

Reykhólahreppur

Westfjords · Iceland

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Reykhólahreppur is a quiet rural area on the south side of the Westfjords. It looks out over the bay of Breiðafjörður. The main village is Reykhólar.

The area has farms, geothermal heat and many birds. It is the gateway to the Westfjords by road.

When to visit

Summer is best. The days are long, roads are open and birds are active. Winter is quiet, with snow and short days. Mountain roads north of here can close.

Road conditions (Vegagerðin)

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

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

Top sights

- White-tailed eagles live around the bay. They can be seen from boats and from the shore.
- The Boat and Gifts of Nature exhibition in Reykhólar shows the traditional use of the bay, including boats, birds and seaweed.
- Seaweed is still harvested from the shallow bay.
- A geothermal swimming pool serves the village.

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Getting there

- **By car**: Reykhólar is about 3 hours from Reykjavík. The road is mostly paved, and part of it is gravel.
- **By ferry**: The Baldur car ferry crosses Breiðafjörður from Stykkishólmur to Brjánslækur, further west in the Westfjords. It is sometimes out of service for maintenance, so check the operator's schedule.
- **Nearby**: Vesturbyggð is further west.

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

Reykhólahreppur Essentials

Reykhólahreppur serves as the gateway to the Westfjords, characterized by the intricate coastline of the Breiðafjörður bay. This region is defined by a series of narrow fjords, including Gilsfjörður and Þorskafjörður, and local landmarks like the Heyárfoss and Staðarfoss waterfalls. The area is notable for its geothermal activity, centered around Einireykir, and historical sites such as the Staðarkirkja church and the ruins at Skógar, reflecting the district's long-standing agricultural and maritime heritage.



A Heyárfoss

Waterfall located near the village of Reykhólar, cascading down the cliffs of the Reykjanes peninsula.

(65.46114, -22.24567)



B Gilsfjörður

The southernmost fjord of the Westfjords, crossed by a causeway on Route 60 that separates the inner and outer bay.

(65.43535, -21.81240)



C Þorskafjörður

A wide fjord in the Breiðafjörður area, historically recognized as the setting for the medieval Gull-Þóris saga.

Iceland (65.54605, -22.20561)



D Gufufjörður

A small fjord branching from Breiðafjörður, characterized by expansive tidal flats and surrounding basaltic hills.

Iceland (65.53925, -22.39763)

E Gullfoss

A local waterfall in the Þorskafjörður area, distinct from the larger namesake located in southern Iceland.

(65.56552, -22.18565)



F Skálmarfjörður

An uninhabited fjord in the southern Westfjords, surrounded by steep mountains and narrow coastal strips.

(65.55609, -22.71235)



G Djúpifjörður

A narrow fjord situated between Gufufjörður and Þorskafjörður, offering views of the surrounding rugged terrain.

Iceland (65.54855, -22.31984)



H Kollafjörður

A fjord branching off Breiðafjörður, featuring a landscape of coastal cliffs and diverse birdlife.

(65.57367, -22.51714)

I Staðarfoss

Waterfall situated near the historic Staður farm, dropping from the plateau into the valley below.

(65.48617, -22.34519)



J Berufjörður

A five-kilometer long fjord in the Austur-Barðastrandarsýsla district, known for its calm waters and scenic coastline.

(65.49861, -22.08891)

K Staðarkirkja

A traditional Icelandic church located at the historic Staður farmstead on the Reykjanes peninsula.

(65.48394, -22.35400)

L Skógar

Remains of a former settlement or farmstead located in the inland valleys of the Reykhólahreppur region.

Iceland (65.58358, -22.10860)

M Einireykir

Geothermal area featuring natural hot springs, historically used by the local community for heating and washing.

(65.44355, -22.19069)

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