

Langanes

Northeastern Region · Iceland

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Langanes is a long, narrow peninsula in the far northeast of Iceland. It is low, windswept and nearly empty. Sea cliffs hold large seabird colonies, and the coast is rough.

The peninsula is for visitors who want quiet and wide views. It suits a day trip from Þórshöfn or a stop on a long drive around the northeast.

When to visit

Summer is the only practical season. Seabirds, including puffins, nest on the cliffs from late spring to August. Fog is common. Winter roads are rough or closed.

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

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

Top sights

- The Langanes lighthouse stands at the far end of the peninsula, on cliffs above the sea.
- Stóri-Karl is a rock stack on the north coast of the peninsula.
- Sauðanes is an old parsonage at the base of the peninsula. It is a small folk museum.
- Þórshöfn is the only village nearby. It has a shop, fuel and a swimming pool.
- Bird cliffs on the east and north coast can be watched from the clifftops. Keep back from the edge.

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Getting there

- **By car**: The peninsula starts near Þórshöfn. The road is mostly gravel and is narrow. There are no services beyond Þórshöfn, so fill your tank first.
- **Distances**: Húsavík is about 2 hours from Þórshöfn by road. Akureyri is about 3.5 hours.
- **Safety**: Check road conditions before you drive. See Road conditions (Vegagerðin).

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

Langanes Essentials

Langanes is a 40-kilometer-long peninsula in northeast Iceland characterized by steep sea cliffs and a history of remote settlement. This list features the Fontur lighthouse at the peninsula's tip, the abandoned early 20th-century fishing village of Skálar, and the 19th-century stone parsonage at Sauðanes. Visitors can explore the wreckage of a US Navy R4D-6 aircraft from 1969 and the remains of a Cold War-era NATO radar station on Heiðarfjall mountain.



A Langanes

Langanes is a peninsula in northeast Iceland. The name literally means "long peninsula".

Iceland (66.24515, -15.05490)

B Langanessviti

Known as Fontur, this lighthouse stands at the extreme tip of the peninsula. The current concrete structure was built in 1950, replacing a steel tower from 1910.

Langanessviti, 681 (66.37852, -14.53298)

C Sauðaneshús Local Folk Museum

Housed in a former parsonage built in 1879, this is one of Iceland's oldest stone buildings. The museum exhibits artifacts reflecting the traditional rural and fishing history of the region.

(66.24543, -15.26159)

D Skalar

A deserted fishing village that flourished in the early 1900s and was abandoned by 1955. Visible ruins include the old pier and house foundations.

(66.32903, -14.76606)

E Járnkarlinn

A prominent iron-clad landmark and viewpoint on the northern coast, offering views over the surrounding sea cliffs and the Arctic Ocean.

(66.38626, -14.85279)

F R4D-6 wreckage

The fuselage of a US Navy Douglas R4D-6 aircraft that made an emergency landing on the Sauðanes farm in 1969.

(66.25082, -15.27600)

G Sauðaneskirkja

A traditional wooden church built in 1889, located next to the Sauðaneshús folk museum.

(66.24615, -15.26145)

H Heiðarfjall

A 266-meter mountain that served as the site for a NATO radar station during the Cold War from 1954 to 1970.

Iceland (66.28247, -15.05110)

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