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## General Information

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With this travel guide you will find all the information on available services and geosites in Reykjanes Peninsula in order to ease your journey and make it a memorable experience.

We hope that you will find it useful. We also recommend our website: [visitreykjanes.is](http://visitreykjanes.is) where you will find additional information about the Reykjanes Peninsula, upcoming events in the area and much, much more.

**We wish you an enjoyable stay in Reykjanes Peninsula.**



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# Welcome to Reykjanes Peninsula

For most visitors to Iceland, Reykjanes Peninsula marks the beginning of an exciting adventure. As the coastline draws near and the plane prepares to land at Keflavík International Airport, the wrinkled lava, naked hills and mountains, yawning craters and spirals of geothermal steam in the virtually treeless environment stands out in vivid contrast to most travellers' memories of home.

Iceland is a natural paradise and Reykjanes is the first step of the journey into that wonderland; a region that beckons to be explored and enjoyed, with its own geological drama and unique personality that play out across the landscape. Reykjanes Peninsula is a **UNESCO** Global Geopark- a cultural, geographical, and historical treasure trove.

With this official travel guide we would like to introduce you to the wide variety of attractions, activities and accommodation offered throughout the Reykjanes region. For your convenience, the guide has colour-coded sections to help you quickly find the area you are interested in.

We will continue to update and improve the guide and your comments and observations are most welcome. Please feel free to send us comments by email: [markadsstofa@visitreykjanes.is](mailto:markadsstofa@visitreykjanes.is)

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### Reykjanes Tourist Information Centre

Located in the Duus Museum the Reykjanes Tourist Information center can provide you with information on the local sites of Reykjanes peninsula, what to do and see and make your stay even more enjoyable. We offer assistance for planning your trip that suits your interests. We are glad to assist our guests and making your stay even better. The Tourists information center also houses the Reykjanes **UNESCO** Global Geopark visitors' center with an exhibition on the geology of the Reykjanes peninsula and where you can get the certificate for crossing the symbolic **Bridge Between Continents**.

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## Reykjanes Geopark visitor Centre

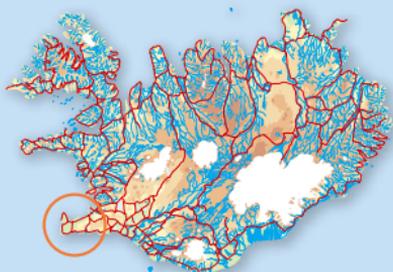
The Reykjanes geopark visitors' center is located in Duus museum, Reykjanesbæ. It serves as a regional tourist information where travelers can get general information about Reykjanes peninsula, Iceland and need to know information on traveling in Iceland. The visitors' center has an exhibition on the geology of the Reykjanes peninsula and its unique geology. A great place to get information about what you are seeing and experiencing when traveling in Reykjanes.

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## Towns & Regions

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## 1. Reykjanesbær

Reykjanesbær is the town closest to the international airport, only a short drive away. Reykjanesbær is made up of 3 main districts, Keflavik, Njarðvik and Hafnir. The town offers a great variety of options for guests traveling in Iceland. Within minutes from the international airport you will find all types of accommodations, restaurants, bars, shopping, museums and other attractions.

Reykjanes peninsula is one of Iceland's most geologically diverse areas in Iceland and Reykjanesbær is there for a great option for guests exploring the region with great connections to everything from natural wonders, the Bridge Between Continents, south shore to the Golden Circle.

-  [reykjanesbaer.is](http://reykjanesbaer.is)
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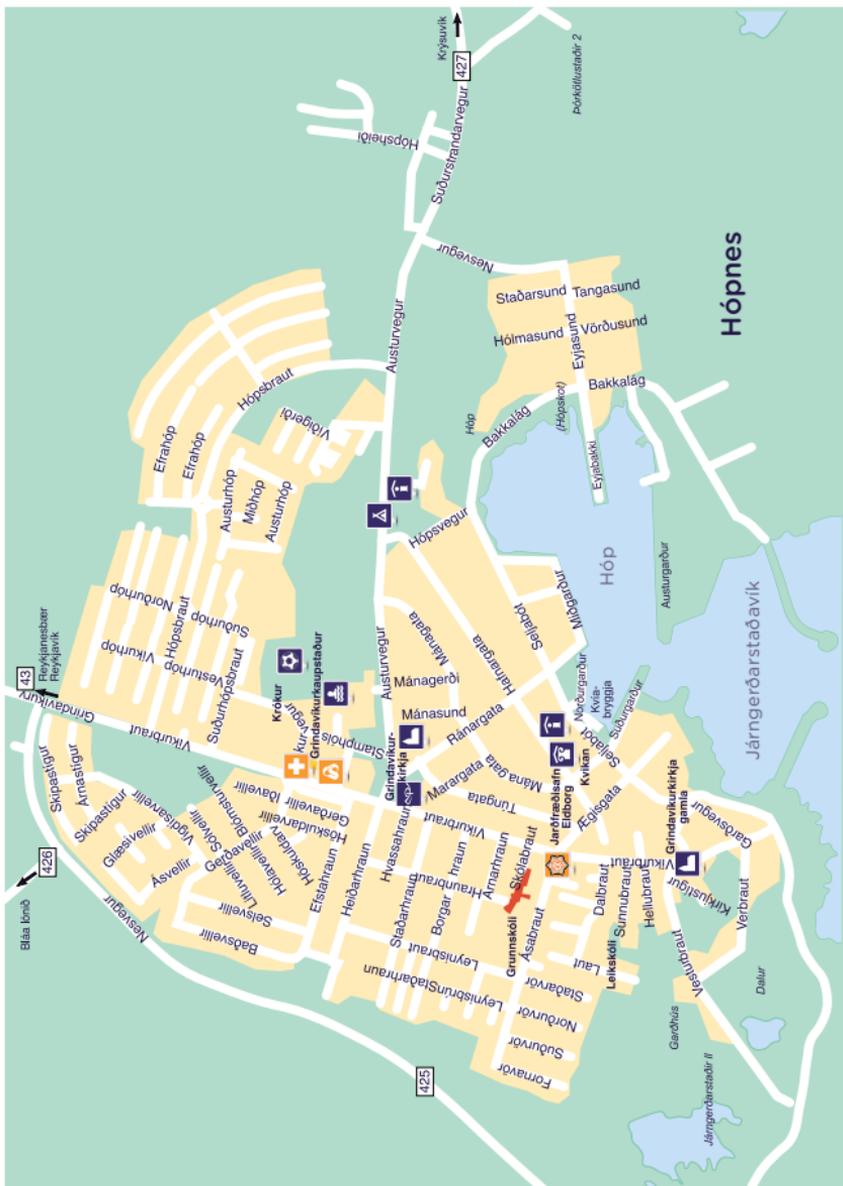








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## 2. Grindavík

Not only does the village of Grindavík have the honour being home to the world famous Blue Lagoon, but the small community offers visitors a surprising selection of possibilities for recreation, leisure activities and fun for the whole family. Marked hiking trails that wind their way across the moon-like landscape, a modern campground and swimming facilities, and one of Iceland's best golf courses are just a few of the many amenities found here.

For culture there is Kvikan - House of Culture and Natural Resources and for dining out there are several good restaurants that cater to all budgets and tastes.

 [grindavik.is](http://grindavik.is)

 [visitgrindavik.is](http://visitgrindavik.is)





### 3. Garður

Outdoor enthusiasts should not miss the chance to visit the town of Garður as they travel around Reykjanes Peninsula. Located in proximity to prime fishing grounds, Garður was once the most populated village on the peninsula. Nearby Garðskagi, at the very tip of the peninsula, provides magnificent sea views and two picturesque lighthouses. The area is known for its diverse birdlife, seals and dolphins that sometimes swim near the shore, white sand beaches and an interesting heritage museum with a collection of old machines on display. Garður is the hometown of the lead singer of the popular indie band Of Monsters and Men.

Local restaurant Röstin is very popular and the view from its balcony is beautiful, especially at sunset. Ideal for guests with tents, trailers and motorhomes, facilities at the local campsite include toilets, running water and electricity. Take a dip at the local swimming pool and relax in the hot tubs- a perfect way to end a busy day of sightseeing.

 [gardur.is](http://gardur.is)

 [visitgardur.is](http://visitgardur.is)

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## 4. Sandgerði

Sandgerði is one of the Iceland's major fishing communities and is located on the very northern tip of the peninsula. There are interesting things to do in the town, including birdwatching and golfing. A large variety of handmade souvenirs are on offer at the Listatorg souvenir shop and one can also take in the nature and research exhibits at the Suðurnes Science and Learning Center.

It is possible to rent a quiet summer house on the north side of town and a camping site with all the necessary facilities recently opened. A newly constructed road takes you right around the coastline, passing Hvalsnes church, Stafnes village and onwards to Hafnir village.

 [sandgerdi.is](http://sandgerdi.is)

 [visitsandgerdi.is](http://visitsandgerdi.is)

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## 5. Vogar

The landscape shaping the municipality of Vogar is mainly lava fields that stretch all the way from the mountains, going right down to coast. In spite of the abundance of lava, Vogar remains the largest agricultural area on the peninsula. The town is an old fishing village in a charming environment ideal for walking. Here you can walk along the shore, do some birdwatching along the coastline or by Vogatjörn pond, visit the old harbour and admire the Íslands Hrafnistumenn monument, in memory of local fishermen.

At Kálfatjörn you will find an excellent nine hole golf course that encircles one of the largest timber churches in Iceland. There are several interesting landmarks in the district, including Mount Keilir, Háibjalli, Snorrastaðatjarnir, Hrafnagjá and Staðarborg, all listed as geosites in Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark.

 [vogar.is](http://vogar.is)

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# Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark



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Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark covers the Reykjanes Peninsula, a singularly unique geological site where the Mid-Atlantic Ridge rises above sea level. Nowhere else in the world can you see the oceanic ridge and its divergent plate boundary, as clearly as in Reykjanes. Although the peninsula's barren landscapes have been likened to that of the moon, it's certain that this extraordinary landscape sets fire to the imagination. Fuelling this fire is the pillow lava, those curious rock formations that step onto the stage of folklore in the shape of elves, trolls and outlaws.

## What is a UNESCO Global Geopark?

UNESCO Global Geoparks are single, unified geographical areas where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development.

A UNESCO Global Geopark uses its geological heritage, in connection with all other aspects of the area's natural and cultural heritage, to enhance awareness and understanding of key issues facing society, such as using our Earth's resources sustainably, mitigating the effects of climate change and reducing the impact of natural disasters. By raising awareness of the importance of the area's geological heritage in history and society today, UNESCO Global Geoparks give local people a sense of pride in their region and strengthen their identification with the area. The creation of innovative local enterprises, new jobs and high quality training courses is stimulated as new sources of revenue are generated through geo-tourism, while the geological resources of the area are protected.

## Geology

Reykjanes Peninsula is an important region from a geological standpoint. It is a geologically young section of Iceland and is a land born and highly volcanic counterpart of the North Atlantic Ridge where the tectonic plates diverge at an average rate of 2.5 cm/ yr. The peninsula contains late Quaternary volcanic palagonite tuff and pillow lava formations as fells and mountains from the last glacial periods. Widespread basaltic lava flows and volcanic structures from interglacial periods, especially from the last 11,500 years (the Holocene Era) characterise the area. Four elongated volcanic systems and fissure swarms line the peninsula from SW to NE. They contain open fissures, normal faults, high temperature geothermal fields and numerous volcanic fissures that are lined with monogenetic craters. Many small and large lava shields can be found here, some made of primitive mantle melt (picrite). Eruptions have occurred in the three westernmost systems during the past millennium, all in all three series, in the 10th and 11th centuries, in 1151-1180 and 1210-1240.

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### Enjoy hiking in Reykjanes

Reykjanes Peninsula is a unique place on earth where the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, an ocean ridge stretching 15,000 km down the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, surfaces. The ridge separates two tectonic plates, the Eurasian and the North American, resulting in volcanic eruptions, geothermal activity, fissures, faults and earthquakes which are common on plate boundaries.

The plates are drifting apart by an average of 2 cm a year.

#### Brennisteinsfjöll



There are many hiking trails that crisscross this remarkable area and hikers are expected to follow a few simple rules of conduct when hiking on the trails.

- Keep to the trail.
- Do not break any natural formations or damage them in any other manner.
- Refrain from disturbing vegetation as much as possible.
- Do not litter – throw any trash you may have into a garbage bin.
- There are no lavatories along the paths. Use the lavatories provided at the starting point of the trail. Show due consideration if you should need to relieve yourself on the way.
- There is no water to be found along the trails. Be prepared.

## Responsible Tourism

It takes many decades for moss to grow and form a thick layer over volcanic surfaces, but only takes seconds to be destroyed.

Damage caused by footprints and tire marks can take years or even decades to heal.

Overnight stays in vehicles or tents outside of designated campsites are prohibited in Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark. There are four good camping grounds on the peninsula and they can all be reached within an hour. See list of campsites on page 108 in this book and visitreykjanes.is for detailed information.

Please don't litter. Take all litter out with you, including biodegradable foods. If you happen to come across litter left by others, please help us by disposing of it carefully. You are requested to report any large quantities of litter that you come across to the Geopark office.

There are many landowners throughout Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark. Please respect their property and livestock.

Enjoy your stay in Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark in a responsible and sustainable way.

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Spákonuvatn



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### 1 Arnarsetur

A monogenetic volcanic fissure (2 km) with scoria and spatter craters, rugged lava formations (20 sq. km), lava tubes and remains of human activities. The eruption was an integral part of Reykjanes Fires, a volcano-tectonic episode in 1210-1240.

### 2 Brennisteinsfjöll

A large cluster of late Ice Age hyaloclastite mountains, including a prominent lava shield (Kistufell), lined with Holocene but prehistoric volcanic fissures. A high-temperature area is located in the northern part, where sulphur was mined around 1880.

### 3 Djúpavatn/Spákonuvatn/Arnarvatn

Three lakes in the hyaloclastite Ice Age ridges Vesturháls and Sveifluháls, containing groundwater.

Djúpavatn is partly a crater lake, close to Djúpavatnsleið road, Spákonuvatn crater lake to the Sog-geosite and Arnarvatn to a marked path across Sveifluháls.

#### 4 Eldborg next to Höskuldarvellir

The grassy field, Höskuldarvellir northwest of Grænadyngja and Trölladyngja is bordered in the northeast by a large, prehistoric monogenetic scoria and spatter cone. It has been utilized as a gravel mine, thus damaged. Steam vents line the surroundings.

#### 5 Eldborg next to Geitahlíð

A prehistoric, volcanic fissure cuts into the slopes of Geitafell, a hyaloclastite table mountain. Out of five craters, made of scoria but chiefly of spatter, one is by far the highest, with a prominent lava channel branching off to the east.

#### 6 Eldvörp

A 10-km-long row of scoria and spatter cones in off-set (en echelon) sections, with centrally placed geothermal features and a borehole. It dates from a volcano-tectonic episode in 1210- 1240 (Reykjanes Fires). The lava flow covers 20 sq. km, with remains of human activities.

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### 7 Grænadyngja/Trölladyngja

Steep hyaloclastite mountains west of Sog - geosite. Geothermal sites and younger volcanic fissures border them, associated with various lava flows, including Afstapahraun (aa type) close to the Keflavik Int. Airport main road.

### 8 Hafnaberg

A long line of sheer sea lava cliffs south of the old fishing hamlet of Hafnir. Various marine birds nest at the cliffs. A walk to Hafnarberg is popular among hikers and bird watchers, along a marked path from the road to Reykjanes.

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## 9 Háleyjarbunga

A small, flat lava shield with a large, 20 to 25-m-deep crater. At least 9,000 years old, it was formed during a highly effusive lava eruption. The basalt-type is a primitive deep-mantle derived picrite that contains much of the green mineral olivine.

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### 10 Hrafnagjá

The normal fault and tension fracture, Hrafnagjá, is the longest of its kind at the Reykjanes Peninsula, 12 km long and up to 30m high. Visible from the road to Keflavík Int. Airport, a set of fractures east of Vogar village forms a typical rift valley.

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### 11 Hrólfsvík

A small inlet, known as a locality for xenoliths (gabbroic crystal aggregates related to the host magma), embedded in an old lava flow of uncertain age and origin.

### 12 Hrótagjárdyngja

A lava shield, 6,000 to 6,500 years old, plus a lava flow, 80-100 sq. km, has a volume of at least 3 cu. km. Besides a large top carter, the upper part is cut by deep ravines, probably due to magma injections, causing the whole structure to inflate.

### 13 Hvasshraunkatlar

Hornitos in the Hrútagjá lava shield flow. Hornitos usually form due to powerful degassing at crater edges. These ones, however, came into being approx. 10 km away from the top crater.

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### 14 Katlahraun

Lava that flowed about 2,000 years ago entered the sea. Sudden damming at the shore caused a large, circular lava pond to form. Some lava solidified, but the remaining liquid escaped. The site now contains various lava formations.

### 15 Kerlingarbás

Seaside remains of three large tephra rings, 800 to 2,000 years old, topped by lava flows. The uppermost one originated at the Younger Stampar crater row during the Reykjanes Fires, like the youngest tephra layers. Dykes cut through the tephra banks.

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### 16 Lambafellsgjá

Lambafell probably stems from the second last glacial period. Tensional fractures cut through it. One opens up in the north to from Lambafellsgjá, 150 m long, 50 m deep but only 3 to 6 m wide, with pillow lava walls. Visitors can enter and exit.

### 17 Méltunnuklif

A stack of bedrock layers including lava flows, palagonite tuff, tillites, interbeds and erosion planes. Méltunnuklif contains several pages of geological history that illustrates key bedrock of formations of the Reykjanes peninsula.

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### 18 Rosmvalanes

A large flat area that represents the oldest part of the Reykjanes peninsula. The topmost bedrock is heavily eroded lava shield basalt, dating from the last (Eem) and second last warm Ice Age period (Saalian), around 120,000 and 240,000 years old.

### 19 Sandfellshæð

One of the largest lava shields of the Reykjanes peninsula. The lava flow area exceeds 100 sq. km. The crater is large but shallow. The eruption occurred about 14,000 years ago, when sea level was some 30 m lower than today.

### 20 Skálafell

A volcano formed in a few eruptions, 3,000 to 8,000 years ago. The top crater is a handsome scoria and spatter cone. Large normal faults close by mark the eastern borders of Reykjanes Volcanic System and the Southwestern volcanic rift zone.



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### 21 Sog

A set of fluvial gullies and prows to the southwest of Trölladyngja. The area is colourful due to intense high-temperature alteration of the bedrock and a number of steam vents, small hot water springs and bubbling mud pools.

### 22 Stampar

Two parallel volcanic fissures on Reykjanes. Both are lined with numerous craters. The older row is 1,800 to 2,000 years old. The younger one dates from the volcano-tectonic Reykjanes Fires in 1210–1240, plus a 4.6 sq. km lava flow.

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### 23 Sundhnúksröð

A monogenetic crater row formed about 2,300 years ago. The lava flow entered the sea (where the town of Grindavík is today) and created a low-rise, rocky seashore with a lagoon where the present harbour was step-wise designed.

### 24 Sveifluháls

One of the largest multi-summit hyaloclastite ridges in the Geopark. It is interesting for its variety of hyaloclastite formations; layered tuff, breccia and pillow lava. The rocks bear witness to interaction between magma, glacier ice and water.

### 25 Þráinsskjöldur

A very large, flat lava shield, visible from the road to the Keflavik Int. Airport. The road cuts through its vast lava flow. It is of the pahoehoe lava-type, at least 130 sq. km (5,2 cu km) and dates about 14,000 years back.

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### 26 Ögmundarhraun

A lava flow from 1151, formed during the volcano-tectonic Krýsuvík Fires (1151-1180). A tale of the berserker Ögmundur relates how he constructed a track through the lava flow. The discontinuous volcanic fissure stretches some 25 km to the northeast.

### 27 Brimketill

A small, naturally carved pool, by marine erosion, at the lava shore edge west of the town of Grindavík. The folklore relates that the pond was regularly occupied by a giantess named Oddný.

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## 28 The Bridge Between Continents

A symbolic footbridge, The Bridge Between Continents, spans a wide tension crack that opened up due to the divergent movements of the North American and Eurasian plates. The average rifting amounts to about 2 cm/year but commences in bursts.

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### 29 **Eldey**

A 77-m-high island, of unknown age, made of layered palagonite tuff on top of the Reykjanes ridge, 15 km offshore, from a tephra eruption on this section of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. The area is 0.3 sq. km, large enough for up to 18,000 gannet pairs to nest.

### 30 **Gunnuhver**

A group of vigorous mud pools and steam vents at Reykjanes. They change with time. The group partly formed after earthquakes in 1967. The name stems from a story about the vicious ghost Gunna who was lured into a vent and never seen again.

### 31 **Festarfjall/Hraunsvík**

A hyaloclastite mountain formed during a subglacial eruption, possibly during the Weichselian glaciation. Marine erosion has opened up a cross section of palagonite tuff, breccia, pillow lava and a feeder dyke; a silver necklace belonging to a giantess.

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### 32 Hópsnes

A spit next to the town of Grindavík. It was formed during an eruption from a row of craters north of the town (Sundhnúksröðin). Port conditions are good as a result of the lava entering the sea.

### 33 Húshólmi

A clearing (kipuka) over which the lava Ögmundarhraun didn't flow during an eruption in 1151, with remains of farm buildings and a church, plus turf and rock walls. Some farm buildings and much of the farmland was destroyed.

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### 34 Keilir/Keilisbörn

A cone-shaped hyaloclastite mountain attached to a low ridge (Keilisbörn). The formation stems from an eruption beneath an Ice Age glacier. Keilir is an icon for the Reykjanes Peninsula due to its distinct shape, and an old navigation mark.

### 35 Kleifarvatn

The largest lake on the peninsula, 9.1 sq. km and 97 m deep, in a depression between the Brennisteins öll massif and the ridge Sveifluháls. It has minor surface inflow and only ground-water outflow. Folklore depicts a large Nessie-like black worm in the lake.

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**36 Remains of human activities in Eldvörp**

Remains of human activities in the Eldvörp lava flow; three paths represent old trading and communication routes and ruins of numerous small huts, built of lava pieces, are of unknown age and purpose. Outlaws? No, not likely.

**37 Ósar**

A rocky inlet adjacent to the old hamlet of Hafnir with its newly excavated pre-settlement ruins of a Norse (or Celtic) outpost. Ósar is an important, protected site due to the blooming birdlife and interesting marine biology.

**38 Pattersonflugvöllur**

The Patterson-airstrip was built on consolidated marine sediments with subfossil marine molluscs. The most common species is blunt gaper (*Mya truncata*), 20,000 to 22,000 years old, from a period before the Weichselian Late Glacial Maximum.

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### 39 Selatangar

Low-rise seashore lava spits with ruins of a seasonal fishing station (for open rowing boats). The fishermen's huts and sheds for drying or storing fish were constructed from lava rocks. The station operated from the Middle Ages until 1884.

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### 40 Snorrastaðatjarnir/Háibjalli

Háibjalli is a 10 m high normal fault next to the ponds of Snorrastaðatjarnir. The location is rich in vegetation and an important resting place for migrating birds as well as a popular recreational zone.

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#### 41 Sogasel

Ruins of a shieling (a hut used during the pasture period for the sheep) close to Grænadyngja and Sog. The shieling is unique because it is constructed in a large scoria crater.

#### 42 Svartsengi

One of the major geothermal areas of the Reykjanes Peninsula. It supplies communities with hot water, as well as electricity to the national grid. Effluent water creates the Blue Lagoon. The Resource Park is a prime example of geothermal energy utilization.

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### 43 Valahnúkur/Valabjargargjá/Valahnúksmöl

The shoreline at Reykjanes where the Mid-Atlantic Ridge connects to Iceland. Valabjargargjá is the normal fault to the east and Valahnúkur an eroded hill (palagonite tuff, pillow lava and breccia). Valahnúkamöl is a beach berm, made of large boulders.

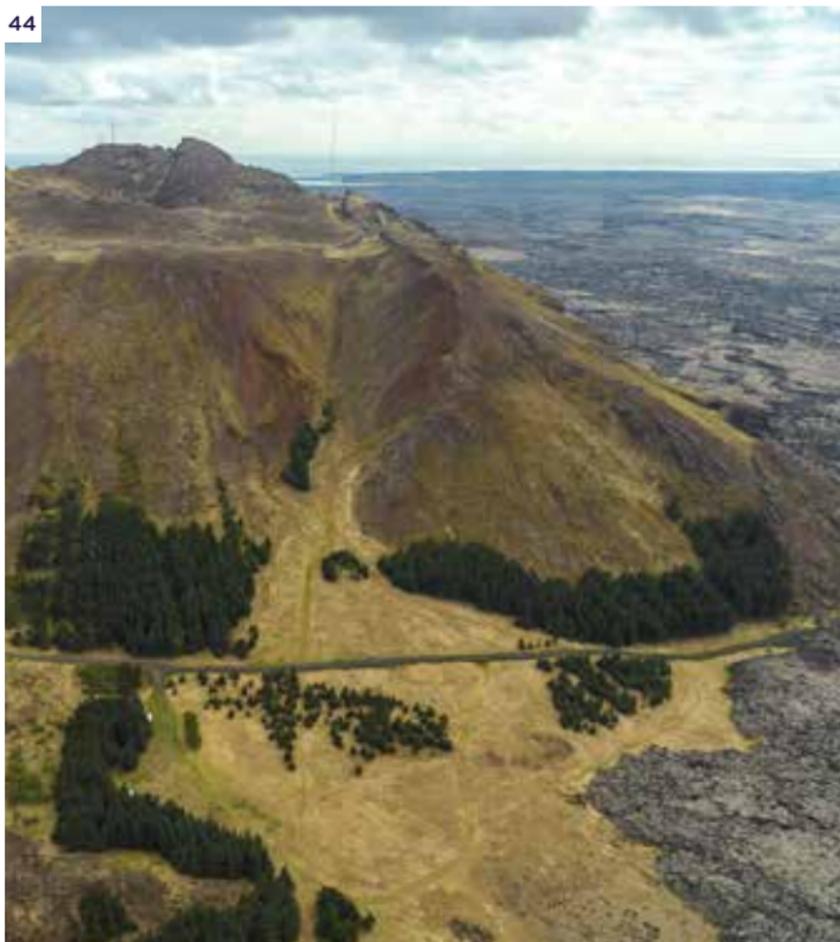
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#### 44 Þorbjarnarfell

A free-standing, hyaloclastite mountain north of Grindavík. It is split by fault lines that create a shallow valley (graben). A part is called "The Thieves Gap" (Þjófagjá), occupied by 15 thieves according to the legend.

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### 45 Básendar

In 1799, an powerful storm, combined with high spring tide, produced the worst, known flood in the southwest: Básendaflóð, named after a small trading post and fishing harbour. The shoreline changed and buildings were destroyed.

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### 46 Drykkjarsteinn

A large rock at the old track between Krýsuvík and Grindavík, The Rock of Drinks. It has three holes, one to hold water for dogs, another for humans and the third for horses. There, travellers were to trust that they could find drinking water.

### 47 Garðskagaviti

Two lighthouses next to each other. The old one was built in 1897 and the second in 1944. Prior to the old lighthouse, a large cairn was erected and a lamp added in 1884. The site is important for migrating birds.

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#### 48 Gálgaklettur

High hyaloclastite cliffs form the summit of Mt. Þorbjarnarfell close to Grindavík town. Thieves, captured in the area, were executed at Gallows Cliffs, according to an old folktale.

#### 49 Hvalsneskirkja

A beautifully preserved church and graveyard, from 1887. The building is built with basalt lava blocks, retrieved from the neighborhood, and the interior partly crafted from driftwood. A similar church is in Njarðvík.

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### 50 Reykjanesviti

The Reykjanes lighthouse is the oldest lighthouse currently operated in Iceland, from 1908. A lighthouse keeper and farmer used to live next to the lighthouse but now the operation is remotely controlled.

### 51 Skagagarðurinn

Remains of a wall from the early Commonwealth period (870-1000 AD). The wall served to separate livestock from fields and crops. The wall was tall, built of turf and rocks, but has subsided, and large sections have vanished.

### 52 Staðarborg

An isolated sheep shelter. It is rounded but without a roof, over 2 m high, 8 m in diameter, and 35 m in circumference, skillfully made of flat lava rocks. The age is unknown but considered a few hundred years.

### 53 Vigdísarvellir

A wide, open grassy field at the foot of hyaloclastite ridges. Remains of two small farms illustrate an old way of life in remote highland farms. The younger farm was abandoned after a strong earthquake in 1905.

### 54 Vogur in Hafnir

Remains of the oldest occupation on the peninsula, possibly dating back to the first travels to the island when Nordic people were expanding their explorations. It is possible that the ruins, a longhouse (skáli) and smaller constructions, constitute an explorer's outpost, like Nordic buildings in Newfoundland.

### 55 Þórshöfn

One of the main German trading post in Iceland during the 15th and 16th centuries. During the 19th century, ships started frequenting the harbour again but it was gradually abandoned, as the Sandgerði harbour was improved.

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# What to see in Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark

### Birdlife

Birdwatchers won't have to go far for good bird watching spots. Just like nature, whose best and most rare plumage can be seen in Reykjanes, rarer bird species are more often spotted here than elsewhere in the country. The peninsula serves as a perfect breeding place both for birds preferring low coastal region as well as cliff breeding.



Some great birdwatching sites include Fitjar, shore of Garðskagi and Sandgerði. Get the Reykjanes Geopark birdwatching map at the Reykjanes **Geopark visitor Center**, Duusgata 2-8, 230 Reykjanesbær.



### Whales

The ocean surrounding the Reykjanes Peninsula is an important habitat for marine mammals like whales and dolphins, mainly as a seasonal feeding ground, rich in plankton. These waters provide excellent conditions for such fish species such as sand eel, herring, capelin, haddock and cod to thrive. Check out the Reykjanes whale watching opportunities in the "Activities" section of this book.

### Soil and vegetation

Moss heath is the most common plant community on the Reykjanes Peninsula and covers nearly all the vegetal lava fields in the area. Rainwater easily seeps through the soil and continues further into the porous lava or bedrock below and deep into the ground. Often the plants cannot utilize the water before it runs into the ground. Today, the hills and mountains in the region are more or less bare due to soil erosion.



### Rich Fishing Tradition

Reykjanes is one of the primary locations for the fishing industry in Iceland. In former times, a large part of the population would travel out to the peninsula to buy fish for their families.

On the peninsula, you will find several sites where local fishermen would push their boats out to sea and then drag them back ashore, full of fish. Be sure to sample the fresh seafood, which is caught in the unpolluted waters of the North Atlantic and delivered daily from the dock.

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### The Settlement of Reykjanes

The settlement of Reykjanes Peninsula is generally believed to have begun in the second half of the 9th century, when Norsemen migrated across the North Atlantic. Ingólfur Arnarson, the first settler, claimed all the land which is now called the Reykjanes Peninsula. He then allocated land to five men and a woman named Steinunn the Aged. She repaid him with a knitted coat.

### Vogur in Hafnir: Farmhouse or Outpost?



In the village of Hafnir there is an interesting archaeological excavation where archaeologists found ruins of a longhouse or “skáli”. Is it possible that the ruins are not those of an ancient farmhouse?

Was this instead the outpost of explorers and adventurers, like the buildings of Norsemen in Newfoundland? Items found during the excavation in Hafnir are on display in Viking World and Duus Museum in Reykjanesbær.

### The former NATO base

From the Second World War, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or NATO had facilities at the Keflavik International Airport. The base was known as Naval Air Station Keflavik or NASKEF. In September 2006, the US military evacuated the base and the Icelandic authorities were given full command over the area. Today the area houses a university and campus, and other services and industries are developing there.

## Lighthouses

Because the waters around Reykjanes Peninsula have always been prolific fishing grounds, you will find many lighthouses guiding the way for seafarers with reasonably short distances between them. It's fun to visit all of them but if you are short on time, try not to miss the following gems:

### Reykjanes Lighthouse

The first lighthouse in Iceland was built on Valahnúkur on Reykjanes in 1878. By 1905 earthquakes and surf had damaged Valahnúkur to the extent that there was a risk of the lighthouse falling into the sea. A new lighthouse was therefore built in 1907-1908 on Bæjarfell hill in Reykjanes.



### The Lighthouses at Garðskagi

The lighthouses in Garðskagi were constructed 1897 in 1944. The spectacular seascapes at Garðskagi are a highlight, as is the abundant birdlife that migrates to the area every spring. The old lighthouse is often an inspiration to both artists and photographers and is open to visitors by request. Contact the staff of the municipal museum in Garður for more information.

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## Churches

There are more churches in the Reykjanes Peninsula than there are towns. Each of them is quite unique. Here are five you should put on your must-see list.

### The Church in Innri-Njarðvík



The church in Innri-Njarðvík was consecrated in 1886 and is made from carved rock which was brought from the shore nearby and the heath above the inhabited area. One of the three bells in the church tower is an ancient bell made in 1725.

### The Church at Hvalsnes

The church at Hvalsnes was consecrated in 1887. The building of the church was financed by a farmer and a ship owner who owned the land at Hvalsnes. The church was built with basaltic lava stones and the wood was collected from the shores nearby. Hallgrímur Pétursson, Iceland's most important psalmist, served as a priest at the parish in Hvalsnes in the 17th century.



### The Church at Kálfatjörn

Kálfatjörn is a former farm, parsonage and a church site in the town of Vogar. During catholic times, the church was dedicated to St. Peter. The present church was built in 1891 and is Iceland's largest rural church. The altarpiece, a replica of the one in the Reykjavík Cathedral, painted by Sigurður Guðmundsson, is equally old as the church.



### The Church at Útskálar

The church was consecrated in 1863. The interior of the church was painted and decorated by Áki Gränz, a master painter. The church is preserved and has a modern tower design. It is made from wood.

### Kirkjuvogur (Church Cove)

Kirkjuvogur (Church Cove) was a mansion in Hafnir, an annexed church site of the Grindavík parish, which was long served by the reverends of Útskálar. Still earlier, Kirkjuvogur was served from Hvalsnes. The catholic churches were dedicated to the Holy Mother. During the flood storm of 1799 the church was severely damaged.



## Hiking in Reykjanes Peninsula!

Hiking some of the less travelled walking routes in Iceland and getting fresh air into your lungs is an activity worth exploring, with a guide or on your own. Please stay safe and keep to the paths.

## Network of ancient walking routes

The combined length of the 25 main hiking routes on the Reykjanes Peninsula is about 242 miles. Reykjanes Peninsula is envied for its plethora of hiking trails that crisscross the region. The trails are often ancient roads from the time when Icelanders travelled on foot or by horseback. The geology and nature of the area will certainly open

up for you during these walks through the peninsula's extensive lava fields, marked by caves and colourful, outlandish formations.

Hiking maps can be found at all information centres.

## The coastal hiking trail in Reykjanesbær

10 km long coastal hiking/walking trail lies from the marina in Gróf up to the Stapi cliffs in Innri-Njarðvík. The smooth surface of the paved path provides an easy route where you can enjoy the fresh sea air, colourful seabirds, a variety of coastal vegetation and the geology of the surrounding terrain.

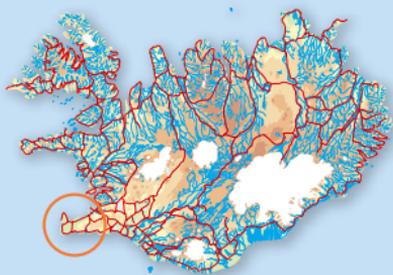
## Grindavík – The Blue Lagoon

Now it is possible to walk, jog or cycle from the town of Grindavík to the Blue Lagoon. A new paved path gives you the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful moss covered lava fields characteristic of this part of the peninsula.



## Museums and Exhibitions

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## 1. Duus Museum – Cultural Center

Duus Museum is a cluster of old buildings by the marina in Keflavik and are among Iceland's most remarkable and historic man-made structures. Busy centers of commerce throughout their existence, their last role before their conversion was as a fish processing plant. With the oldest timber building completed in 1877 and the youngest concrete structure finished in 1970, together they span almost a century of Icelandic architectural history. Today, the complex includes eight exhibition halls, which house the Reykjanes Art Museum, the Reykjanes Maritime Center, the Old Cinema Hall, the Reykjanes Heritage Museum, the Reykjanes Geopark visitor center and the Reykjanes tourist information center.

-  Duusgata 2-8, 230 Reykjanesbær
-  Open Every day 12:00 - 17:00
-  Access
-  +354 421 3245

 [duushus@reykjanesbaer.is](mailto:duushus@reykjanesbaer.is)  
 [duusmuseum.is](http://duusmuseum.is)



### 2. Reykjanes Geopark Visitor Center

The Reykjanes geopark visitors' center is located in Duus museum, Reykjanesbæ. It serves as a regional tourist information where travelers can get general information about Reykjanes peninsula, Iceland and need to know information on traveling in Iceland. The visitors' center has an exhibition on the geology of the Reykjanes peninsula and its unique geology. A great place to get information about what you are seeing and experiencing when traveling in Reykjanes.

-  Duusgata 2-8, 230 Reykjanesbær
-  Summer: Open weekdays 9:00-17:00, weekends 12:00 - 17:00.  
Winter: Open all days 12:00-17:00
-  Access
-  +354 420 3246
-  [info@reykjanesgeopark.is](mailto:info@reykjanesgeopark.is)
-  [reykjanesgeopark.is](http://reykjanesgeopark.is)

### 3. Reykjanes Local History Museum

The Reykjanesbær Local History Museum presents exhibitions that address the region's history. Our main exhibition covers the local history from the settlement in the early 9th century to the mid-20th century. The focus is on the development of seaside villages in the 19th and early 20th century where the area's bounteous fishing grounds played the biggest role.



-  Duusgata 2-8, 230 Reykjanesbær
-  See Duus Museum opening hours.
-  No Access
-  +354 420 3245
-  byggdasafn@reykjanesbaer.is
-  sofn.reykjanesbaer.is/byggdasafn

### 4. Reykjanes Art Museum

The Reykjanes Art Museum, opened in 2003, offers a superb view of Keflavik's picturesque marina.

New art exhibitions open every six weeks. In recent years, the art exhibitions at the Reykjanes Art Museum have been considered among the best in Iceland regarding quality and variety. The Art Museum is located in the Duus Cultural Center.

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-  Access
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### 5. The Reykjanes Maritime Center

The Reykjanes Maritime Center is home to a collection of over 100 model boats built by retired local skipper Grímur Karlsson. Handcrafted to a high degree of perfection and painstaking detail, they offer insight into Iceland's maritime history, beginning with the masted schooners of the mid-to-late 19th century, and ending with the steam and diesel-powered trawlers of the 20th century.



-  Duusgata 2-8, 230 Reykjanesbær
-  See Duus Museum opening hours
-  Access
-  +354 420 3245

-  [duushus@reykjanesbaer.is](mailto:duushus@reykjanesbaer.is)
-  [duusmuseum.is](http://duusmuseum.is)

### 6. Giganta

Giganta the giantess, who lives in the Black Cave at the marina in Gróf was originally the creation of author Herdís Egilsdóttir who wrote stories about a little girl named Sigga and her friend Giganta. The design and creation of the cave and its occupants was carried out by Norðanbál Art Group. Giganta is a full-sized, friendly giantess and sleeps in a rocking chair in her kitchen at Black Cave.



-  Black Cave at the marina in Gróf by the Duus Museum
-  Every day 10:00-17:00
-  Access
-  +354 420 3245

-  [skessan@reykjanesbaer.is](mailto:skessan@reykjanesbaer.is)
-  [skessan.is](http://skessan.is)

## 7. The Icelandic Museum of Rock'n'Roll

The Icelandic Museum of Rock and Roll is a brand new museum about the history of pop and rock music in Iceland.

Come and experience the story of music in Iceland from the early 1800's to Björk, Sigur Rós and Of Monsters and Men.



-  Hjallavegur 2, 260 Reykjanesbær
-  Open 11:00-18:00
-  Access
-  +354 420 1030
-  [info@rokksafn.is](mailto:info@rokksafn.is)
-  [rokksafn.is](http://rokksafn.is)

## 8. The Heritage and Maritime Museum at Garðskagi

Located in the natural paradise of Garðskagi, where the beauty of the landscape and the rich animal and bird life blend together. The museum is both folk and maritime museum and has an outstanding collection of machines and items that were essential for survival in Iceland in times past. It also houses a captivating Northern Lights show.



-  Skagabraut 100, 250 Garður
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 422 7220/+354 893 8909
-  [info@gardskagi.com](mailto:info@gardskagi.com)
-  [gardskagi.com](http://gardskagi.com)

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### 9. Kvikan

Located only a few minutes from the Blue Lagoon. Kvikan houses three unique exhibitions; the Salfish Museum, the Earth Energy exhibitions and Guðbergsstofa. The tourist information centre in Grindavík is located in Kvikan.



-  Hafnargata 12a, 240 Grindavík
-  Daily from May 15 – Sept. 15, 10:00-17:00 and weekends 11:00 - 17:00.  
Opened for groups by request
-  Access
-  +354 420 1190/ +354 420 1100
-  kvikan@grindavik.is
-  visitgrindavik.is/kvikan

### 10. The Salfish Museum

An intriguing exhibition that brings to light Iceland's seafaring history. The people of Grindavík have long been among the most prolific in the production of dried salted cod. An exhibition about Iceland's history in the processing and sales of dried salted cod and its significance to Iceland's economy is therefore well placed in Grindavík.



-  Hafnargata 12a, 240 Grindavík
-  Daily from May 15 – August. 15, Weekdays 10:00 - 17:00 and weekends 11:00 - 17:00.  
Open for groups upon request
-  Access
-  +354 420 1190/ +354 420 1100
-  kvikan@grindavik.is
-  visitgrindavik.is/kvikan

## 11. Earth Energy

A lively exhibition about geology, geothermal heat and the harnessing of energy from the bowels of the earth. You will learn about Iceland's unique, dynamic processes, such as volcanism and the harnessing of geothermal energy. The exhibition is brought to life with stunning video clips of volcanic eruptions and geothermal activity from around the country.



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10:00-17:00 and weekends  
11:00 - 17:00.

Opened for groups by request

 Access

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 visitgrindavik.is/kvikan

## 12. Guðbergsstofa

A collection and exhibition honouring Guðbergur Bergsson, author and honorary citizen of Grindavík, and one of Iceland's most distinguished writers, past and present. Guðbergur was born in Grindavík in 1932, and grew up in the village.



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### 13. Viking World

Viking World is the home of the Viking ship Íslendingur (The Icelander). Built in 1996, The Icelander is an exact replica of the famous Gokstad ship, a remarkable archaeological find of an almost completely intact Viking ship, excavated in Norway in 1882.

Viking World offers 4 different exhibitions; Vikings of the North Atlantic, the Settlement of Iceland, Fate of the Gods and the Iceland Saga Trails.



-  Víkingabraut 1, 260 Reykjanesbær
-  Every day 7:00 - 18:00
-  Access
-  +354 422 2000
-  [info@vikingworld.is](mailto:info@vikingworld.is)
-  [vikingworld.is](http://vikingworld.is)

### 14. Settlement Zoo

The Settlement Zoo is situated near Viking World and is open during summer, providing children with a chance to see lambs, goats, ducks, calves, rabbits and hens. Admission is free. Located just across from Viking World.



-  By the Viking World,  
260 Reykjanesbær
-  Open: 1 May-1 August  
Daily 11.00-17.00
-  Access
-  +354 421 6700
-  [reykjanesbaer.is](http://reykjanesbaer.is)

## 15. Stekkjarkot

A classic example of a roughly built turf, stone and timber fishermans cottage. Stekkjarkot opened to the public in 1993, following a year of restoration. It provides insight into what cottages of this type looked like in times past.



-  Innri Njarðvik, Víkingabraut 1, 260 Reykjanesbær
-  Opening hours by request
-  No Access
-  +354 865 6160

-  byggdasafn@reykjanesbaer.is
-  reykjanesbaer.is/byggdasafn

## 16. Sudurnes Science and Learning Center

The center's three exhibitions include a nature gallery where you can look at stuffed animals from the Icelandic wildlife and see live sea creatures. In the historical gallery you can visit the magnificent exhibition Attraction of the Poles, on the life of the French polar scientist Jean-Baptiste Charcot and in the art gallery you can learn about the magical world of the ocean and the Seaweed Fairies.



-  Víkingabraut 1, 260 Reykjanesbær
-  Summer: Weekdays 10:00 - 16:00, weekends 13:00 - 17:00 Winter: Weekdays 10:00 - 14:00.
-  Flexible opening hours for groups +354 423 7555/+354 423 7551

-  thekkingarsetur@thekkingarsetur.is
-  thekkingarsetur.is

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### 17. Vitinn - Aquarium Showroom

Over the past 10 years, Vitinn Restaurant has been working with the Sudurnes Science and Learning Centre in Sandgerði researching shellfish in the Icelandic fishing grounds. Now visitors have the opportunity to see some of the species that live in the waters around Reykjanes Peninsula, which Icelanders have only recently started to utilize in cooking.



- 📍 Vitatorg 7, 245 Sandgerði
- 🕒 All year
- ♿ No Access
- ☎ +354 423 7755
- ✉ info@vitinn.is
- 🌐 vitinn.is

### Events Calendar:

March	Museum Weekend in Reykjanes
May	Children's art festival in Reykjanesbær
June	The sunset festival in Garður
June	The happy sailor in Grindavík
June	Geopark week
June	The Blue lagoon challenge
August	Family days in Vogar
August	Sandgerði's days in Sandgerði
August – Sep.	The Night of Lights - Family and cultural festival in Reykjanesbær
September	Grindavík sheep round-up

See further information, dates and many more live and local events on [visitreykjanes.is](http://visitreykjanes.is)



# Activities





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## 1. Anglers

Anglers.is is a company that specializes in day tours in South and West Iceland. We offer private angling tours to many of the best lakes and rivers in the area and also sightseeing and nature tours, both on the Golden Circle and Reykjanes Peninsula. We also arrange fishing licenses and guides for nearly every river and lake in Iceland.



-  Hafnargata 27a, 230 Reykjanesbær
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 897 3443
-  [info@anglers.is](mailto:info@anglers.is)
-  [vangers.is](http://vangers.is)

## 2. Basecamp Iceland

Founded and operated by locals, we at Basecamp Iceland are proud to take our small groups off the beaten track to present the best of what Iceland has to offer.

Our half day tours to the Unesco Geopark are specially designed to give our guests an authentic adventure in the raw beautiful nature, with minimal impact on the environment.



-  Hverfisgata 115, 105 Reykjavik
-  All year
-  No Access
-  +354 777 0708
-  [info@basecampiceland.is](mailto:info@basecampiceland.is)
-  [basecampiceland.is](http://basecampiceland.is)

### 3. Gateway to Iceland

Gateway to Iceland is an independent tour operator specializing in travel arrangements in Iceland. We offer day tours to from Reykjavík in mini-buses with up to 19 people per group. All our tours are small group tours and always include a local guide.

We also offer private airport transfer from Reykjavík to Keflavík Airport and holiday packages.



-  Akralind 8, 201 Kópavogur
-  All year
-  No Access
-  +354 534 4446

-  [info@gtice.is](mailto:info@gtice.is)
-  [gtice.is](http://gtice.is)

### 4. Geocamp Iceland

GeoCamp organises and receives international study groups focusing primarily on geology, geography, natural sciences and renewable energy. Our location on the Reykjanes Peninsula in Iceland offers education and site visits to numerous geothermal areas, unspoiled geological sites of interest and vast lava fields. This is the perfect place for your study visit.



-  Mánagata 1, 260 Reykjanesbær
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 894 6046

-  [olijon@geocamp.is](mailto:olijon@geocamp.is)
-  [geocamp.is](http://geocamp.is)

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### 5. Garðskagi

Garðskagi has much to offer visitors with its two lighthouses, beautiful beach and often stunning sunsets. It's an optimum location for Northern Lights spotting and to learn about them from our Northern Lights show. The new lighthouse is the tallest in Iceland with magnificent views and houses an art exhibit. Garðskagi is a premium bird-watching location and whales can often be observed along the coast.



📍 Garðskagi, 250 Garður

🕒 All year

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### 6. Icelandic Nature Tours

Let your Iceland adventure begin here. Now Iceland has a new, cool and highly experienced tour provider. We focus on small groups of up to 14 persons and love to have open-minded people as our guests. We aim to teach our guests about Icelandic nature and culture, bringing you the best of the region at select locations



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🕒 All year

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☎ +354 782 3830

✉ icelandicnaturetours@gmail.com

🌐 icelandicnaturetours.is

## 7. Reykjanes Tours

Minutes from Keflavik International Airport you will discover a lunar landscape pitted with volcanic and geothermal wonders and a surf-pounded coast with one of the best sunsets in Iceland. The rugged peninsula holds several of the top cultural and recreational attractions, including the world famous Blue Lagoon. We specialize in the Reykjanes area and its surroundings, but also provide longer trips around other areas of Iceland.



-  Hafnargata 39, 230 Reykjanesbær
-  All year
-  No Access
-  +354 841 1448

-  [info@reykjanestours.is](mailto:info@reykjanestours.is)
-  [reykjanestours.is](http://reykjanestours.is)

## 8. Reykjanes Seakayak

Reykjanes Seakayak offers guided tours on sea kayaks in the vibrant and safe environment of Reykjanes Bay. Sit-on-top kayaks are easy and safe. We supply warm and comfortable drysuits, rubber shoes and life vests. (You can wear whatever you are most comfortable wearing underneath). Only 15 minutes from the Keflavik International Airport and 30min from Reykjavík.



-  Vogar - GPS Points  
N64° 0' 45.536" W22° 18' 18.318"
-  All year
-  No Access
-  +354 421-3025

-  [seakayak@seakayak.is](mailto:seakayak@seakayak.is)
-  [seakayak.is](http://seakayak.is)

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### 9. Sagatours

Sagatours offers vehicles, drivers, driver guides and guides for any occasion. From 1 to 67 passengers. We offer quality service and high class vehicles. Customer enjoyment is our goal. Sagatours has a broad selection of tours and activities. Let us make your stay in Iceland as memorable as possible. With Sagatours you get the excursion of a lifetime.



-  Bakkastígur 12, 260 Reykjanesbær
-  All year, 9:00-17:00
-  No Access
-  +354 587 1111
-  [sagatours@sagatours.is](mailto:sagatours@sagatours.is)
-  [sagatours.is](http://sagatours.is)

### 10. The Blue Lagoon

Included as one of National Geographic's 25 wonders of the world, the Blue Lagoon brings forth the mineral riches of geothermal seawater—a fluid born 2000 meters within the earth where fresh water and ocean water converge in a tectonic realm of searing heat and immense pressure. Having expanded by half in 2016, the lagoon is more spacious than it has ever been, creating new horizons of warmth, serenity, and rejuvenation in the heart of a volcanic frontier.



-  Svartsengi, 240 Grindavík
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 420 8800
-  [sales@bluelagoon.is](mailto:sales@bluelagoon.is)
-  [bluelagoon.is](http://bluelagoon.is)

## 12. Thors Travel

We service small groups, with a maximum of eight persons per tour. Our goal is to give you an interesting experience in the unique, natural surroundings of Reykjanes Peninsula. Our driver guide can act as a hiking guide on the many hiking trails around the peninsula. We can guide your stopover tour from the airport around Reykjanes and Reykjavík.



-  Jakasel 9, 109 Reykjavík
-  All year
-  No Access
-  +354 894 1107
-  [info@thors-travel.com](mailto:info@thors-travel.com)
-  [thors-travel.com](http://thors-travel.com)

## 12. Travice

Travice would like to be a part of your visit to Iceland if you will let us assist you. We know that when traveling, information from local inhabitants can make a big difference in organizing your adventure in a new country.

You will be able to experience places that are not being promoted and therefore less visited and even more unique.



-  Vesturbraut 12, 230 Reykjanesbær
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 421 4444
-  [travice@travice.is](mailto:travice@travice.is)
-  [travice.is](http://travice.is)

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### 13. Vogasjóferdir (Voga seatours)

Vogasjóferðir is located about 15 minutes from the Keflavík International Airport. We offer up to 2-3 hour seatours from the town of Vogar, perfect for small groups and families. Whale watching and sea angling are the main activities but in the the winter we offer thrilling northern light tours and mesmerizing sunset tours in the summer.



-  Vogahöfn, 190 Vogar
-  All year
-  No Access
-  +354 833 9080

-  [vogasjoferdir@simnet.is](mailto:vogasjoferdir@simnet.is)
-  [vogasjoferdir.is](http://vogasjoferdir.is)

### 14. Víkur Hestar Horserental

We are a small family run business and our goal is to help you get to know our amazing Icelandic horses in an unforgettable way. We offer quality personal service to small groups and families. Come for a ride or drop by our stable for a cup of coffee and say hi to the horses.



-  Hópsheiði, 240 Grindavík
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 691 2196

-  [vikurhestar@vikurhestar.is](mailto:vikurhestar@vikurhestar.is)
-  [vikurhestar.is](http://vikurhestar.is)

## 15. Whale Watching Reykjanes

Seven minutes from Keflavik International Airport. Whale watching Reykjanes offers a variety of tours including whale watching and sea angling tours. In summer we offer sunset sailing, in winter we offer Northern lights boat tours. Contact us for year- round Reykjanes Peninsula sightseeing tours. Pick up and drop off in Reykjanes Peninsula.



-  Grófin, 230 Reykjanesbæ
-  All year
-  No Access
-  +354 779 8272

-  [whaleiceland@whaleiceland.is](mailto:whaleiceland@whaleiceland.is)
-  [whaleiceland.is](http://whaleiceland.is)

## 16. 4x4 ATV Adventure in Grindavík

We can accommodate both small and large groups. A ride on an ATV between lava and black sand, up the mountains or to the Blue Lagoon. There is no age limit for passengers, but a driver's licence needs to be presented for the ATV driver. Necessary gear is offered for visitors. Pick up from hotels in Keflavík, Reykjavík and the Blue Lagoon by request.



-  Tangasundi 1, 240 Grindavík
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 857 3001

-  [atv4x4@atv4x4.is](mailto:atv4x4@atv4x4.is)
-  [atv4x4.is](http://atv4x4.is)

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### 16. Reykjavik Excursions

Reykjavik Excursions is celebrating its 50 year anniversary in 2018. We offer a variety of day tours in Reykjanes for all travellers. Additionally we operate the Flybus to and from Keflavík International Airport, which runs in connection with all arriving and departing flights. Book our tours on [www.re.is](http://www.re.is) and transfers on [www.flybus.is](http://www.flybus.is)



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[visitreykjan.es](http://visitreykjan.es)

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## Activities

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### Swimming pools in Reykjanes

Almost every town in Iceland has a swimming pool. Relax in one of Reykjanes' outdoor pools with geothermally heated water, hot tubs and sometimes a sauna. Children will love the slides and kiddie pools. Open year round.

#### Garður swimming pool

📍 Garðbraut 94, 250 Garður  
☎ +354 422 7300

#### Grindavík swimming pool

📍 Austurvegi 1, 240 Grindavík  
☎ +354 426 7555

#### Njarðvík swimming pool

📍 Norðurstíg 4,  
260 Reykjanesbær  
☎ +354 420 1515

#### Sandgerði swimming pool

📍 Suðurgötu, 245 Sandgerði  
☎ +354 420 7570

#### Vogar swimming pool

📍 Hafnargötu 17, 190 Vogar  
☎ +354 440 6220

#### Water World Reykjanesbær

📍 Sunnubraut 31, 230 Reykjanesbær  
☎ +354 420 1500

(Outdoor and indoor swimming and pool play area)



## Reykjanes Public Libraries

Most populated areas in Reykjanes have libraries differing in size and variety. Reykjanes peninsula has a few public libraries that are open to everyone.

### Grindavík Public Library

📍 Víkurbraut 62, 240 Grindavík,  
☎ +354 420 1111

### Sandgerði Public Library

📍 Suðurgata, 245 Sandgerði,  
☎ +354 420 7575

### Reykjanesbær Public Library

📍 Tjarnargata 12, 230 Reykjanesbær,  
☎ +354 421 6770

The library is situated in the city hall and offers a variety of services including the daily papers, audio and dvd collection, reading facilities Wi-Fi and computers.

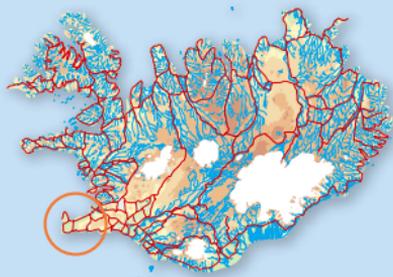
**Open all year Mon-fri 9:00-18:00.**

# Accommodation

## REYKJANES



Reykjavík  
Kópavogur  
Garðabær  
Hafnarfjörður 11





# Accommodation

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## 1. Base Hotel

Whatever you need we have! From Private Suites, big family rooms to single, double rooms or a bunk in our dormitory. Unique and relaxing atmosphere in a modern yet retro look. A fabulous but fair bar, Tv-lounges, library, community kitchens, laundry, game room, with arcades, foosball and more. A unique modern art collection to be found in Iceland hanging on our walls.



📍 Valhallarbraut 756-757,  
235 Reykjanesbær

🕒 All year

♿ Access

☎ +354 519 1300

✉ [basehotel@basehotel.is](mailto:basehotel@basehotel.is)

🌐 [basehotel.is](http://basehotel.is)

## 2. Bed and Breakfast Keflavík Airport Hotel

The Bed & Breakfast Hotel at Keflavik Airport offers spacious and newly refurbished rooms with en-suite bathrooms, free wifi, coffee/tea making facilities, breakfast served 4am to 10am daily and a complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport. The Take-Off bar in the reception area is the perfect location to unwind before or after your flight.



📍 Keilisbraut 762, 235 Reykjanesbær

🕒 All year

♿ Access

☎ +354 426 5000

✉ [booking@bbhotel.is](mailto:booking@bbhotel.is)

🌐 [bbhotel.is](http://bbhotel.is)

### 3. Diamond Suites

Diamond Suites boutique hotel is a five star hotel located on the top floor of Hotel Keflavik, a 5 minute drive from Keflavik airport. Diamond Suites offer a unique atmosphere with individually decorated suites, each with a different character and style. Whether you like old-world charm or fancy a more modern design, we have a suite that fits your style.



-  Vatnsnesvegur 12-14, 260 Reykjanesbær
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 420 7000
-  [diamond@kef.is](mailto:diamond@kef.is)
-  [diamondsuites.is](http://diamondsuites.is)

### 4. Eldey Airport Hotel

Eldey Airport Hotel is a family run hotel only 7 km from Keflavik International Airport. We aim to make your visit to Iceland unforgettable! Free access to an outdoor hot tub, infrared sauna, WiFi and parking are offered. We help you organize whale watching tours, trips to Reykjavik, the Blue Lagoon and the Golden Circle. Get more for your money when you stay with us!



-  Lindarbraut 634, 235 Reykjanesbær
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 512 8040
-  [info@eldeyhotel.is](mailto:info@eldeyhotel.is)
-  [eldeyhotel.is](http://eldeyhotel.is)

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### 5. Geo Hotel Grindavík

Geo Hotel Grindavík is located in the charming fishing village Grindavík about 20 km from Keflavik Airport and 5 km from the Blue Lagoon. The hotel has 36 standard double and family rooms, spacious open sitting area, free Wifi and breakfast for hotel guests. The hotel also offers a free shuttle to and from the Blue Lagoon, and is renowned for its hospitality.



-  Víkurbraut 58, 240 Grindavík
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 421 4000
-  [booking@geohotel.is](mailto:booking@geohotel.is)
-  [geohotel.is](http://geohotel.is)

### 6. Guesthouse Borg

Guesthouse Borg is in the center of Grindavik on the coner of Víkurbraut and Borgarhraun. Our guesthouse has a homely atmosphere and makes you feel at home. Guesthouse Borg is open all year so you can experience our hospitality in the wonderful fishing village of Grindavík. We are only minutes from the Blue Lagoon and only 40 min drive from the Keflavík International Airport.



-  Borgarhraun 2, 240 Grindavík
-  All year
-  No Access
-  +354 895 8686
-  [ghborg@simnet.is](mailto:ghborg@simnet.is)
-  [guesthouseborg.is](http://guesthouseborg.is)

## 6. Guesthouse Garður

Guesthouse Garður is a family-run guesthouse, located in the town of Garður, only 10-minutes' drive from Keflavík Airport. Located in a unique nature reserve where you can enjoy beautiful sunsets in summer and the mysterious Northern Lights in winter. Garðskagi is also known for bird-watching where thousands of migrating birds arrive from Greenland and North America to breed.



-  Skagabraut 62a, 250 Garður
-  All year
-  No Access
-  +354 660 7894

-  [guesthousegardur@simnet.is](mailto:guesthousegardur@simnet.is)
-  [guesthousegardur.is](http://guesthousegardur.is)

## 8. Guesthouse Keflavík

Guesthouse Keflavík is only a 5 minute drive away from Keflavík airport. The rooms have private or shared bathrooms. Breakfast, Wi- Fi and parking are included in the price. The communal kitchen has a complete cooking facilities and a refrigerator. Guesthouse Keflavik's guests have free access to Hótel Keflavík gym, sauna and solarium which is across the street.



-  Vatnsnesvegur 12-14, 260 Reykjanesbær
-  All year
-  No Access
-  +354 420 7000

-  [stay@kef.is](mailto:stay@kef.is)
-  [kef.is](http://kef.is)

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### 9. Hotel Grásteinn

Hotel Grásteinn is a family owned hotel located only 5 minutes' drive from Keflavik International Airport. It offers free parking and rooms with free Wi-Fi access and a flatscreen TV. A seating area, desk and wardrobe feature in all rooms. Guests can relax with a drink in the hotel bar. Other facilities include a terrace and a lounge area.



-  Bolafótur 11, 260 Reykjanesbær
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 421 5200

-  [hotelgrasteinn@simnet.is](mailto:hotelgrasteinn@simnet.is)
-  [hotelgrasteinn.is](http://hotelgrasteinn.is)

### 10. Hotel Keflavík

Hotel Keflavik has been welcoming the world to Iceland since 1986. We offer newly renovated rooms, an elegant restaurant, a fully equipped fitness center with free spinning, step aerobic classes, a relaxing sauna and solarium. We are only 5 minutes from the Keflavik International Airport, 15 minutes from the famous Blue Lagoon and 40 minutes from Reykjavik.



-  Vatnsnesvegur 12-14, 260 Reykjanesbær
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 420 7000

-  [stay@kef.is](mailto:stay@kef.is)
-  [kef.is](http://kef.is)

## 11. Hotel Berg

Hotel Berg is a newly restored 36 bedroom hotel sitting above a small marina in the town of Keflavik, 5 minutes from the Keflavik International Airport. Hotel Berg is an artfully designed hotel in Scandinavian style inspired by the sea and the small marina in front of the hotel. It's a place where opposites attract; where sea meets land and where the old traditional boat houses inspire the modern design of the new building.



-  Bakkavegur 17, 230 Reykjanesbær
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 422 7922
-  berg@hotelberg.is
-  hotelberg.is

## 12. Hotel Vogar

Hotel Vogar is an excellent choice of accommodation for visitors who are leaving or entering Iceland, with Keflavik International Airport only a 14 min drive away. It takes 12 min to drive to The Blue Lagoon and only 24 to Reykjavik. Hotel Vogar offers 37 rooms and 2 family apartments, free internet, very good breakfast buffet and satellite TV.



-  Stapavegur 7, 190 Vogar
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 866 4664
-  hotelvogar@simnet.is
-  hotelvogar.is

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### 13. Lava Hostel

Lava Hostel offers a low-price accommodation in Hafnarfjörður, surrounded with Lava and nature, located next to a public park. In this great atmosphere, we offer dorms, family rooms and sleeping bag dorm for larger groups and a campsite. Guests are welcome to use our Wi-fi, laundry facility, kitchen and dining area. Lava Hostel is only 20 minutes drive from Reykjavik city center.



-  Hjallabraut 51, 220 Hafnarfjörður
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 565 0900 / +354 895 0906

-  [info@lavahostel.is](mailto:info@lavahostel.is)
-  [lavahostel.is](http://lavahostel.is)

### 14. Lighthouse-Inn

Lighthouse-Inn is a brand new, family-run, log hotel located in Gardskagi in the small coastal town of Gardur, only a 10-minutes' drive from Keflavík International Airport. We offer free Wi-Fi, free on-site parking, 5-minutes' walk to the coastline and Röstin Restaurant. Enjoy magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean, birdlife, the two lighthouses, beautiful sunsets and the Northern Lights.



-  Norðurljósavegur 2, 250 Garður
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 433 0000

-  [lighthouseinn@simnet.is](mailto:lighthouseinn@simnet.is)
-  [lighthouseinn.is](http://lighthouseinn.is)

## 15. Northern Light Inn

A wonderful place to see the aurora borealis. 42 comfortable rooms, free wi-fi, wellness spa, fitness room, grand fireplace, comfy living rooms, cognac lounge, honesty bar and family hospitality awaits you, as well as our Max's Restaurant. Only 1 km from the Blue Lagoon and 20 min drive from the Keflavik International Airport with free scheduled pick up / drop off service.



- 📍 Norðurljósavegur 1, 240 Grindavík
- 🕒 All year
- ♿ Access
- ☎ +354 426 8650

- ✉ info@nli.is
- 🌐 nli.is

## 16. Núpan Deluxe

Start your trip at Núpan Deluxe. We are determined to help our guests enjoy all that Iceland has to offer. Restaurants, pubs, health centers and swimming pools are all in walking distance. Stay with us and we will make you feel like family. We will help guide you in planning excursions and making sure you see the best of Iceland. Your home away from home.



- 📍 Aðalgata 10, 260 Reykjanesbær
- 🕒 All year
- ♿ Access
- ☎ +354 565 3333

- ✉ info@hotelnupan.com
- 🌐 hotelnupan.com

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### 17. Park Inn by Radisson

Park inn by Radisson Keflavik Airport is great destination for exploring and experiencing the fabulous attractions available in the Reykjanes Peninsula. These include the popular Blue Lagoon and Keflavik's Viking Museum, stunning landscapes, great hiking trails, the Reykjanesviti lighthouse, quaint fishing villages and more. A great place to explore and we offer the comfortable accommodations and amenities to make your stay a great one.



-  Hafnargata 57, 260 Reykjanesbæ
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 421 5222

-  [info.airport.keflavik@rezidorparkinn.com](mailto:info.airport.keflavik@rezidorparkinn.com)
-  [parkinn.com/airport-hotel-keflavik](http://parkinn.com/airport-hotel-keflavik)

### 18. Silica Hotel at the Blue Lagoon

Named for the Blue Lagoon's iconic healing element and architected into a vast lava plain, Silica Hotel is a sanctuary of relaxation and rejuvenation. With 35 bright and spacious double/twin rooms, terraces with views of the volcanic horizon, and a private lagoon that is sourced from the same geothermal wellspring as the Blue Lagoon, Silica Hotel enables an experience of the wonders of geothermal seawater in a setting that is tranquil, intimate, and enchanting.



-  Svartsengi, 240 Grindavík
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 420 8800

-  [sales@bluelagoon.is](mailto:sales@bluelagoon.is)
-  [bluelagoon.com](http://bluelagoon.com)

## 19. START Hostel

START Hostel is a new Quality Hostel with 38 Hotel style rooms as well as Dormitory style accommodation, sitting room, guest kitchen and free WiFi. Perfect location for individual travellers, couples, families and groups and only a short distance from the International Airport. Our reception is manned 24 hours, breakfast is served from 4am and is included in our accommodation prices.



-  Lindarbraut 637, 235 Reykjanesbær
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 420 6050
-  [start@starthostel.is](mailto:start@starthostel.is)
-  [starthostel.is](http://starthostel.is)

## 20. Svítan

Svítan is located in central Keflavik only 5 minutes drive from Keflavik International Airport. Free Wi-Fi and private parking. The open plan includes well-equipped kitchen a dining area and a spacious seating area with sofas, a TV and iPod docking station. Guests at Svítan can enjoy a self-service breakfast with basic items. A variety of restaurants and shops can be found close by.



-  Túngata 10, 230 Reykjanesbær
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 663 1269
-  [svitan@svitan.is](mailto:svitan@svitan.is)
-  [svitan.is](http://svitan.is)

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### 21. The Retreat at the Blue Lagoon

Built into the volcanic frontier and encircled by the Blue Lagoon's mineral-rich waters, the suites at the Retreat open the door to unparalleled hospitality. Floor-to-ceiling windows revealing a world of enchantment. Terraces surrounded by the radiant geothermal waters. Balconies providing unforgettable perspectives on the volcanic horizon. Included with the accommodation experience is full access to the Retreat spa, the Blue Lagoon Ritual, the Retreat lagoon, and the Blue Lagoon.



📍 Svartsengi, 240 Grindavík

🕒 All year

♿ Access

☎ +354 420 8700

✉ [retreat@bluelagoon.com](mailto:retreat@bluelagoon.com)

🌐 [retreat.bluelagoon.com](https://retreat.bluelagoon.com)



# Welcome

A woman with her eyes closed and a joyful smile is partially submerged in vibrant blue water. The background is a soft-focus landscape with hills under a hazy sky.

Pre-booking is required. Book online at [bluelagoon.com](https://www.bluelagoon.com)

**BLUE LAGOON**  
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### Campsites

You can find camping sites all over Iceland, most of them open from May until the beginning of September. Camping outside of campsites in Reykjanes Peninsula is strictly prohibited. Visit [www.visitreykjanes.com](http://www.visitreykjanes.com) for our complete camping information.

### Grindavík Campground

The campsite is a pleasure-fest for the family. The campsite was designed with the camping enthusiast in mind; it includes the latest in accommodation for tents, RVs and campers. It has two playgrounds for children with swings, castles and a spider-net, family sized barbeques, and access to electricity, plus a perfect place to empty port-a-potties. Paved entrance to the camping grounds and the convenient parking area.

-  Austurvegur 26, 240 Grindavík
-  +354 660 7323 / +354 420 1100
-  [grindavik@grindavik.is](mailto:grindavik@grindavik.is)

### Garður Campground

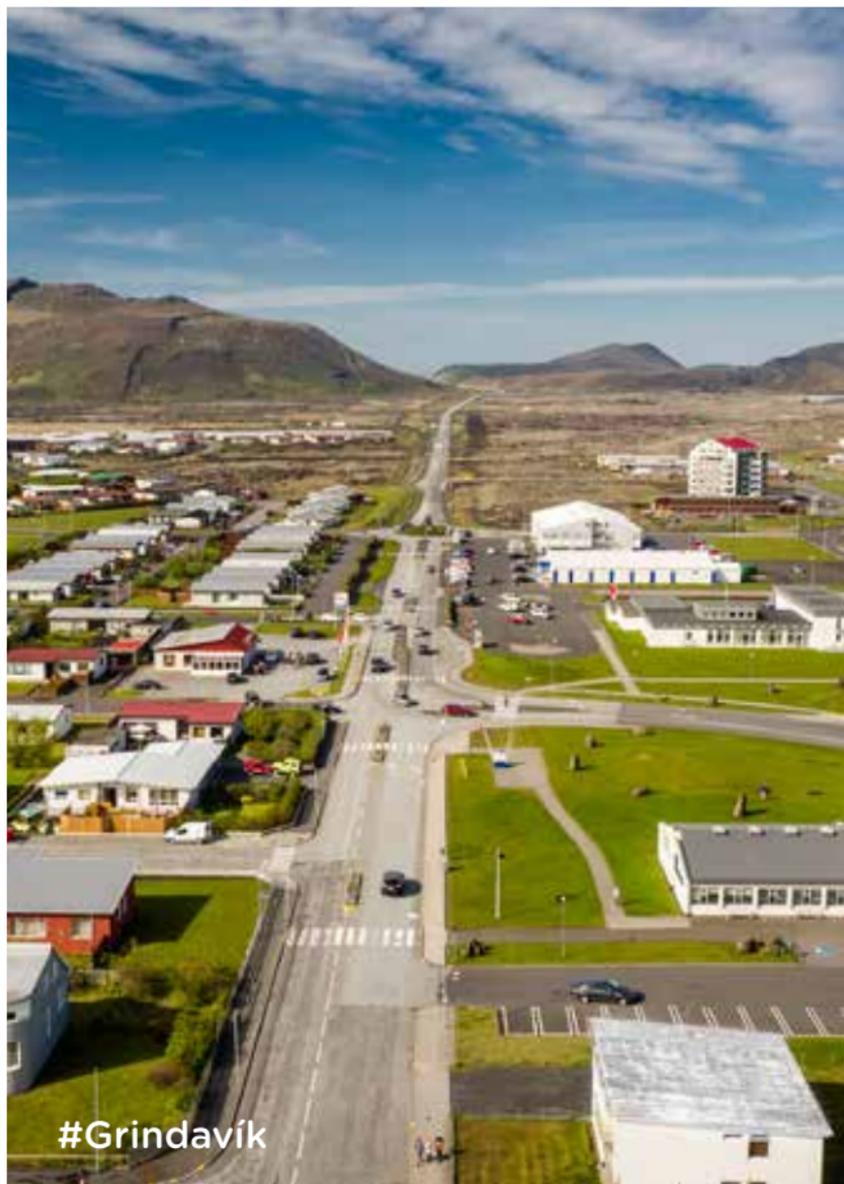
-  Garður by the lighthouses, 250 Garður
-  +354 893 8909
-  [gardskagi@simnet.is](mailto:gardskagi@simnet.is)
-  [gardskagi.com](http://gardskagi.com)

### Sandgerði Campground

-  Byggðavegur, Sandgerði 245,
-  +354 854 8424
-  [istay@istay.is](mailto:istay@istay.is)
-  [Istay.is](http://Istay.is)

### Vogar Campground

-  Hafnargata 17, Vogar 190
-  +354 440 6220



#Grindavík

# Local food





## Local food

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### 1. Duus

Duus Restaurant is located right by Keflavik Marina, in the very heart of town. The lovely wooden building, set in a picture-perfect location, overlooks the deep blue waters of Faxaflói Bay. Whether you're in town for lunch or dinner, you'll be able to choose from a wide variety of dishes to suit every palate.



-  Duusgata 10, 230 Keflavík
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 421 7080

-  duus@duus.is
-  duus.is

### 2. Fish House

Fish House is a family-run restaurant offering locally caught fish along with grilled food. We offer a relaxed atmosphere where you can enjoy great food, a cup of coffee or a range of domestic beers. The nearby harbour, where our fish is brought in, is a lovely place to wander around and watch the local fishing boats in action.



-  Hafnargata 6, 240 Grindavík
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 866 4664

-  info@fishhouse.is
-  fishhouse.is

### 3. hjá höllu

hjá höllu Restaurant in Grindavík (just a few minutes away from Blue Lagoon) serves delicious, healthy, fresh, nutrient-filled food and beverages. Open from 8:00 Monday through Friday and from 11:00 on Saturdays, we strive to offer friendly and engaging service to make your stay as pleasant as possible. Be sure to try our fish, which is fresh and local, and/or our juices and boosts.



-  Víkurbraut 62, 240 Grindavík
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 896 5316

-  [halla@hjahollu.is](mailto:halla@hjahollu.is)
-  [hjahollu.is](http://hjahollu.is)

### 4. Lava Restaurant at the Blue Lagoon

With a magnificent lava wall and floor-to-ceiling windows creating the interplay between the shimmering waters of the Blue Lagoon and the restaurant's cavernous interior, Lava is an extraordinary setting for experiencing the culinary dynamism of New Nordic Cuisine. Whether you seek the full spectrum of the Blue Lagoon's enchantments or simply a delicious meal in the heart of a breathtaking land-scape, Lava Restaurant is unforgettable.



-  Svartsengi, 240 Grindavík
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 420 8800

-  [sales@bluelagoon.is](mailto:sales@bluelagoon.is)
-  [bluelagoon.com](http://bluelagoon.com)

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### 5. Max's Restaurant

Max's Restaurant is located at Northern Light Inn, only 1 km from the Blue Lagoon and 20 min drive from the international airport. Max's Restaurant serves Icelandic foods the way locals like it, with natural and tasty ingredients from the fjords and fields of Iceland. We serve the best of the arctic ocean fresh fish, free range lamb, home baked bread and cakes.



-  Norðurljósavegur 1, 240 Grindavík
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 426 8650

-  [info@nli.is](mailto:info@nli.is)
-  [nli.is](http://nli.is)

### 6. Moss Restaurant at the Blue Lagoon

Seated at a table in Moss Restaurant, you can travel the island by way of the gourmet creations that emerge from the kitchen. With menus that move effortlessly from the mountains, to the farmlands, to the oceans, each dish opens the door to the living heritage and diverse delights of Icelandic cuisine. With an atmosphere of sophisticated fine dining and a breathtaking view of the volcanic horizon, the restaurant also features a chef's table, a lounge, and a wine cellar deep in the centuries-old lava.



-  Svartsengi, 240 Grindavík
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 421 4457

-  [retreat@bluelagoon.com](mailto:retreat@bluelagoon.com)
-  [retreat.bluelagoon.com](http://retreat.bluelagoon.com)

## 7. Olsen Olsen

Olsen Olsen is a family run American style diner and has been operating in Keflavik for 20 years. Our focus is to provide you with a good meal from good quality products with good service and a friendly atmosphere. All our products are fresh, hand picked and specifically ordered by our chefs.



-  Hafnargata 62, 230 Reykjanesbær
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 421 4457

-  olsen-olsen@simnet.is
-  olsenolsendiner.com

## 8. Papa's Restaurant

Friendly family restaurant in Grindavík, that offers takeaway and home delivery. We specialise in fish'n chips and pizza. The restaurant is located in the center of the town right across from Kvikon, culture centre and the Saltfish museum. We offer free Wi-fi and you can watch football and other sports in the bar area.



-  Hafnargata 7a, 240 Grindavík
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 426 9955

-  thormaro@gmail.com
-  papas.is

## Local food

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### 9. Röstin Restaurant & The Old Lighthouse Café

Röstin restaurant and cafeteria is located on the upper floor of the Heritage Museum in Garðskagi. We offer refreshments all year round. From the cafeteria balcony there are spectacular views where you can watch the sunset over Snæfellsjökul glacier. Powerful binoculars allow visitors to take in the surrounding area, including the abundant bird life and occasionally, whales.



-  Garðskagi, 250 Garður
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 422 7220
-  [info@gardskagi.com](mailto:info@gardskagi.com)
-  [gardskagi.com](http://gardskagi.com)

### 10. Salthúsið

Enjoy Icelandic cuisine in a warm and inviting log house. You can call it bacalao, salted cod or morue, the cod fish was once so important to Iceland's economy that it featured prominently on the Icelandic Coat of Arms. Salthúsið (The House of Bacalao) Restaurant in Grindavík is the first restaurant in Iceland specializing in cod.



-  Staphólsvegur 2, 240 Grindavík
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 426 9700 / +354 699 2665
-  [salthusid@salthusid.is](mailto:salthusid@salthusid.is)
-  [salthusid.is](http://salthusid.is)

## 11. Urta Islandica

Family company that produces delightful teas, syrups, salts, and jams. Urta Islandica is a family-run business that specializes in producing and selling artisan products made from local Icelandic ingredients. At Básvegur 10, Urta has set up perfect production and packing area for their goods. There they produce many varieties of delicious salts, syrups and jams. There is also a store where you can purchase all the goods and take a look into the production line.



-  Básvegur 10, 230 Reykjanesbær
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 470 1300
-  [urta@urta.is](mailto:urta@urta.is)
-  [urta.is](http://urta.is)

## 12. Vitinn

Vitinn is a seafood restaurant. Its' specialty is the rock crab, a delicacy found only in this part of Iceland and on the US East coast. This is one of the few, if not the only, restaurant in Europe that offers this treat fresh from the sea. The menu and the presentation of each course show off Icelandic cuisine at its best.



-  Vitatorg 7, 245 Sandgerði
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 423 7755
-  [info@vitinn.is](mailto:info@vitinn.is)
-  [vitinn.is](http://vitinn.is)

# How to get to & around Reykjanes Peninsula

Reykjanes Peninsula is very accessible all year round. Conveniently located close to the capital Reykjavík, distances between major sites and services are short. Many major airlines offer weekly and daily flights to Iceland via Keflavik International Airport, allowing you to start your adventure as soon as you arrive. Explore the peninsula by local transport or hire a local tour operator to show you all of our secret spots (see tour operators in the Activities section of this book).

### By air: Multiple airlines fly to and from Iceland



### Keflavik International airport

Keflavik International Airport is the primary gateway to Iceland. It has been awarded for service excellence numerous times and was voted best European airport in 2010, and for quality service in 2014. Its most recent award in 2016 was for best airport in Europe serving under 5 million passengers. The airport features comfortable and modern passenger and commercial facilities with extensive capacity on the North Atlantic and polar routes linking Europe and Asia with North America.

📍 235 Keflavíkur flugvöllur

🕒 All year

♿ Access

☎ +354 425 6000

✉ kefairport@kefairport.is

🌐 kefairport.is

## Coaches:

### Bus4u

We are the Bus4u. We can handle all your ground transportation needs, ranging from 1-400 passengers or more. Our motto is "Big enough to handle – small enough to care." Our location is conveniently close to the Keflavik International Airport and within easy reach of the "big, little" city of Reykjavik. All our drivers are friendly, English speaking, and have your convenience and safety always in mind.



 Vesturbraut 12, 230 Reykjanesbær

 All year

 Access

 +354 421 4444

 info@bus4u.is

 bus4u.is

### Shuttle.is

Shuttle Iceland provides hassle free and comfortable shuttle service from Keflavik with connection to all Hotels located on the Reykjanes peninsula and Reykjavik City. We offer Blue lagoon shuttle, airport shuttle, direct shuttle service to and from Reykjavik and high comfort private transfers. Shuttle Iceland also offers day tours for small and medium size groups.



 Krossholt 15, 230 Reykjanesbær

 All year

 No Access

 +354 852 9509

 info@shuttle.is

 shuttle.is

## Transportation

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### Car rentals:

#### Happy Campers

Happy Campers is a family-run camper van rental in Iceland. Our campers are the perfect wallet-friendly way to explore Iceland, combining transportation and lodging.

Discover Iceland the “**Happy**” way. It's simple, it's easy, it's fun!



-  Stapabraut 21, 260 Reykjanesbær
-  All year
-  Access
-  +354 511 3111
-  [info@happycampers.is](mailto:info@happycampers.is)
-  [happycampers.is](http://happycampers.is)

#### Lotus Car Rental

At Lotus Car Rental Iceland, we offer you the most friendly, and personal services in Iceland. We are here to make sure you receive the most affordable, quality cars on the market.

A journey begins with a first impression, so please allow us to guide you along your way! Your safety and affordability are our first priorities!



-  Njarðarbraut 1, 260 Reykjanesbær
-  All year
-  Access
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| <b>R1</b> Circle Line   | <b>55</b> Reykjanesbær - Reykjavík |
| <b>R2</b> Njarðvík Line | <b>87</b> Vogar Line               |
| <b>R3</b> Ásbrú Line    | <b>88</b> Reykjanesbær - Grindavík |
| <b>R4</b> Hafnir Line   | <b>89</b> Garður - Sandgerðisbær   |



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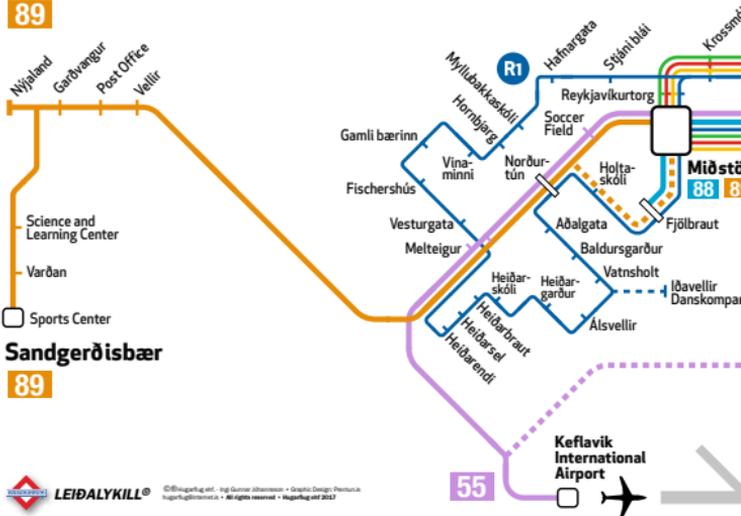


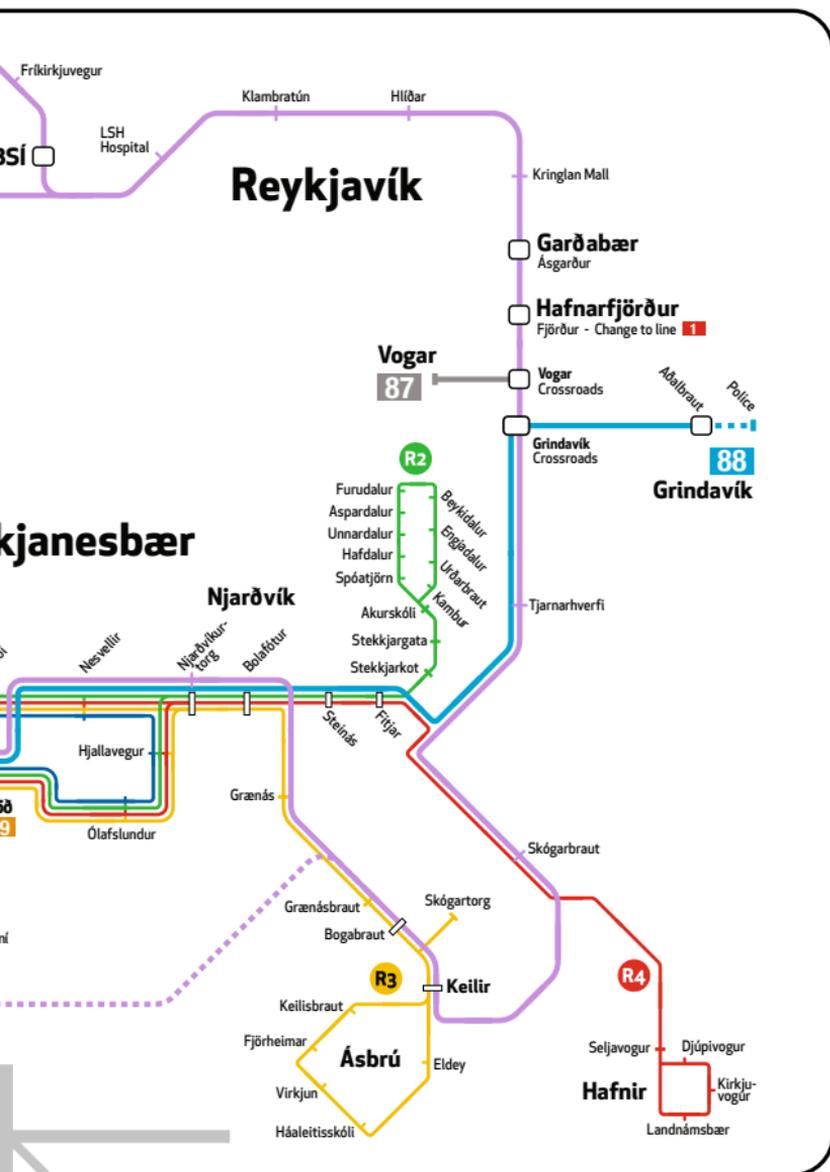
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