

Reykjanesbær

Southern Peninsula · Iceland

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Reykjanesbær is the largest town on the Southern Peninsula. It includes Keflavík, Njarðvík and Ásbrú. Iceland's main international airport is in the municipality.

Most visitors pass through for a flight. The town is also a practical base for the Reykjanes coast and the Blue Lagoon.

When to visit

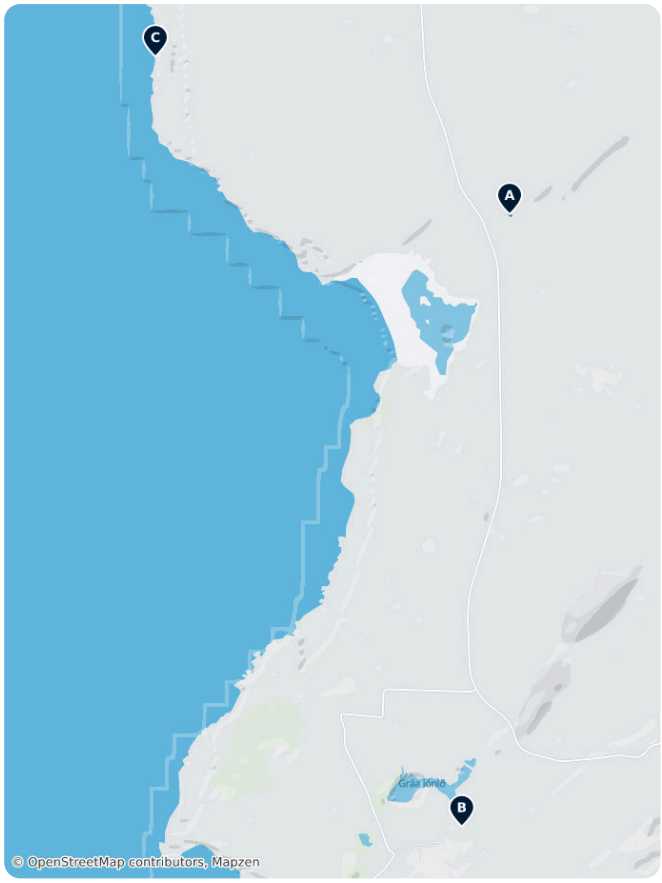
The town can be visited all year. Summer has long days. Winter has strong wind and some ice. Volcanic activity has affected the peninsula since 2021, so check SafeTravel Iceland for current advice.

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

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

Top sights

- The Viking World museum in Njarðvík shows a full-size replica of a Viking ship.
- A Bridge Between Continents is a footbridge over a rift between two tectonic plates.
- B Gunnuhver - fumarole is a geothermal area with steam vents and mud pools. Stay on the paths.
- C Hafnaberg are sea cliffs with seabirds.
- Reykjanesviti is Iceland's oldest lighthouse site, on a rough lava cape at the tip of the peninsula.
- The Duus Museum houses local history and art exhibitions in the harbour area of Keflavík.



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Getting there

- **By air**: Keflavík International Airport (KEF) is in the municipality, about 5 km from the centre.
- **By car**: Reykjavík is about 45 minutes away by road.
- **By bus**: Regular buses link the airport, the town and Reykjavík. See Strætó.
- **Nearby**: Grindavík, Garður and Vogar are on the same peninsula.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Iceland at a glance:

CURRENCY

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EMERGENCY

112

ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type F
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES

Icelandic

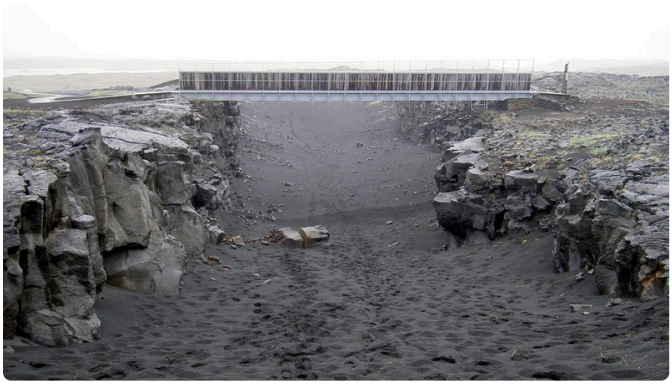
TAP WATER

Safe to drink

Reykjanesbær Must-Sees

Reykjanesbær serves as the gateway to Iceland's volcanic heritage and tectonic activity. The region features the Bridge Between Continents, where the Eurasian and North American plates meet, and the Gunnuhver geothermal area's active mud pools. Historical sites include the Viking World Museum, home to a full-scale replica ship, and Iceland's oldest lighthouse location at Reykjanesviti. The coastline offers dramatic basalt cliffs at Hafnaberg and Reykjanestá, while the Duus Museum provides insight into local maritime history within restored 19th-century buildings.





A Bridge Between Continents

A symbolic pedestrian bridge spanning a tectonic rift valley, connecting the European and North American tectonic plates on the Reykjanes Peninsula.

Iceland (63.86830, -22.67554)



B Gunnuhver - fumarole

Geothermal area consisting of mud pools and steam vents.

Iceland (63.81945, -22.68418)



C Reykjanestá

The southwestern tip of the peninsula featuring steep sea cliffs and the Karlinn rock stack. It is a prime location for observing powerful Atlantic waves and diverse bird species.

1 Reykjanesvitabraut, 233, Iceland (63.81279, -22.71545)



E Hafnaberg Sea Cliff

A popular area among birdwatchers. Also, it's possible to spot seals from up here!

(Unnamed Road), 233, Iceland (63.88087, -22.73959)

G Stampar Crater

A series of volcanic craters formed during the 13th-century Reykjanes Fires. This fissure swarm offers a direct look at the region's recent geological activity.

(63.84548, -22.68170)

D Reykjanesviti

Iceland's oldest lighthouse location. The current 26-meter concrete tower, built between 1907 and 1908, stands on Bæjarfell hill to guide ships along the hazardous coastline.

Reykjanes-aðalviti, 233 (63.81561, -22.70436)

F Powerplant Exhibition

Located at the Reykjanes Power Plant, this interactive display explores geothermal energy production, the geology of the peninsula, and the Earth's formation.

1 Lónsbraut, 233, Iceland (63.83203, -22.69904)

powerplantearth.is

H Viking World Museum

Features the Íslendingur, a full-scale replica of a 9th-century Viking ship that sailed across the Atlantic in 2000. Includes exhibitions on Norse mythology and North Atlantic settlement.

Vikingabraut 1, 260 Reykjanesbær (63.97602, -22.52899)

Mo–Su 10:00–17:00

vikingworld.is, +354 422 2000

I Duus Museum

The local art and cultural center housed in historic 19th-century merchant buildings. It features rotating art exhibitions, a model ship collection, and maritime history displays.

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

Mo–Su 12:00–17:00

sofn.reykjanesbaer.is/duushus



J Kaffi Duus

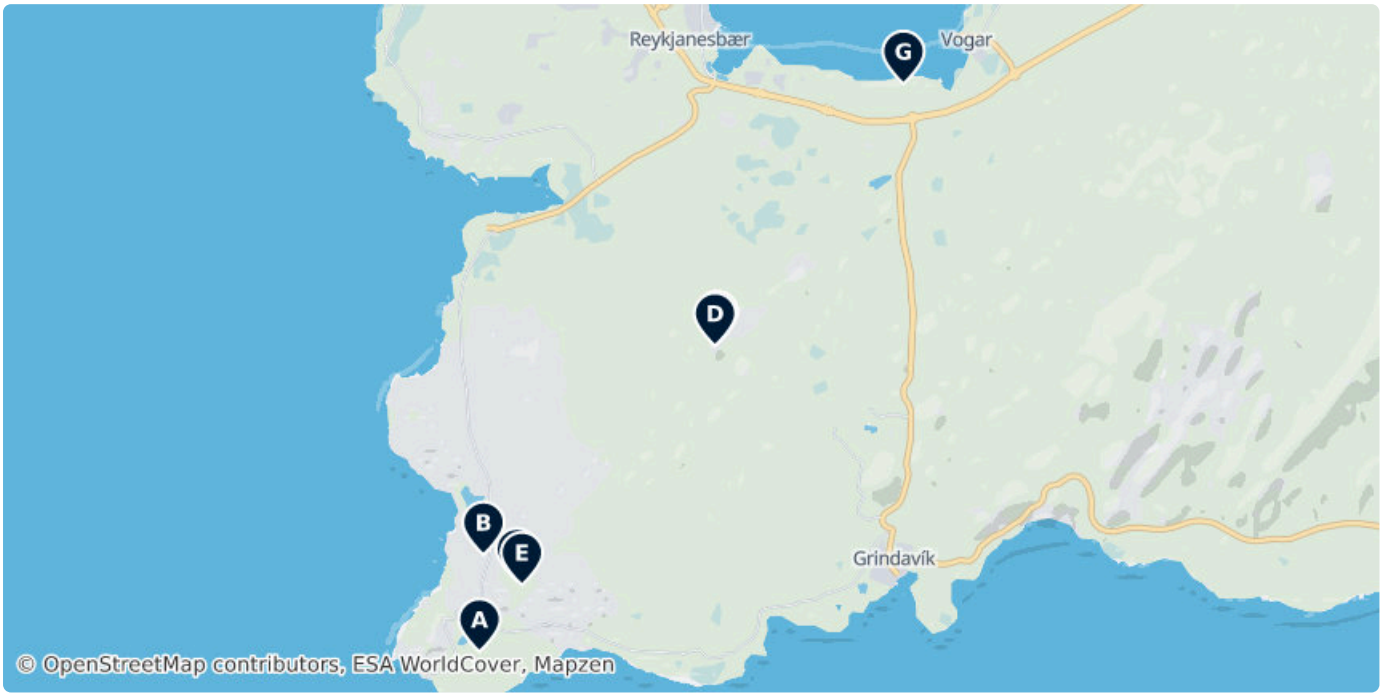
A harbor-side restaurant and café specializing in fresh Icelandic seafood and traditional cakes, located within the historic Duus cultural complex.

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

duus.is, +354 421 7080

Volcanoes and Geothermal Wonders

This collection highlights the raw geological power of the Reykjanes Peninsula. It features Gunnuhver, Iceland's largest mud pool, characterized by high-temperature steam vents and mineral-stained soils. The list includes the Stampar crater row, formed during 13th-century eruptions, alongside volcanic peaks like Sýrfell and Súlur. These sites demonstrate the region's position on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates diverge, creating a landscape of basaltic lava fields and geothermal activity.





A Gunnuhver - fumarole

Geothermal area consisting of mud pools and steam vents.

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B Stampar Crater

Part of a crater row formed during the Reykjanes Fires eruptions between 1210 and 1240. The area features dramatic fissure vents and basaltic lava formations near the tip of the peninsula.

(63.84548, -22.68170)

C Súlur

Volcanic hill formed by subglacial eruptions, characteristic of the Reykjanes Peninsula's hyaloclastite ridges.

(63.90202, -22.53942)

D Súlur

Hyaloclastite volcanic peak offering views of the surrounding lava fields and the North Atlantic coastline.

Iceland (63.90151, -22.54060)

E Sýrfell

Prominent peak providing a vantage point over the Reykjanes volcanic system and the nearby geothermal power plants.

Iceland (63.83735, -22.65833)

F Sýrfell

Volcanic peak situated within the Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark, surrounded by historic lava flows.

(63.83837, -22.66130)

G Grímshóll

Small volcanic peak located near the northern coast of the Reykjanes Peninsula.

(63.97157, -22.42579)

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