, -22.55743)

duus.is, +354 421 7080

E Sigurjónsbakarí

Established local bakery serving traditional Icelandic pastries, sourdough breads, and coffee.

Vesturgata, 230 Keflavík, Iceland (64.00484, -22.57367)

sigurjonsbakari.net

F Giganta's Cave

A cave installation featuring a large-scale figure of the Giantess from Herdís Egilsdóttir's children's stories.

Bakkavegur, 230 Reykjanesbær, Iceland (64.00903, -22.55461)

G Base Hotel/Hostel

Budget lodging situated on the former NATO military base, offering private rooms and dormitory options.

(63.97457, -22.57499)

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H Hotel Keflavik

Four-star accommodation in the town center, equipped with a fitness center, sauna, and on-site restaurant.

(64.00043, -22.54691)

kef.is, +354 4207000

I Hotel Duus

Boutique hotel located by the harbor, offering rooms with views of the marina and proximity to the cultural center.

(64.00821, -22.55746)

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J Bónus

Icelandic discount supermarket chain providing groceries and household essentials.

Reykjanesbraut, 260 Njarðvík, Iceland (63.97277, -22.54361)

Mo–Su 10:00–20:00

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K Bónus

Icelandic discount supermarket chain providing groceries and household essentials.

Túngata, 230 Keflavík, Iceland (64.00324, -22.55656)

Mo–Su 10:00–19:00

bonus.is

L Krónan

Large supermarket offering a wide range of fresh produce, organic products, and grocery staples.

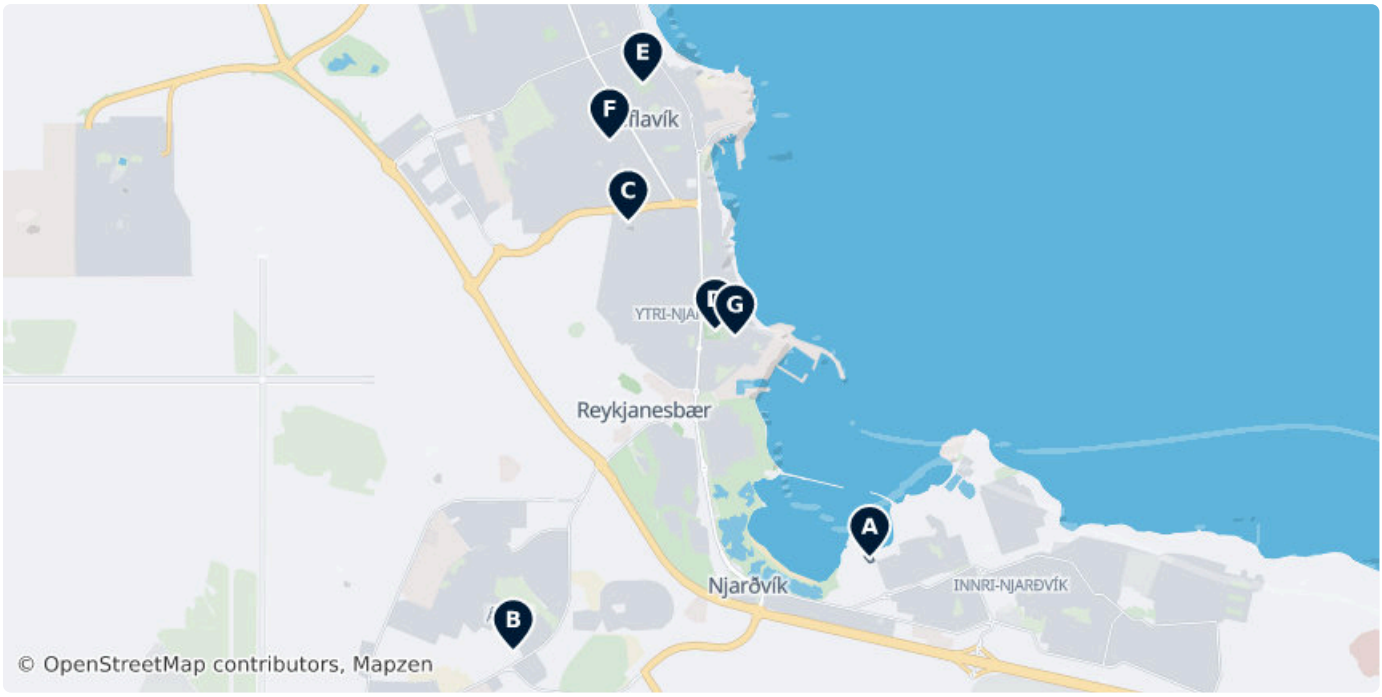
2 Fitjar, Njarðvík 260, Iceland (63.97303, -22.54570)

Mo–Su 08:00–21:00

+354 585 7000

Local Parks and Recreation

This collection features the primary recreational hubs in the Reykjanesbær area, covering both Keflavík and Njarðvík. It highlights diverse facilities such as Vatnaveröld, an expansive indoor swimming complex with a dedicated water park, and Landnámsdýrin, a petting zoo showcasing traditional Icelandic settlement animals. The selection also includes major sports venues like the Reykjaneshöllin indoor soccer arena and several public parks, providing a mix of year-round active sports centers and landscaped outdoor spaces for leisure.



A Landnámsdýrin

Petting zoo featuring traditional Icelandic farm animals, including sheep, horses, and goats.

Stekkjargata, Innri-Njarðvík 260, Iceland
(63.97492, -22.52689)

B Sporthúsið

Multi-purpose sports center offering gym facilities and group fitness classes.

(63.96962, -22.57304)

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C Reykjaneshöllin

Large-scale indoor sports hall primarily used for year-round soccer training and matches.

(63.99397, -22.55816)

D Skrúðgarður Njarðvíkur

Landscaped public park in Njarðvík featuring walking paths and green spaces.

(63.98782, -22.54689)

E Public Park

Public garden in central Keflavík featuring benches and walking paths.

(64.00182, -22.55627)

F Vatnaveröld

Indoor swimming complex featuring a water park for children, multiple slides, and hot tubs.

(63.99861, -22.56055)

Mo–Fr	06:30–21:30
Sa–Su	09:00–18:00

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G Sundlaug Njarðvíkur

Community swimming pool facility featuring outdoor pools and hot tubs.

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