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REYKJANES UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK**





REYKJANES GEOPARK

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It is home to many important geological formations, some of which are utterly unique, including numerous types of volcanoes in at least four separate volcanic zones, with hundreds of open fissures and faults.

The Reykjanes Peninsula is a continuation of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, which rises from the sea at the very tip of the peninsula and diagonally crosses Iceland from the south-west to the north-east. You can read the area's geological history several hundred thousand years back in time, although most of the strata are less than 100–200 thousand years old. The last series of eruptions on the Reykjanes Peninsula began around AD 1000 and ended 250 years later. A new volcanic era began in 2021 with a great spectacle in the Fagradalsfjall volcanic eruptions that captured the world's attention.

Reykjanes peninsula is a UNESCO Global Geopark, with its unique geological features and rich history that is intertwined with the Icelandic history and culture. It is the second geopark in Iceland and the 66th member accepted into the European Geoparks Network in September 2015.

Reykjanes Geoparks mission, along with its partners, is to develop a sustainable region for businesses and municipalities, an interesting place to live in and opportunities for growth and product development and added value, together with the preservation of natural and cultural values.

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Reykjanes peninsula in numbers

Inhabitants: 29.000

Municipalities: 4

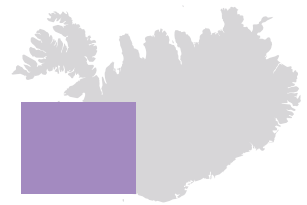
Area: 825 km²

REYKJANESBÆR

Safe, clean, hassle-free city centre
Perfectly located midway between
USA and Europe, 3-5 hours flight
from Europe and 5-7 hours flight
from USA

Reykjanesbær

Reykjanes really does live up to its name - it literally means „the Smoking Peninsula.“
The word „bær“ simply means town.



Reykjanesbær is a young and dynamic community with a diverse and rapidly expanding population. The district spreads over the Reykjanes Peninsula and it includes the UNESCO Global Geopark, which was recognised because of its geological heritage of outstanding universal value.

For centuries the sea and its rich fishing grounds have shaped a thriving community in Reykjanesbær. The district's significance increased with the arrival of the NATO Defence Forces at Keflavík International Airport. Today the airport is one of the largest workplaces in Iceland, and which caters for considerable numbers of tourists every year. It is safe to say that Reykjavík or Suðurnes is often the first and last destination for those who come to Iceland from around the world.

Here, nature is breathtaking and the energy from deep underground has shaped the landscape, where you can find rows of craters, moss-grown lava, spitting hot springs, and the Blue Lagoon, which has been called one of the Modern Wonders of the World. Reykjavík has one of the largest bird colonies in Europe and is popular for bird watching, whether viewing in the rocks or beaches. The possibilities for outdoor activities are almost endless. The coastal route of Reykjanesbær is a 10 km hiking trail that runs from Helgavík to Stapi and is popular with locals and visitors as it offers a unique view of the sea and, if you are lucky, you could catch a glimpse of the occasional whale. The birdlife by the beach is usually quite varied.

Museums and Culture

Reykjanesbær has a rich musical culture and has been known to be referred to as the home of pop music in Iceland. You can experience this unique story in the Rock Museum of Iceland in Hljómahöll.

Duus Museum, which previously housed Danish merchants selling fish, is now the town's cultural center, where there are interesting galleries at the Art Museum and the Regional Museum.

Viking World is a magnificent exhibition hall that houses a reconstruction of the Viking ship, Íslendingur, that sailed to America in 2000 to commemorate Leif Eiríksson's voyage to the New World.

Downtown - Hafnargata

The historic downtown lies along the coastline above the historic shopping stalls of the Duus merchants, where shops date back to the 19th century. You can find a number of shops with a diverse product range. After shopping, it is easy to find places to eat as Hafnargata has a rich food culture.



PLACES TO GO

- 1 Keflavík Harbor Rock & Roll
- 2 Museum Duus Culture House
- 3 Old Marina & Giantess Cave
- 4 Downtown (Hafnargata)
- 5 Keflavík Church Swimming Pool
- 6 Njarðvík Church Viking World
- 7 Stekkjarkot cottages Inner
- 8 Njarðvík Church Keflavík
- 9 International Airport
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- 11
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Guidelines

- The port is near the center of town and the townspeople can hear sounds from ships very clearly. Please avoid using the outer deck loud speaker system, especially in the morning or late at night.
- All the hot water in Reykjanes is geothermally heated. Be sure to visit the local swimming pool.
- Take a stroll through Reykjanesbær, which is an old fishing village maturing into a vibrant town with old historic houses surrounded by nature. A 10 km hiking path by the coast, from the old marina to Viking World, gives an opportunity to see vibrant birdlife, active harbours, and outdoor artwork. Along the main shopping street, Hafnargata, you will find interesting shops, boutiques, art galleries, restaurants, and the Duus Culture House.
- There are many hiking trails in Reykjanes that are fun to explore, but be aware of the delicate nature (lava fields and moss) and do not hike outside marked trails.
- The northern lights season is from late August until late April. The darker and brighter the skies, the better for seeing the Aurora Borealis, though we cannot guarantee sightings! Wear something bright as we cannot see you in the dark.
- Summers are fresh and winters fairly mild. July is the warmest month and January the coolest. Dress accordingly and dress in layers.
- Icelandic cuisine is an offshoot of Nordic cuisine, known worldwide for the freshness of the food and inspired fusion of cooking styles. There are a great variety of options to tickle your palate.
- Meet the locals. Our community is very visitor friendly. Be sure to stop for a chat, but respect the boundaries of our homes.
- Put your trash in the trash bins – this way, you help us to keep our town clean and neat.



Photo: Vikingworld

Vikingaheimar is the home of the Viking ship Íslendingur (the Icelder). Built in 1996, Íslendingur 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.



Photo: Ozzo

The shortest route between the European and American continents is in Reykjanes, where you can cross a bridge between the two in just a few minutes. Be sure to take a picture. It is a unique place to visit.

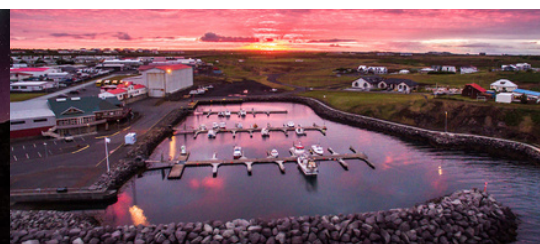


Photo: Visit Reykjanes

In a mysterious cave by the old marina in Keflavík town lives a Giantess who sits by the kitchen window in her rocking chair and looks out over Keflavík and Faxaflói Bay.



THINGS TO DO IN REYKJANESBAER



STROLL THROUGH THE TOWN

You can take a stroll through the town of Reykjanesbaer. It is an old fishing village maturing into a vibrant city with old historic houses midtown and nature all around you. A 10 km hiking path by the coast allows you to see vibrant birdlife, active harbours, and outdoor artwork. You can take a walk along the main shopping street, Hafnargata. Several shops, boutiques, art galleries, restaurants and Duus culture houses will inspire you.

- Visit the variety of shops in town for special offers for cruise passengers.

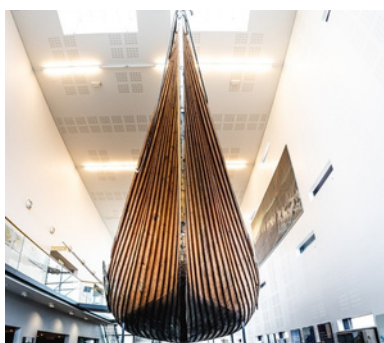
CULTURE, MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITIONS

Reykjanes peninsula offers a variety of interesting museums and exhibitions that reflect the history and development of the community. From standard Folk museums and exhibitions, the Vikings' history, Geopark visitors' and natural science centres to VR experience and modern art.

- The Museum of Rock'n'Roll offers cruise passengers and staff special rates.

MORE INFORMATION ON MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITIONS

<https://www.visitreykjan.es/en/experiences/culture-heritage>



SWIM WITH THE LOCALS

There are swimming pools all over Iceland and in Reykjanes there are six swimming pools that visitors can choose from. On the Reykjanes peninsula, most of the swimming pools are outdoor pools and all of them are heated with geothermal water from the peninsula.

MORE INFORMATION <https://www.visitreykjan.es/en/experiences/swimming-and-geothermal-areas>



TICKLE YOUR PALATE

Icelandic cuisine is an offshoot of the Nordic Cuisine, known worldwide for the freshness of the food and inspired fusion of cooking styles. On the Reykjanes peninsula, there is a great variety of options for dining out.

- Ráin restaurant offers cruise passengers a 10% discount on the menu.
- KEF restaurant has special offers for cruise passengers
- Náðin store offers a variety of products from the region that can also be a great souvenir to bring back home.

MORE INFORMATION <https://www.visitreykjan.es/en/food-accommodation/culinary-experience>



WALKING AND HIKING

There are many hiking trails in Reykjanes that is fun to explore, there is an app called Wapp that has many hiking trails available in Iceland and Reykjanes, you can find more info about the app on the website <https://wapp.is>

MORE INFORMATION <https://www.visitreykjan.es/en/experiences/hiking-trails>

EXERCISE LIKE THE LOCALS

Reykjanesbaer is one of the leading sports towns in Iceland where exercise is an important part of your everyday life, whether it is just going for a walk or using one of the gyms. There are six gyms with various opportunities located all around the town.





TOP DESTINATIONS IN REYKJANES GEOPARK

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.visitreykjanes.is/en/destinations/top-destinations>



GUNNUHVER AND OTHER GEOTHERMAL AREAS

The bubbling mud pots and hot springs tint Reykjanes in a range of colours and shapes that catch the eye. The rising plumes of steam frame the lively mud pots, reminding us of the power below. The hot springs and pools are constantly changing.

Gunnuhver is Iceland's largest mud pot – the crater is 20 metres in diameter. Its name refers to a ghostly woman, Guðrún, who haunted the area until pastor Eiríkur Magnússon of Vogsósar managed to banish her to her muddy resting place, the Gunnuhver mud pot.



THE VOLCANIC EXPERIENCE

Since August 21st, 2022 there has been no visible activity in Meradalir Volcano. No flowing lava can be seen at the moment, but the hiking path remains open.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.visitreykjanes.is/en/volcano-eruption/eruption-information>

ATV TOURS, BUGGY'S OR MOUNTAIN BIKING

Are you up for some action? [Link to video](#)

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.visitreykjanes.is/en/experiences/activities>



GEOTHERMAL ENERGY

Geothermal areas are tied to the volcanic area that traverses the peninsula. There are two geothermal powerplants in Svartsengi and Reykjanes tip with combined power of 175 MW. Within Reykjanes Geopark is the Resource Park, a cluster of innovative and green companies sustainably utilizing waste streams and excess heat from the powerplants.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.visitreykjanes.is/en/destinations/nature>



KLEIFARVATN AND SELTÚN

Kleifarvatn is a unique still lake only a short distance from Reykjavik. The water is extremely deep and therefore likely that a monster lurks under the still surface. Nearby is the wonderful geothermal area Seltún with bubbling hot pools and smelly sulphate and Grænavatn a crater filled with water of the most amazing green hue.



TRANSPORTATION

- Local Transportation
- Public Transport
- Tours
- Taxi

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TAXI SERVICE IN REYKJANESBAER



There is one local taxi operator in Reykjanesbær called Airport Taxi and Taxi Service Iceland.

The Taxi services can offer a short transport in town or shorter trips around the region that can vary from one hour up to few hours.



TAXI Services:

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Taxi Service Iceland +354 789 8272

WALKING IS FREE AND GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH



STRÆTO - PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN REYKJANESBAER



The public transport bus network in Reykjanesbaer consists of 3 routes (R1, R3 and R4), connecting the neighbourhoods of the town in addition to a direct route to the capital of Iceland (55) and other towns in Reykjanes region (88, 89).

The busses operate every weekday from 7am to 10 pm and 10am to 6 pm on Saturdays.

The local network is connected to the Stræto's bus network of the capital area that consists of 27 routes.



Website:

<https://www.bus4u.is/schedule>

ELECTRIC SCOOTERS



Electric Scooters are becoming more and more popular and Reykjanesbaer is no exception.

Hopp is the sustainable transportation solution for the world's modern city. We enable you to travel around your area without leaving a carbon footprint.

More information on HOPP Scooters in their app.



More information here:

<https://hopp.bike/locations#reykjanes-b%C3%A6r>

LOCAL TOUR OPERATORS - SHORTER TRIPS



Our local tour specialists know how to make your visit the most memorable. Take a look at what they have to offer, online or off. It can be helpful when you plan your trip. Whether you are going to be part of a group or travel on your own.

More information on Day tour operators here:

<https://www.visitreykjan.es/en/travel-info/tours/day-tours>

More information on Travel agencies and tours here:

<https://www.visitreykjan.es/en/travel-info/tours/travel-agency>





ACCOMMODATION

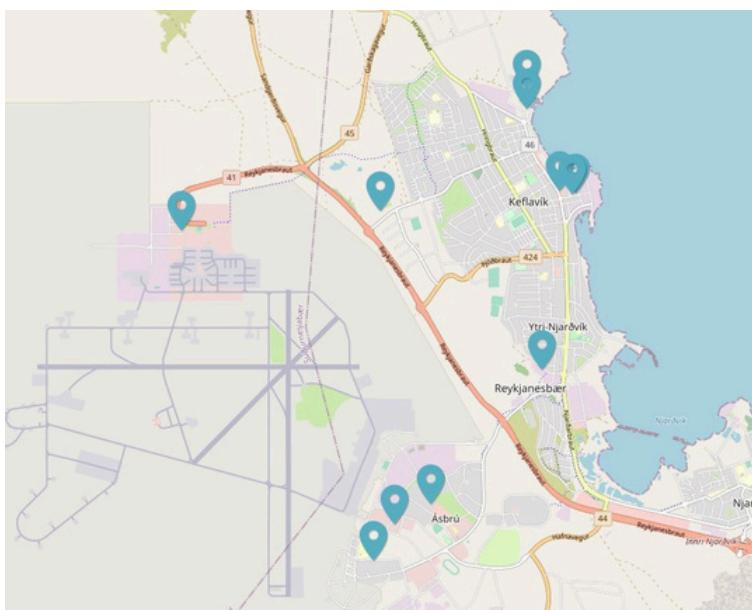
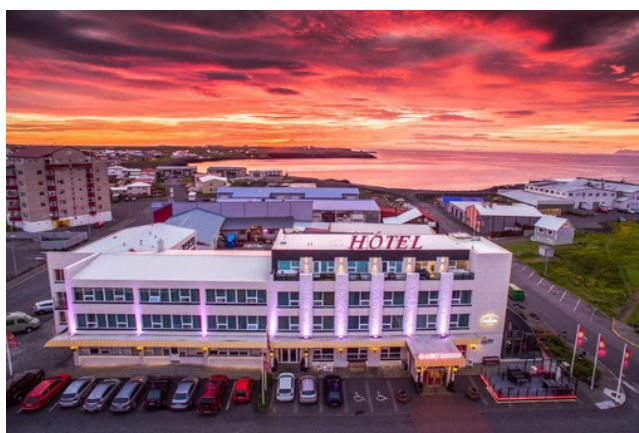
There are over 1200 hotel rooms
in Reykjanes Peninsula in 2022

ACCOMMODATION IN REYKJANES



Reykjanes peninsula offers a broad spectrum of accommodations, from hostels to luxury properties. In Reykjanesbær and its surroundings are over 1200 rooms which allow the city to welcome large events during all seasons. Icelanders take pride in their hospitality and high standard of cleanliness, and we make sure that our guests sleep soundly come rain or shine, northern lights, or midnight sun.

For details on accommodation in Reykjavik: <https://www.visitreykjavik.is/en/food-accommodation/where-to-stay>



AVERAGE HOTEL RATES

Average hotel rates for September 2023		
Hotel / Accommodation	Prices vary from / to	
Standard single	158 EUR	271 EUR
Standard double	168 EUR	327 EUR
Based on quotes from Iceland Travel, exchange rate 151 ISK/EUR		

We say everything is 10-15 minutes away and that is true for most of the hotels. Reykjanesbaer is a walkable city so with a 10-15 minute walk radius you can reach hotels, venues, restaurants, bars, museum, shops, swimming pools, and more. The best part is that the airport is only 5 minutes by car.

HOTELS IN REYKJANESBAER

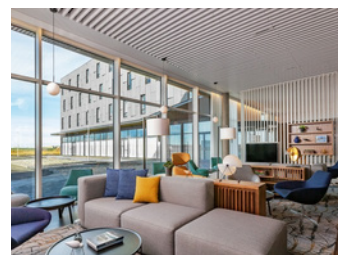
There are 11 hotels in Reykjanesbaer. Five of them are being presented below to give an idea of the possibilities. For more accommodation options see the [Visit Reykjanes website](#).



COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT

Courtyard by Marriott Reykjavik Keflavik Airport is a new hotel with 150 rooms, only a few minutes' drive from KEF International Airport and is located inside the world known Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark.

Website: [Courtyard by Marriott](#)



HOTEL BERG

Hotel Berg is a four-star boutique hotel on two floors located above a small marina in Reykjanesbaer, approx 2,5 km from the venue Hljomaholl.

Website: [Hotel Berg](#)



HOTEL KEFLAVIK

A 4-Star family owned hotel with 70 rooms of various types. Located in downtown Keflavik and approx 15 minutes walking to the venue Hljomaholl.

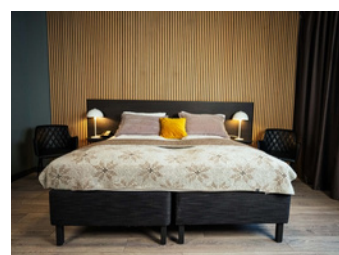
Website: [Hotel Keflavik](#)



KONVIN HOTEL

The hotel group operates two hotels in Keflavik; Konvin Hotel (150 rooms) and Hotel Asbru (55 room), both located near Keflavik Airport. Approx 4 km from the venue, Hljomaholl.

Website: [www.konvin.is](#) & [www.hotelasbru.is](#)

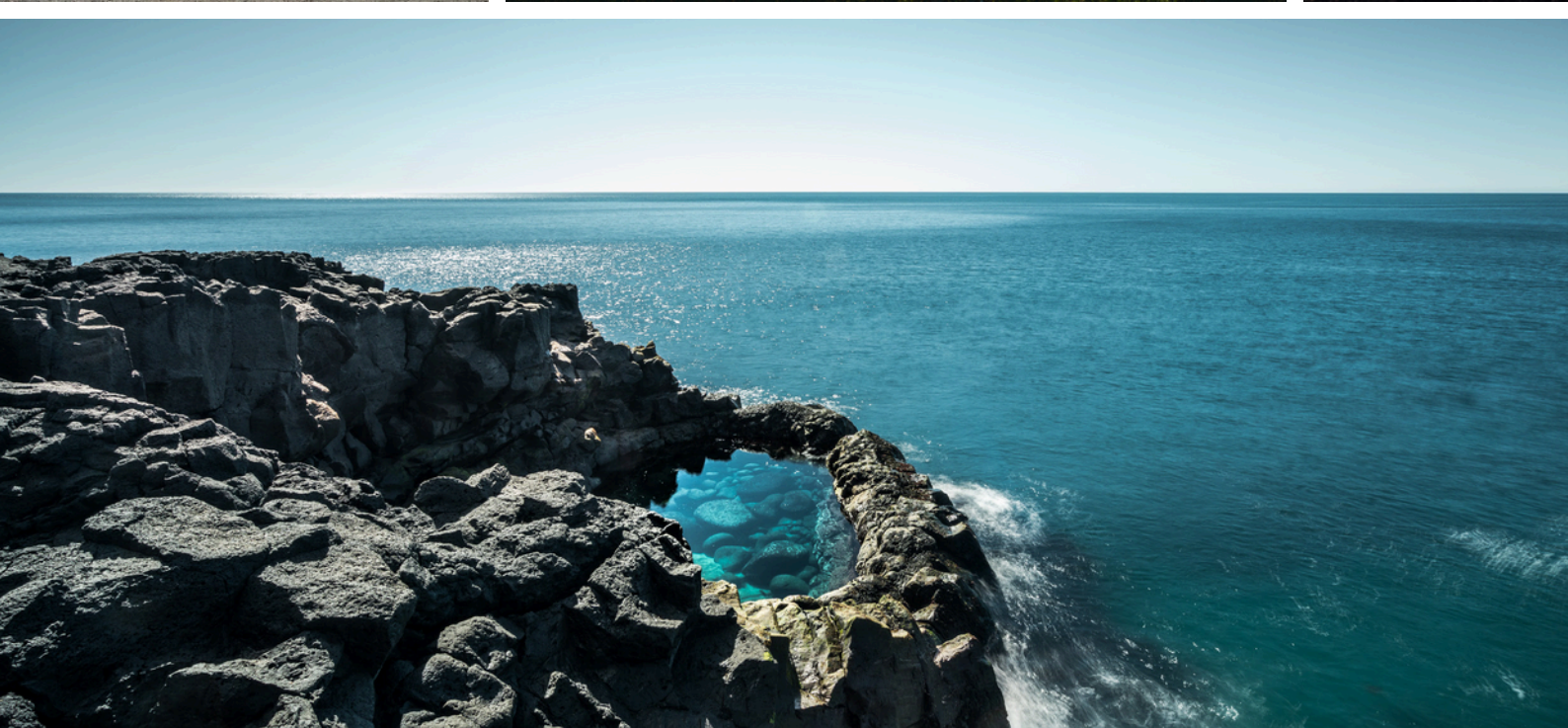
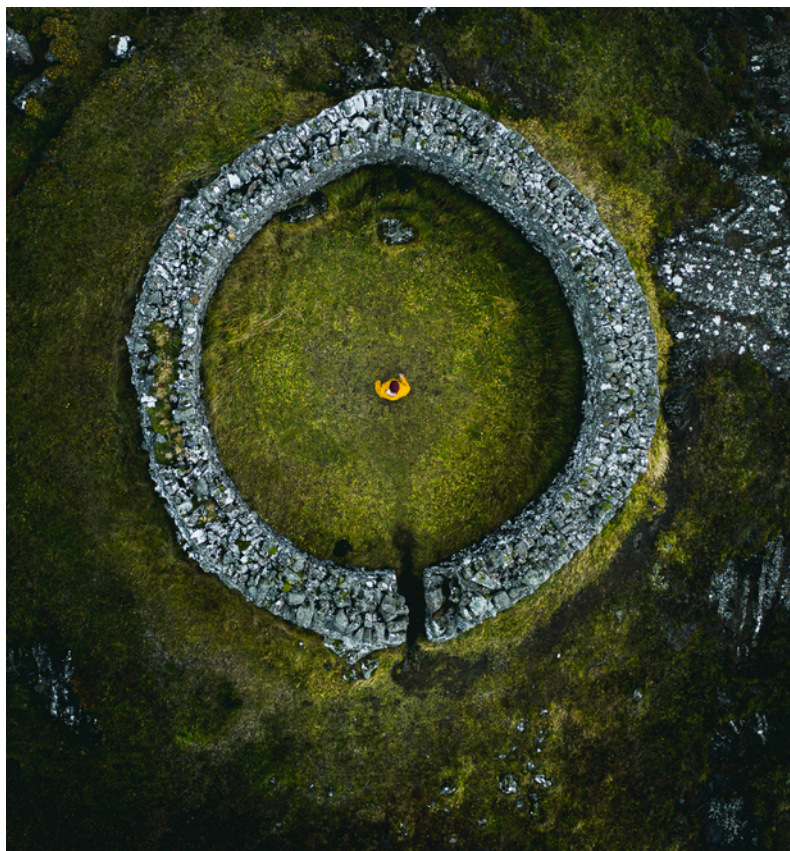


PARK INN BY RADISSON

Park Inn by Radisson offers newly renovated and spacious 117 guest rooms, only 15 minutes walking to the venue Hljomaholl. LIBRARY bistro/bar is our in-house restaurant and popular among locals and travellers to enjoy a bountiful meal or kick back with a drink at the end of a great day.

Website: [Park Inn Hotel](#)







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