

Skógar

Southern Region · Iceland

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Skógar is a small settlement on the south coast, at the foot of the Eyjafjallajökull glacier. It is known for Skógafoss, one of the best-known waterfalls in Iceland, and for a good folk museum. It is also the start of the Fimmvörðuháls trail to the Þórsmörk valley.

Most visitors stop for one to three hours on the Ring Road. Hikers can stay longer.

When to visit

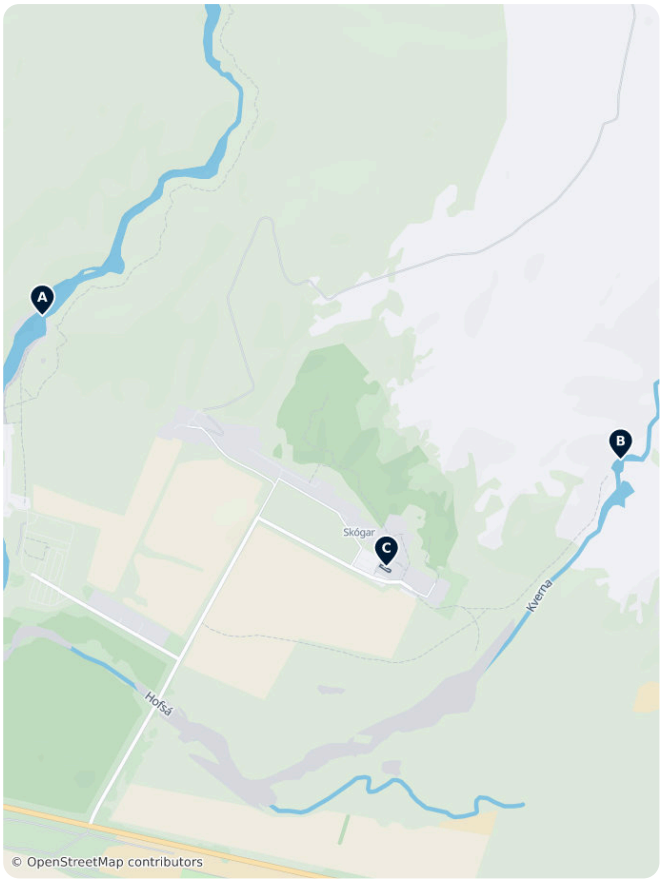
Summer has the longest days and the easiest hiking. In winter, the waterfall freezes at the edges and the paths can be icy. The Fimmvörðuháls trail is open in summer only, normally from late June.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for hiking	2° / 7° Feels like -4°	-1° / -9°	22 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for hiking	2° / 7° Feels like -4°	-1° / -8°	21 rainy days · Dry air
March	Poor Poor for hiking	3° / 7° Feels like -3°	-1° / -8°	22 rainy days · Dry air
April	Poor Poor for hiking	5° / 8° Feels like -1°	1° / -5°	21 rainy days · Dry air
May	Poor Poor for hiking	7° / 10° Feels like 3°	4° / -1°	19 rainy days · Dry air
June	Fair Fair for hiking	10° / 13° Feels like 6°	7° / 4°	18 rainy days · Dry air
July	Fair Fair for hiking	12° / 14°	9° / 7°	19 rainy days · Dry air
August	Fair Fair for hiking	12° / 14° Feels like 9°	9° / 6°	19 rainy days · Dry air
September	Poor Poor for hiking	9° / 12° Feels like 5°	6° / 2°	22 rainy days · Dry air
October	Poor Poor for hiking	6° / 10° Feels like 1°	3° / -3°	21 rainy days · Dry air
November	Poor Poor for hiking	4° / 8° Feels like -2°	0° / -8°	21 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for hiking	3° / 8° Feels like -4°	-1° / -9°	22 rainy days · Dry air

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

Top sights

- A Skogafoss drops about 60 m over a wide cliff, straight beside the car park. You can walk to the base and climb the stairs to the top. A double rainbow is common on sunny days.
- B Kvernufoss is a quieter, smaller waterfall, a 20-minute walk from the village, where you can walk behind the curtain of water.
- C Skógar Museum has old tools and boats and a group of turf-roof houses showing life in rural Iceland.



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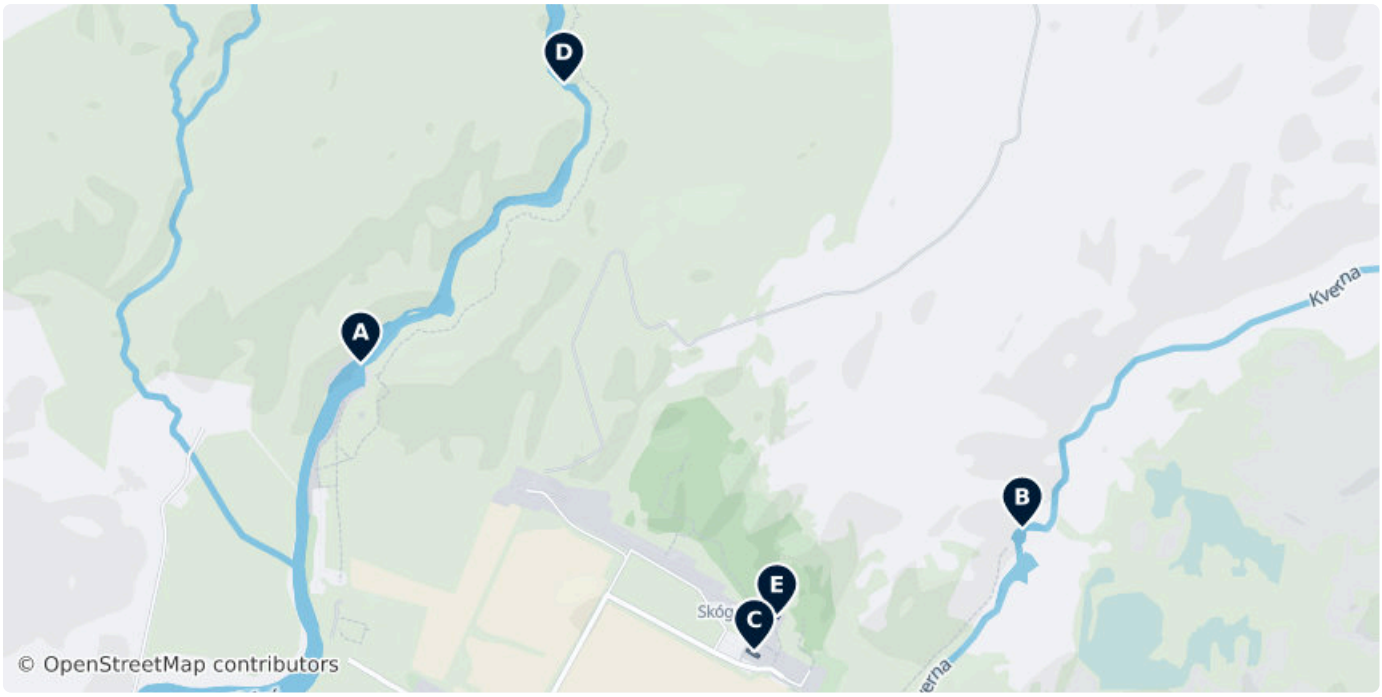
Getting there

- **By car**: Skógar is on the Ring Road, about 150 km from Reykjavík and a drive of around 2 hours.
- **By bus**: Long-distance and tour buses stop here, with fewer in winter.
- **Nearby**: Mýrdalshreppur is a short drive to the east, and Hella is to the west.

Skógar Absolute Essentials

Skógar is a historic settlement centered around the 60-meter-high Skógafoss waterfall and the Skógasafn cultural heritage museum. The area features several cascades along the Skógá river, including the secluded Kvernufoss and Steinbogafoss. The Skógar Museum preserves regional history through a collection of over 18,000 artifacts and original turf houses, while the reconstructed Skógakirkja showcases traditional Icelandic church architecture and interior woodwork.





A Skogafoss

Spectacular waterfall approximately 60 meters high and 25 meters wide, featuring powerful cascades that often produce rainbows and panoramic views from the top.

Iceland (63.53210, -19.51129)



B Kvernufoss

A 30-meter-high waterfall located in a secluded gorge. A walking path leads behind the cascade, offering a viewpoint similar to Seljalandsfoss but with significantly fewer crowds.

Iceland (63.52869, -19.48051)



C Skógar Museum

This regional folk museum features an open-air collection of historic turf houses, a transport museum, and over 18,000 artifacts documenting South Iceland's maritime and agricultural history.

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E Skógar Church

Consecrated in 1959, this church was built to preserve traditional Icelandic ecclesiastical architecture. The interior features items salvaged from older decommissioned churches in the region.

Skógar, Iceland (63.52687, -19.49193)

D Steinbogafoss

A waterfall located along the Skógá river, accessible via the hiking trail that climbs above Skógafoss. It is part of the 'Waterfall Way' leading toward the Fimmvörðuháls pass.

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