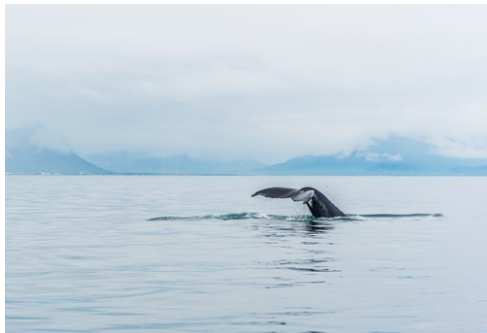




Reykjavík

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Visitors to Reykjavík are thrilled by the pure energy at the heart of Iceland's capital city - be it from the boiling thermal springs underground, the natural green energy, or the lively cultural scene and fun-filled nightlife.

The world's northernmost capital, it's framed by the majestic Mount Esja, which keeps a watchful eye on the city, and the blue waters of Faxaflói Bay. On a sunny day, the mystical Snæfellsjökull glacier appears crystal-like on the western horizon, while mountainous moonscapes spread to the southeast.



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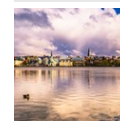
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QUIZ

*What Type of Traveller
Are You Based on
Your Travel IQ?*

TAKE THE QUIZ

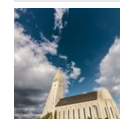
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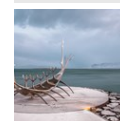
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Stroll around the city centre, admire the colourful old houses and enjoy the...



2. Thermal pools
Soak your stress away in one of the city's relaxing thermal pools.



3. Hallgrímskirkja
Climb up Hallgrímskirkja Church tower for a panoramic view of the city.



4. Cultural heritage
Indulge your interest in Iceland's fascinating cultural heritage or cutting ...



5. Shopping
Shop for some quirky Icelandic designed art, clothing or jewellery.



THE CITY



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The city of Reykjavík has a fascinating history that stretches back for over a thousand years. The site was first inhabited in the eighth century by a band of hardy Norsemen. Since then Vikings, monks, sailors, musicians, fishermen, politicians, writers, artists and all manner of folk have played their part in shaping the rich history and culture that makes Iceland's capital such a vibrant and fascinating place.

Visitors leave Reykjavík with a renewed sense of vigour that can be attributed to Iceland's pristine air and unique energy, evident all around the city - from the geothermal vents steaming in the midnight sunshine to the great open spaces that adorn the area with a stunning natural landscape. Many year-round activities and events can fill the diary of any interested traveller.

Reykjavík is also home to the world's oldest parliament - the Althing, which was founded in 930 AD. However, today the city is the epitome of a modern European capital with a world-class infrastructure, excellent transport links to Europe and North America, and 200,000 welcoming Icelanders helping you enjoy your stay.

Reykjavík is renowned for an array of features: a big art scene, sight-seeing and nightlife; annual

film and music festivals; and numerous shops, museums and restaurants. There's no other city like the world's most Northerly capital, situated at a relatively short distance from the Arctic Circle.

Visitors from all round the globe also enjoy whale and wildlife watching, relaxing in one of the many thermally-heated spas and pools (such as the famous Blue Lagoon), viewing spectacular sights such as the Imagine Peace Tower (a spectacular tribute to John Lennon) or the Hallgrímskirkja church, and touring the amazing countryside - all with the beautiful snow-covered Mount Esja in the background.

Reykjavík is home to some superb hotels, guest houses and other cozy kinds of accommodation for visitors. Information on tours, trips and things to do during your stay can be easily found in this brochure or at the Reykjavík Tourist Information Centre.

However long you stay, you won't be short of things to do in Reykjavík.

TOP 10



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Reykjavík's compact city centre is a friendly and colourful network of small streets with historic buildings, a wide selection of boutiques, designer shops, and cafés and restaurants that serve attractive dishes made of the freshest ingredients. Find the perfect souvenir, enjoy a

gourmet meal or lose track of time in a modern gallery. See below for the "Top 10" things to do.

If you have more time on your hands we encourage you to go beyond the trendy "101" postcode of the Reykjavík city centre and view some of the intriguing sites that the Reykjavík Capital Area offers, including Viking and elf territories, museums displaying both nature's wonders and cultural icons, some excellent new thermal pool facilities and top bird watching sites.

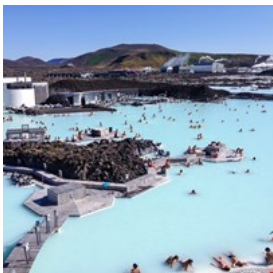
1. Tjörnin Lake



Stroll around the city centre, admire the colourful old houses and enjoy the relaxing atmosphere by Tjörnin Lake.

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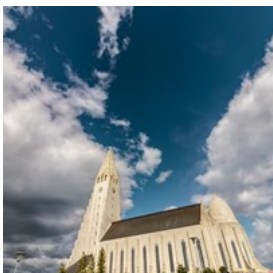
2. Thermal pools



Soak your stress away in one of the city's relaxing thermal pools.

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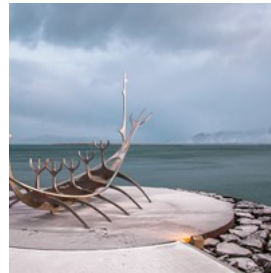
3. Hallgrímskirkja



Climb up Hallgrímskirkja Church tower for a panoramic view of the city.

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4. Cultural heritage



Indulge your interest in Iceland's fascinating cultural heritage or cutting edge art at one of the city's many museums and galleries.

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5. Shopping



Shop for some quirky Icelandic designed art, clothing or jewellery.

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6. Day-tour



Take a day-tour and admire the magnificent landscape surrounding the city.

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7. "Reykjavík style"



Test your stamina with a night on the town "Reykjavík style".

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8. The Pearl



Visit The Pearl – an otherworldly creation with a viewing platform and a revolving restaurant on top of hot water storage tanks. A dinner there will be an experience to remember.

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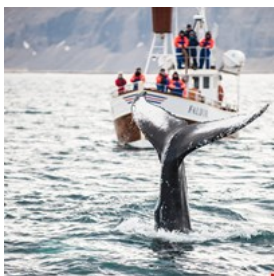
9. Seafood restaurants



Give your taste buds a real treat by dining at one of Reykjavík's many excellent seafood restaurants.

Photo: LightField Studios / Shutterstock.com

10. Whale-watching



Be amazed by the sight of whales and dolphins on a whale-watching tour.

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DO & SEE



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Glaciers, geysers, hot springs and volcanoes are the exotic attractions that have drawn tourists to Iceland for a long time. Reykjavík itself has recently become one of the world's greatest weekend destinations and hosts visitors from across the world. Reykjavík also offers splendid architecture, fantastic shopping and a raft of cultural delights with Iceland's amazing natural wonders just around the corner.

Reykjavik Park And Zoo



Along with some 150 animals from 19 different species, including seals, foxes and reindeers, the zoo also features an amusement park with

rides and activities, and offers visitors the chance to ride an Icelandic horse. This is the ideal place for a day out with the family.

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Address: Múlavegi 2, 104 Reykjavík

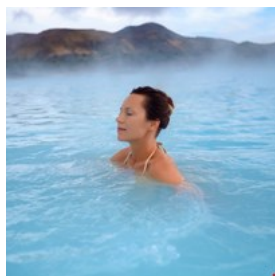
Opening hours: Summer: daily 10am-6pm. Winter: daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +354 411 5900

Internet: www.husdyragardur.is

Email: postur@husdyragardur.is

The Thermal Beach In Reykjavík - Nautholsvik



Nautholsvik is one of the few places in Iceland where you can take a dip in the sea, which, in most of the other locations, is normally too cold for

swimming. Here you can find a thermal beach where natural hot water flows out into the sea and allows Icelanders and tourists to swim in the Atlantic waves.

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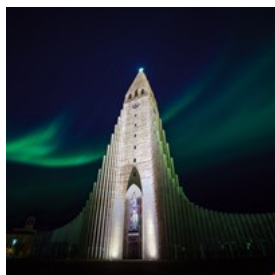
Address: Nautholsvik, 108 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Mon and Wed 11am-2pm and 5pm-8pm. Fri 11am-2pm. Sat 11am-4pm

Phone: +354 511 6630

Internet: www.nautholsvik.is

Hallgrímskirkja Church



Take the lift to the top of this 75-metre high and incredibly iconic church for amazing views of the Icelandic capital.

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Address: Hallgrímstorg 1, 101 Reykjavík

Phone: +354 510 1000

Internet: www.hallgrimskirkja.is

Email: kirkjuverdir@hallgrimskirkja.is

Reykjavík Art Museum



Spread over three different buildings, this museum focuses on modern and contemporary art, featuring the works of

some of Iceland's most famous artists. It is also committed to showcasing new talents. Different exhibitions are held at different times of the

year.

Info about the three locations:

Hafnarhús

Tryggvagata 17, 101 Reykjavík

+354 411 6400

Open daily 10am-5pm and on Thursdays

10am-10pm

Kjarvalsstaðir

Flókagata 24, 105 Reykjavík

+354 411 6420

Open daily 10am-5pm

Ásmundarsafn

Sigtúni, 105 Reykjavík

+354 411 6430

Open daily: May-September 10am-5pm,

October-April 1pm-5pm

Photo: Jennifer Boyer / Flickr.com (image cropped)

Internet: www.artmuseum.is

Email: listasafn@reykjavik.is

Reykjavik City Museum



This open air museum was established in 1957 and aims to give visitors an idea of Icelandic architecture and the lifestyle on the island in

the past.

Photo: Palmi Gudmundsson / Shutterstock.com

Address: Grandagarður 8, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: June-August: daily 10am-5pm.

September-May: daily 1pm-5pm. Closed December 25 and January 1

Phone: +354 411 6300

Internet: www.arbaejarsafn.is

Whale Watching



Watch minke, humpback and killer whales, seals and dolphins on one of the many whale watching tours that depart from Reykjavik, during which

you almost always spot some of these magnificent mammals.

Find more at:

www.whalewatching.is

www.specialtours.is

Photo: Pexels / Pixabay.com

National Museum



A comprehensive picture of the Icelandic history from the Settlement to the present day. The museum holds up to three thousand objects. Among them you'll find most of the greatest treasures of the Icelandic nation.

Photo: Monkey Business Images / Shutterstock.com

Address: Suðurgata 41, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +354 530 2200

Internet: www.natmus.is

Email: thjodminjasafn@thjodminjasafn.is

Horseback Riding



The Icelandic horses are sturdy and very strong, the direct descendants of the horses first brought to Iceland in the Viking Age. They have an extra

gait which is unique to the breed, and their friendly nature is perfect for first-timers. Horse riding tours are available in beautiful sites on the outskirts of Reykjavík. The trips can be from one

hour to a whole day or even longer.

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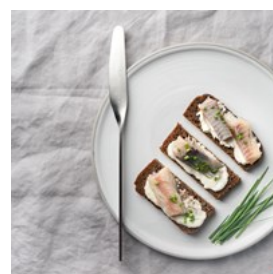
DINING



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Foodies will find plenty to keep them happy when wining and dining in the nation's capital. Reykjavík has an astounding variety of restaurants, offering both traditional and international cuisine prepared with the freshest ingredients. Icelandic cuisine is characterised by an imaginative use of pure Icelandic ingredients such as fresh fish and seafood, organic lamb and wild game. Be sure not to miss the Icelandic hot dog. The highly acclaimed "city's best" can be found at the "Bæjarins Beztu" hot dog stand on Tryggvagata near Reykjavík Harbour.

Kol



This restaurant has an interesting design concept that mixes a warm, modern Icelandic feel with international touches. Pieces of

furniture by designer Tom Dixon play the main role.

The cuisine focuses on feel good comfort food with a twist on classic cuisine. The menu offers a variety of finger food, salads, fish, steaks and

desserts.

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Address: Skólavörðustíg 40, 101 Reykjavík
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Phone: +354 517 7474
Internet: kolrestaurant.is/en
Email: info@kolrestaurant.is

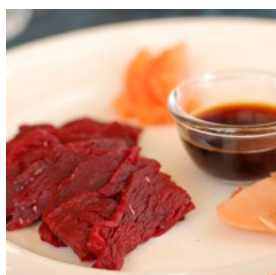
Kopar



Kopar focuses on Icelandic ingredients from both land and sea. The fresh quality products used guarantee a dining experience that reflects the great Icelandic produce.

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Address: Geirsgata 3, 101 Reykjavík
Opening hours: Lunch: Mon-Sat 12pm-3pm. Dinner: Sun-Thu 5pm-10:30pm, Fri-Sat 5pm-11:30pm
Phone: +354 567 2700
Internet: www.koparrestaurant.is
Email: info@koparrestaurant.is

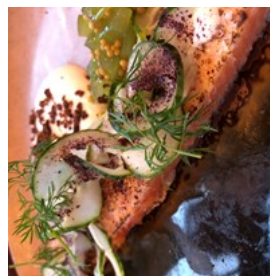
Grillmarkaðurinn (The Grill Market)



Grillmarkaðurinn is a new and fresh restaurant with an emphasis on Icelandic cuisine. The produces used are of finest quality, seasonal and straight from the Icelandic farms.

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Address: Lækjargata 2a, 101 Reykjavík
Opening hours: Lunch: Mon-Fri 11:30am-2pm. Dinner: Sun-Thu 5:30pm-10:30pm, Fri-Sat 5:30pm-11:30pm
Phone: +354 571 7777
Internet: www.grillmarkadurinn.is/en
Email: info@grillmarkadurinn.is

Fiskmarkaðurinn / Fish Market



Fish Market Restaurant uses Iceland's freshest ingredients to prepare original fish, meat and sweet dishes with a modern twist. They buy directly from the country's farmers and fishermen to guarantee the sustainability and quality of the dishes.

Fish Market is housed in one of the oldest buildings in Reykjavík's city centre. Head Chef Hrefna Rósa Sætran of the Icelandic National Culinary team has designed a menu using the freshest fish and meat of the season, cooking it simply in modern style.

Guests can watch each dish being prepared in the open kitchen, which has the country's only robata grill, or sit at the raw bar where the chefs create exotic dishes.

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Address: Aðalstræti 12, 101 Reykjavík
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 5:30pm-10:30pm. Fri-Sat 5:30pm-11:30pm
Phone: +354 578 8877
Internet: www.fiskmarkadurinn.is
Email: info@fiskmarkadurinn.is

Forréttabarinn



Forréttabarinn specialises in starters and is located close to the Old Harbor.

Photo: Karen Bryan / Flickr.com (image cropped)
Address: Nýlendugata 14, 101 Reykjavík
Opening hours: Daily 4pm-11pm. Kitchen closes at 10pm
Phone: +354 517 1800

Internet: www.forrettabarinn.is

Email: info@forrettabarinn.is

Kolabrautin Ristorante



Literally called "The Coal Trail", this modern restaurant uses the best Icelandic ingredients to prepare traditional Mediterranean recipes -

an interesting concept. The view from Kolabrautin is fascinating and adds a magical touch to your evening, along with the enticing a la carte menu and ambitious wine list from the New World.

Photo: [DrawsAndCooks / Pixabay.com](#)

Address: Austurbakki 1, 101 Reykjavík

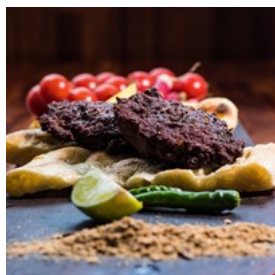
Opening hours: Tue-Sat from 5:30pm. Kitchen closes at 10pm

Phone: +354 519 9700

Internet: www.kolabrautin.is/en

Email: info@kolabrautin.is

Gandhi Indian Restaurant and Bar



With fresh Icelandic ingredients and spices personally imported from India, this restaurant's creations are simply fabulous.

Photo: [GOLDINPIC / Pixabay.com](#)

Address: Bergstaðastræti 13, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 5:30pm-10pm. Fri-Sat 5:30pm-11pm

Phone: +354 511 1691

Internet: www.gandhi.is

Email: gandhi@gandhi.is

Gló



Gló Restaurant is one of the most popular healthy food restaurants in Iceland. It takes pride in always using the freshest ingredients and buying as much as possible from Icelandic farmers. The Laugavegur branch is vegan.

Photo: [sarsmis / Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Laugavegur 20b, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-9pm. Sat-Sun 11:30am-9pm

Phone: +354 553 1111

Internet: www.glo.is

Email: glo@glo.is

Fjalakötturinn



Fjalakötturinn is situated in the heart of Reykjavík and the food inspires all of the senses with its chic ambiance, superb, gastro style restaurant and gracious service.

Photo: [Ale_Koziura / Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Aðalstræti 16, 101 Reykjavík

Phone: +354 514 6000

Internet: www.fjalakotturinn.is

Ítalía Veitingahús



Ítalía is one of the oldest Italian restaurants in Reykjavík and offers a varied menu of Italian specialities in a cozy atmosphere. It is centrally located in the heart of Laugavegur main street and offers moderate prices.

Photo: [stockcreations / Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Laugarvegur 11, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Daily from 11:30am

Phone: +354 552 4630
Internet: www.italia.is
Email: italia@italia.is

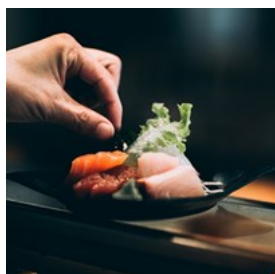
Austur-Indíafélagið



Reykjavik's premier Indian restaurant. Offers a unique combination of Indian traditions and Icelandic ingredients and uses exotic homegrown spices shipped directly from India. Celebrities such as Harrison Ford have dined here and given the place rave reviews.

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Address: Hverfisgata 56, 101 Reykjavík
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 6pm-10pm. Fri-Sat 6pm-11pm
Phone: +354 552 1630
Internet: www.austurindia.is
Email: austurindia@austurindia.is

Sushi Social



Sushi Social offers a unique fusion of Japanese and South American cuisine combined with the freshness of Icelandic ingredients. The Sushi Social menu is created to fully capture and draw from those influences and offers a wide array of great selections, exciting small courses, new style sushi and even an amazing steak platter – perfect for two.

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Address: Þingholtsstræti 5, 101 Reykjavík
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 5pm-11pm. Fri-Sat 5pm-12am
Phone: +354 568 6600
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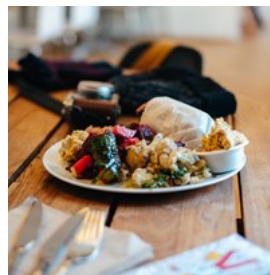
Tapas Barinn



Tapas Barinn offers traditional Spanish tapas together with 'Icelandic'-style tapas, in a warm setting in the city centre.

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Address: Vesturgata 3b, 101 Reykjavík
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 5pm-11:30pm. Fri-Sat 5pm-1am
Phone: +354 551 2344
Internet: www.tapas.is
Email: tapas@tapas.is

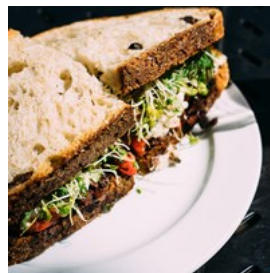
Snaps Bistro Bar



Snaps is a bistro-style restaurant that takes influences from Scandinavian cuisine, great for breakfast, lunch or dinner, or just having a glass of something with good friends. It's located in Downtown Reykjavík.

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Address: Óðinstorgur, 101 Reykjavík
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 11:30am-11pm. Fri-Sat 11:30am-12am
Phone: +354 511 6677
Internet: www.snapsbistro.is
Email: snaps@snaps.is

Happ



This restaurant offers honest food, made from fresh ingredients. Their motto is cooking food they'd like to eat: nutritious, exciting, convenient and fairly priced. Service is quick and professional.

Photo: [Jaymantri / Pexels.com](https://www.pexels.com/photo/sandwich-by-jaymantri/)

Address: Katrínartúni 2, 105 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-4pm

Phone: +354 414 3060

Internet: www.happ.is

Email: happ@happ.is

Slippbarinn



Early until late, Slippbarinn is where you can experience Reykjavík like a local while enjoying exciting events such as Icelandic music, art and even some refreshing stand-up comedy. This is the perfect place to gather with old and new friends over a drink in the hippest part of town. The drink menu has an impressive selection of wine and cocktails that will melt the heart of those who love a nice drink.

Feeling hungry? Enjoy zesty and affordable bites at any time of the day and evenings and enjoy at Slippbarinn. Here you can see our main menu.

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Address: Myrargata 2, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Sun-Wed 11:30pm-12am. Thu-Sat 11:30am-1am

Phone: +354 560 8080

Internet: www.slippbarinn.is/en

Email: slippbarinn@icehotels.is

Prikið



A 50s-style diner during the day and a nightclub on weekends. Used to be the oldest continuously running traditional coffeehouse on the street, but caters now to a younger clientele.

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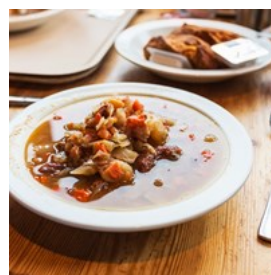
Address: Bankastræti 12, 101 Reykjavík

Phone: +354 551 2866

Internet: www.prikid.is

Email: prikid@prikid.is

Lækjarbrekka



A classic restaurant in one of the oldest buildings in the city. Specialities include Icelandic seafood, lamb and other traditional dishes.

Photo: vvoe / Shutterstock.com

Address: Bankastræti 2, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Daily from 11:30am

Phone: +354 551 4430

Internet: www.laekjarbrekka.is

Email: info@laekjarbrekka.is

1919 Restaurant & Lounge



Guests enjoy the on-site 1919 Restaurant & Lounge, offering delicious cuisine and creative drinks. The fresh, local ingredients of Reykjavík comprise this restaurant's dishes, served in a chic, soothing setting.

Photo: Free-Photos / Pixabay.com

Address: Pósthússtræti 2, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Mon-Thu: 6:30am-12am. Fri-Sat:

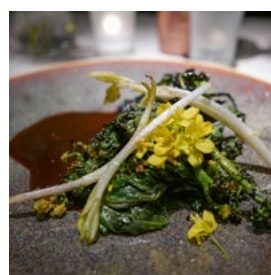
6:30am-1am. Sun 6:30am-12am

Phone: +354 599 1050

Internet: www.radissonblu.com/1919hotel-reykjavik/dining

Email: 1919.restaurant@radissonblu.com

VOX Brasserie & Bar



The award-winning VOX Restaurant, located at the Hilton Reykjavík Nordica Hotel, has a reputation as one of the highest-quality restaurants in Reykjavík.

The modern menu changes with the seasons.

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Address: Suðurlandsbraut 2, 108 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-11pm. Kitchen closes at 10pm

Phone: +354 444 5050

Internet: www.vox.is/en

Email: vox@icehotels.is

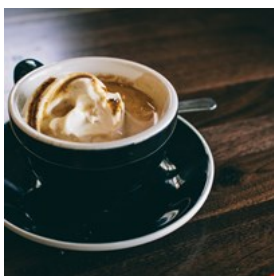
CAFES



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Reykjavík boasts a great café culture, with residents regularly meeting up with friends and family for coffee, cake and little talks. An Icelandic hot chocolate is a great way to warm those cold bones after a day spent exploring the city. Many cafes also host live music and entertainment.

Uppsalir Bar & Cafe



cakes.

Stylish bar and café – the perfect place for a relaxing coffee or drink by the fireplace, it serves light courses, Icelandic dishes and delicious

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Address: Aðalstræti 16, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Thu-Sat 11:30am-11pm

Phone: +354 514 6000

Internet: www.islandshotel.is

Email: info@hotelcentrum.is

Kaffitár



One of Reykjavík's most popular coffee companies, serving some of the best coffee in the country. The company owns different

locations.

Find their first coffee shop, in downtown Reykjavík, at:

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Address: Bankastræti 8, 101 Reykjavík

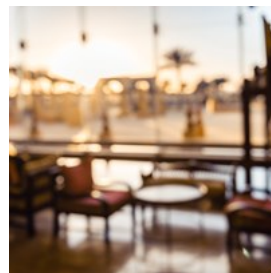
Opening hours: Mon-Sun 7am-6pm

Phone: +354 420 2732

Internet: www.kaffitar.is

Email: gudrundr@kaffitar.is

Mokka Kaffi



For a retro coffee-house atmosphere, head to Mokka, Reykjavík's oldest coffee bar, which has not changed since its opening in 1957.

Photo: Borphy / Shutterstock.com

Address: Skólavörðustíg 3a, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Daily 9am-6:30pm

Phone: +354 552 1174

Internet: www.mokka.is

Email: mokkakaffi@gmail.com

Café Babalú



This cafe is an institution in Reykjavík: in addition to offering great hot chocolate, sweets and vegetarian food, it boasts an outstanding

alternative decor, teeming with wall art, pop culture quotes and vintage-style furniture.

Photo: rawpixel / Unsplash.com

Address: Skólavörðustígur 22a, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 9am-11pm. Tue 6pm-11pm

Phone: +354 555 8845

Email: cafebabalu@hotmail.com

Prikið



A 50s-style diner during the day and a nightclub on weekends. Used to be the oldest continuously running traditional coffeehouse on the street, but caters now to a younger clientele.

Photo: Free-Photos / Pixabay.com

Address: Bankastræti 12, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 8am-1am. Fri 8am-4:30am. Sat 11am-4:30pm. Sun 11am-1am

Phone: +354 551 2866

Internet: www.prikid.is

Email: prikid@prikid.is

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



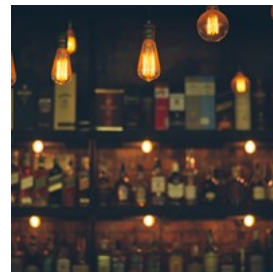
Melinda Nagy / Shutterstock.com

Walking through the Reykjavík city centre during the day, and doing the same after hours when the party is well under way, are two completely different experiences. Reykjavík is well known for its vibrant nightlife, with trendy bars and clubs open until the early hours of the morning. Whether you are interested in listening to live music or dancing the night away, you are sure to find something to your liking.

Bars & Clubs - The distinction between cafés, pubs, bars and clubs is far from clear in Reykjavík, with many daytime cafés turning into tightly packed bars and clubs as the night goes on. Many are open until late (five in the morning) and it is not uncommon to spend all night in town on Friday and Saturday nights. Most bars and clubs are in the compact downtown area which makes it easy to test many different places.

Live Music - Reykjavík has a very eclectic music scene which goes far beyond what you might have heard about Bjork and Sigur Rós. The scene is made up of a large number of genres, with everything from hardcore punk rock and indie to chamber music and hip-hop. You can take in a concert almost every night of the week.

Slippbarinn



Early until late, Slippbarinn is where you can experience Reykjavík like a local while enjoying Icelandic music, art and sometimes stand-up

comedy. Located in a hip quarter next to the Reykjavík Dry Dock, it offers zesty and affordable meals, a cosy and quirky sit-down café space with colourful wallpaper, fresh flowers and peculiar decor, and a great sea and mountain view. The drink menu has an impressive selection of wine and cocktails.

Photo: Picnote / Shutterstock.com

Address: Mýrargata 2, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 6:30am-12am. Fri-Sat 6:30am

Phone: +354 560 8080

Internet: www.slippbarinn.is/en

Email: slippbarinn@icehotels.is

B5



Trendy lounge-style bistro-bar with a Scandinavian focus on the menu. Enormous Phillipe Stark lampshades and giant leather sofas, light meals and extensive drinks list.

Photo: kaboompics / Pixabay.com

Address: Bankastræti 5, 101 Reykjavík

Phone: +354 552 9600

Internet: www.b5.is

Email: b5@b5.is

Prikid



A 50s-style diner during the day and a nightclub on weekends. Used to be the oldest continuously running traditional coffeehouse on the street, but caters now to a younger clientele.

Photo: Free-Photos / Pixabay.com

Address: Bankastræti 12

Phone: +354 551 2866

Internet: www.prikid.is

Email: prikid@prikid.is

1919 Restaurant & Lounge



Well appreciated by guests, 1919 Restaurant & Lounge offers delicious cuisine and creative drinks. The fresh, local ingredients of Reykjavík comprise this restaurant's dishes, served in a chic, soothing setting.

Photo: Free-Photos / Pixabay.com

Address: Pósthússtræti 2, 101 Reykjavík

Phone: +354 599 1050

Internet: www.radissonblu.com/1919hotel-reykjavik/dining

Email: 1919.restaurant@radissonblu.com

Gaukurinn



Iceland's oldest pub is going strong, featuring live rock concerts from a mix of mainstream and underground bands.

There's something

coming out almost every night, including stand-up comedy shows and karaoke parties.

Photo: Free-Photos / Pixabay.com

Address: Tryggvagata 22, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 2pm-1am. Fri-Sat 2pm-3am

Phone: +354 588 1556

Internet: www.gaukurinn.is

Email: rekstrarstjori@gaukurinn.is

Kaffibarinn



Kaffibarinn is a hip bar with a bohemian atmosphere. It was featured in the film 101 Reykjavík and is part-owned by Damon

Albarn of Blur/Gorillaz fame.

Photo: Stuart Monk / Shutterstock.com

Address: Bergstaðastræti 1, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 3pm-1am. Fri-Sat 3pm-4:30am

Phone: +354 551 1588

Internet: www.facebook.com/kaffibarinn

Email: kaffibar@gmail.com

EVENTS



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Lovers of arts and culture are in for a real treat in Reykjavík. From the Icelandic sagas to contemporary art, Reykjavík has a buzzing culture scene. A constant flow of innovative musical happenings, theatrical performances and culture events keeps locals and visitors entertained all year round.

Winter Lights Festival



The festival celebrates both the winter world and the growing light after a long period of darkness. The programme is a mixture of art and

industry, environment and history, sports and culture.

This event takes place the first weekend in February each year.

Photo: James Baldwin/Unsplash.com
Phone: +354 411 6000
Internet: www.winterlightsfestival.is
Email: vetrarhatid@reykjavik.is

Food and Fun



Every year, world-renowned chefs collaborate with Reykjavík's finest restaurants where they compete to create a three-course meal using exclusively Icelandic ingredients.

Photo: [wavebreakmedia / Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/wavebreakmedia)
Phone: +354 822 0220
Internet: www.foodandfun.is

Design March



and product design.

Iceland's most important annual design festivals, covering all fields of design -including architecture, graphic design, fashion, furniture

Photo: [Sigridstock / Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/Sigridstock)
Phone: +354 771 2200
Internet: www.designmarch.is
Email: info@honnunarmidstod.is

Children's Cultural Festival



One of the largest festivals held by the City of Reykjavík, with around 150 free events for children. The festival places emphasis on participation, focusing particularly on the child as an artist.

Photo: [2xSamara.com / Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/2xSamara.com)
Phone: +354 411 6000
Internet: www.barnamenningarhatid.is
Email: barnamenningarhatid@reykjavik.is

Festival of the Sea



This is an event honouring the sea and fishery in Iceland, with a diverse programme of events from Saturday morning until Sunday afternoon.

Photo: Jay Yuan / Shutterstock.com
Internet: www.hatidhafsins.is/english
Email: web@hatidhafsins.is

Iceland National Day



The celebrations take place all over the capital area. The programme includes family-oriented entertainment, concerts, outdoor play sets, variety shows and street happenings.

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Phone: +354 411 6000
Internet: www.17juni.is
Email: 17juni@reykjavik.is

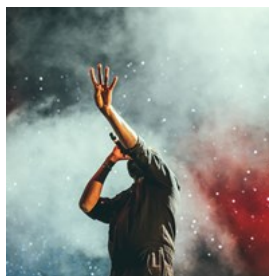
Hafnarfjörður Viking Festival



The oldest and largest event of its kind in Iceland. Hafnarfjörður has been a playground for Vikings demonstrating through the years most aspects of the Viking culture.

Photo: Anna Kepa / Shutterstock.com
Phone: +354 565 1213
Internet: www.fjorukrain.is/en/about-the-festival
Email: booking@vikingvillage.is

Secret Solstice



An Icelandic music festival showcasing both established artists and exciting up-and-coming talent over three days in the 24-hour midnight sun of the summer solstice.

Photo: StockSnap / Pixabay.com
Phone: +354 776 2750
Internet: www.secretsolstice.is
Email: info@secretsolstice.is

Reykjavik Pride



This colourful event brings tens of thousands of people into the city centre to show solidarity and have fun with the LGBT community in Reykjavík.

Photo: Gyorgy Demko / Shutterstock.com
Internet: www.hinsegindagar.is
Email: pride@hinsegindagar.is

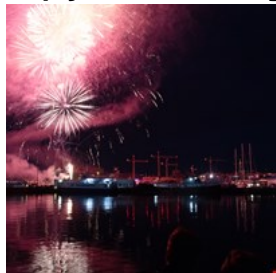
Reykjavík Marathon



The race consists of six different distances, enabling people of all age groups and fitness levels to find a suitable run for them. Register early, the entry fee will increase as it comes closer to the race.

Photo: Matito / Flickr.com (image cropped)
Phone: +354 535 3700
Internet: www.rmi.is/en

Reykjavik Culture Night



music and fireworks.

Each year thousands of residents and visitors share a delightful day of fun, food and festivities, all topped-off with a sensational evening of

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Phone: +354 411 6000

Internet: www.culturenight.is

Email: menningarnott@reykjavik.is

Reykjavik International Film Festival (RIFF)



film making to a larger audience.

A major independent film event designed to enrich local cinema culture with international ground-breaking films, and to present Icelandic

Photo: Free-Photos / Pixabay.com

Phone: +354 411 7055

Internet: www.riff.is

Email: riff@riff.is

Illumination of the Imagine Peace Tower on Viðey Island



Lennon's Birthday.

Every year Yoko Ono invites guests on a complimentary ferry trip to the island to take part in a beautiful illumination ceremony on John

Photo: badahos / Shutterstock.com

Internet: www.imaginepeacetower.com

Email: wish@imaginepeacetower.com

Iceland Airwaves



The festival is regarded as the biggest celebration of music in Iceland and boasts an unrivalled line-up of established and up-and-coming artists.

Photo: Free-Photos / Pixabay.com

Phone: +354 558 4400

Internet: www.icelandairwaves.is

Email: info@icelandairwaves.is

Lighting of the Oslo Christmas Tree



important tradition for Icelanders.

For decades the lighting of the Oslo Christmas Tree has marked the beginning of our Christmas preparations and has become an

Photo: AnnieSpratt / Pixabay.com

Internet: www.visitreykjavik.is/lighting-oslo-christmas-tree-0

Advent Festival



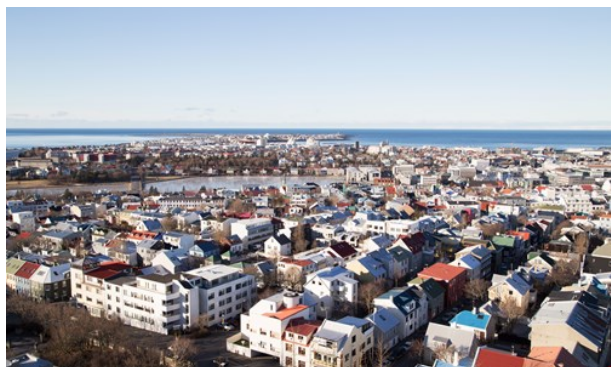
culture-inspired events and activities.

A Christmas season with displays of enchanting Northern Lights, thirteen Santa Clauses (Yule Lads), Christmas markets, and

Photo: Roberto La Rosa / Shutterstock.com

Internet: www.visitreykjavik.is/december-in-reykjavik

SHOPPING



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Reykjavík's are known for their innovative design style. Walk up Laugavegur or Skólavörðustígur, the city's main shopping streets, and you'll spot arts and crafts galleries, music and bookstores, jewellery shops and much more. One-of-a-kind Icelandic jewels often incorporate local semi-precious stones or pieces of lava rock. Locally created fashion products are fascinating and varied, from handbags made of fish skin to a delicate woollen tops.

On weekends, you will find the Flea Market (Kolaportið) by Reykjavík Harbour overflowing with bric-a-brac and Icelandic delicacies, such as fermented shark, dried fish, tons of liquorice and much more!

You can also find electronics, camping equipment, book shops, record stores and gift shops around Reykjavík, plus several shopping malls handily located on the outskirts of the city.

Downtown Shopping



On Laugavegur, its side streets and on the neighbouring street Skólavörðustígur, you will

find everything from designer labels to streetwear, plus jewellery, arts and crafts, quirky souvenirs and unique Icelandic design products.

Photo: Rawpixel.com / Shutterstock.com

Address: Laugavegur, 101 Reykjavík

Tax-free Shopping

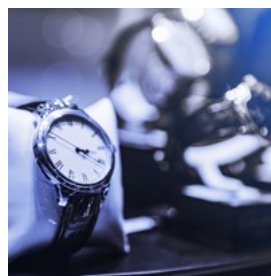


As a visitor to Iceland, whenever you buy goods for more than ISK 4,000 in one shop, you are entitled to a partial tax refund. Participating shops normally display a Tax-Free Shopping sticker in the window.

When buying the products in the shop you'll pay the full price, but you should ask for a "tax-free" form, which entitles you to a 15% refund on the goods you've just bought. The money can be refunded at the Reykjavík Tourist Information Office in the city centre, or at the airport when you leave.

Photo: Roberto La Rosa / Shutterstock.com

Michelsen Watchmakers



Watchmaker offering high quality watches and jewellery. Brands include Rolex, Hugo Boss, Diesel and Georg Jensen.

Photo: Creative Lab / Shutterstock.com

Address: Laugavegur 15, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm. Sat 10am-5pm

Phone: +354 511 1900

Internet: www.michelsenwatch.com

Email: info@michelsenwatch.com

Kirsuberjatréð



skin.

A top-notch gallery for unique Icelandic design artworks and giftware, including clothing, ceramics, jewellery and handbags made from fish

Photo: Prokrida / Shutterstock.com

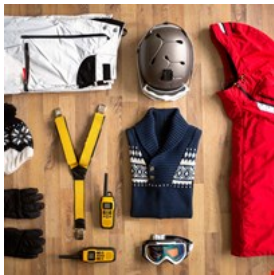
Address: Vesturgata 4, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-7pm and 8pm-10pm. Sat-Sun 10am-5pm

Phone: +354 562 8990

Internet: www.kirs.is

66° North



Originally a manufacturer of protective gear for Icelandic fishermen, 66° North offers high quality and versatile outdoor clothing.

Photo: Lucky Business / Shutterstock.com

Address: Bankastræti 5, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-8pm. Sun 10am-8pm

Phone: +354 535 6680

Internet: www.66north.is

Email: 66north@66north.is

SPAKS - Spaksmannsspjarir



nature and made of natural materials.

Translated as “wise men’s clothing”, Spaksmannsspjarir offers original Icelandic fashion design for women, inspired by Icelandic

Photo: Roxana Jifcovici / Shutterstock.com

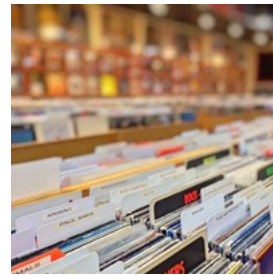
Address: Bankastræti 11, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12pm-6pm. Sat 12pm-4pm

Phone: +354 551 2090

Internet: www.spaks.is

12 Tonar



your visit.

This independent record shop stocks a wide selection of Icelandic music. The helpful staff can help you find the perfect audio souvenir of

Photo: Wokandapix / Pixabay.com

Address: Skólavörðustíg 15, 101 Reykjavík

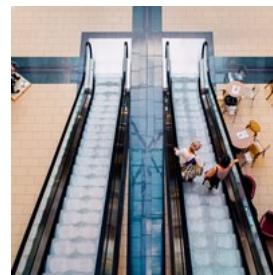
Opening hours: July to Mid-September: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 12pm-8pm. Rest of the year: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 12pm-6pm

Phone: +354 511 5656

Internet: www.12tonar.is

Email: 12tonar@12tonar.is

Kringlan



Located just outside the city centre, Kringlan boasts over 150 shops, restaurants and service outlets, including fashion wear, food stores and gifts. It also includes a multi-screen cinema and a food court. Reykjavík City Theatre is part of the same complex.

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Photo: fancycrave1 / Pixabay.com

Address: Kringlunni 4-12, 103 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 10am-6:30pm. Thu 10am-9pm. Fri 10am-7pm. Sat 19am-6pm. Sun 1pm-6pm

Phone: +354 517 9000

Internet: en.kringlan.is

Email: kringlan@kringlan.is

Smaralind Mall



The Smaralind shopping centre is located in the geographical centre of the Reykjavík Capital Area. It has around 70 shops and other service outlets, including multi-national shopping chains, a variety of fashion stores, supermarkets, gift shops, a multi-screen cinema, and several cafés and restaurants.

Photo: jarmoluk / Pixabay.com

Address: Hagasmári 1, 201 Kópavogur

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 11am-7pm. Thu-Fri 11am-9pm. Sat 11am-6pm. Sun 1pm-6pm

Phone: +354 528 8000

Internet: www.smaralind.is/english

Email: smaralind@smaralind.is

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Reykjavik is closer than you think. Flight time is 2-4 hours from Europe and 5-6 hours from east coast USA.

It is also a compact city which is easy to navigate, whether on your own two feet or by public transport. In addition, magnificent countryside awaits just minutes away from the city centre. Visit the Reykjavík Tourist Information Centre for help in planning your activities.

When exploring Reykjavík, do not be afraid to

stop and ask for directions, since people are very friendly and almost everyone speaks English.

Passport / Visa



Iceland can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea,

Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com

Best Time to Visit



In summer you'll find the warmest temperatures (usually in the low 20°C), beautiful green landscapes, and an exciting choice of events -

see our dedicated section for more info. As summer is the most popular time to visit, though, expect crowds of tourists.

A great attraction of Icelandic summers is the midnight sun: darkness lasts for a very short time, especially in June. Head for the countryside, where there are fewer artificial lights, to get the most ethereal views. July and August, the warmest months, are the best for hikers. May to September is the best period to go

whale-watching, peaking in June and July. If you're interested in the Northern lights, visit in February-March or September-October, and remember to pack warm clothes against the less-than-idyllic weather.

Photo: VectorA

Airports



All international flights land at the Keflavík International Airport, located near the town of Keflavík, about 50 kilometres from

Reykjavík.
Keflavík International Airport
+354 425 6000
www.isavia.is/en/keflavik-airport

Flybus is the airport shuttle that runs between the Keflavík International Airport and the city of Reykjavík. The shuttle schedule is coordinated with airline flight schedules. The bus stops at many of the larger hotels in the city to drop off and pick up travellers. For further information on the Flybus schedule and fares visit www.flybus.is.

Reykjavík's domestic airport, situated near the city centre, operates flights to other parts of the country and to Greenland and the Faroe Islands. All major towns in the country have their own airports. On certain routes, you can also choose to fly one way, and take the bus the other way. For further information on scheduled domestic flights, contact Air Iceland.

Air Iceland
Reykjavík Airport
+354 570 3030
www.airicelandconnect.com

Photo: Juan Garces

Public Transport



Reykjavík has an excellent bus system. Most buses run every 10-20 minutes, and every 30 minutes in the evening and on weekends. Bus information is available at the Lækjartorg bus station, at the Reykjavík Tourist Information Centre and on www.bus.is.

A flat fare is charged on the buses. You may need to change buses: ask for a skiptimidi (transfer ticket) on the first bus and you will not have to pay again on the second bus if changing within 45 minutes.

The Reykjavík Tourist Card, available at the Reykjavík Tourist Information Centre in addition to many hotels, museums and other outlets, offers unlimited bus travel for 24, 48 or 72 hours and unlimited access to most Reykjavík museums and thermal baths. Find more at www.visitreykjavik.is/city-card.

A great way to see all the main sites in one go and with an excellent view, is with the hop on - hop off city sightseeing bus operated from May to mid-September.

Coaches make regular trips from Reykjavík to various towns and places around Iceland. Tickets are sold at the BSI Coach Terminal, situated close to the city centre. Visit the Reykjavík Tourist Information Centre for information about visiting other parts of the country.

BSI Terminal
Vatnsmýrarvegi 10, 101 Reykjavík
Tel: +354 580 5400

www.bsi.is

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



Several taxi companies operate in Reykjavík. Taxi ranks are dotted around the city and the taxi companies have phone numbers that you can call

to get a taxi from anywhere in the city. Some have special offers for transport to and from Keflavík International Airport. All taxis have official mileage meters, and taxi fares are charged at standard rates. There is no need to tip.

Hreyfill-Baejarleidir Taxis
+354 588 5522
www.hreyfill.is/en

B.S.R. Taxis
+354 561 0000
www.taxireykjavik.is

Photo: Taxi

Car Hire Service



Many visitors enjoy the freedom of renting a vehicle and seeing the sights beyond Reykjavík at their own pace. Cars of all types and sizes can be

rented at Reykjavík's many car rental agencies. Special offers may be available in conjunction with flight bookings. Check at the Reykjavík Tourist Information Centre.

It is in general easy and safe to drive in Iceland.

However, driving conditions can be different to what visitors are used to at home and special care must be taken when driving in the highlands. Visitors are advised to always seek information and guidance prior to setting off on their journey. Guides to safe driving can be accessed on the Traffic Directorate's website: www.icetra.is.

Find a selection of car rentals here:

Avis Car Rental
Holtagarðar Parking, 104 Reykjavík
Tel: +354 591 4000
www.avis.is

Budget Car Rental
Holtagarðar Parking, Holtavegur 10, 104 Reykjavík
Tel: +354 562 6060
www.budget.is

Hertz Car Rental
Flugvallarvegur 5, 101 Reykjavík
Tel: +354 522 4400
www.hertz.is

Photo: matsabe / Shutterstock.com

Pharmacy



Find a centrally located pharmacy in Reykjavík at:

Photo: Gemma Garner
Address: Lágmúla 5, 108 Reykjavík
Opening hours: Daily 8am-12am
Phone: +354 533 2300
Internet: www.lyfja.is/english

Post



Post boxes in Iceland are red and bear the sign "Posturinn". In Iceland, you will find stamps in many souvenir shops, bookstores, and of course post offices.

Find a centrally located post office in Reykjavík at:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Pósthússtræti 5, 101 Reykjavík

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm

Phone: +354 580 1000

Internet: www.postur.is

Email: postur@postur.is

Telephone



The code into Iceland from overseas is +354 plus a seven-digit number. There are no area codes.

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



230 V / 50 Hz. Power sockets type F.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

Reykjavík 127,000. Greater Reykjavík 214,000

Currency

1 Icelandic Króna (ISK) = 100 Aurar

Opening hours

The opening hours of most businesses are from 9:00 until 17:00. Some companies and institutions change their work hours to 8:00 to 16:00 in the summer months.

Shopping hours are generally from 10:00 until 18:00 weekdays (Monday to Friday). On Saturdays, most shops are open from 10:00 until 16:00, while some are closed on Saturdays in summer. Most shops are closed on Sundays, but both shopping centres are open daily.

The following days are public holidays in Iceland. Most shops and businesses are closed on these days, but on many public holidays some food stores remain open.

- New Year's Day: 1 January
- Maundy Thursday: the Thursday before Easter
- Good Friday: the Friday before Easter
- Easter Sunday
- Easter Monday
- May Day: 1 May
- Ascension Day: the Thursday 40 days after Easter
- Whit Sunday: the seventh Sunday after Easter
- Whit Monday: the day after Whit Sunday
- National Day: 17 June
- Summer Bank Holiday: the first Monday in August
- Christmas Eve: public holiday from noon
- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day: the day after Christmas
- New Year's Eve: public holiday from noon.

Newspapers

The Reykjavík Grapevine (www.grapevine.is)

Morgunbladid (www.mbl.is)

Dagbladid Visi (www.visir.is)

Emergency numbers

Single Emergency Number: 112

Tourist information

Reykjavík Official Tourist Information Centre:

Tjarnargata 11, Reykjavík

Tel: +354 411 6040

Open daily 8am-8pm

www.visitreykjavik.is

info@visitreykjavik.is

Here you will find detailed info for the whole country, a free booking service, maps, brochures and internet access.