

Annual Events in Akureyri & surrounding areas 2013



V I S I T A K U R E Y R I

14th – 17th February: Winter festival “Éljagangur” – All kinds of winter sports; mountain hiking, skiing, snow scooters, super jeeps, northern light tours, exhibitions, concerts and much, much more. www.eljagangur.is

25th March – 2nd April: Easter – A combination of skiing and other outdoor sports as well as culture and nightlife together with Icelanders on holiday.

4th – 7th April: “Ak Extreme” Snowboarding competition – www.akextreme.is

18th – 21st April: Donald Duck ski competition – One of the largest and most popular skiing competitions in Iceland for the ages 7-14yrs.

4th May: Museum day – The numerous and interesting museums in the fjord organize different programs. Entrance free. www.museums.is

Medio April-May: Art without borders - disabled and able-bodied artists meet with in their shared love of art.

31st – 2nd May: Grímsey - Arctic Moments: An Event on the island Grímsey, which is the northernmost part of Iceland – located on the Arctic Circle. Program all weekend with emphasis on local traditions and local food.

2nd June: The fisherman day – Fishing has always been very important to the Icelandic way of living and as Akureyri houses one of the largest fishing companies in Iceland the day is celebrated with various events.

13th – 16th June: Akureyri car events – Car shows, drag races and much more.

17th June: Iceland National Day – Program starts at 13.00 and runs until midnight, suitable for all ages.

21st June: Sun Solstice in Grímsey – Enjoy the midnight sun on the longest day of the year at the Arctic Circle

27th – 29th June: The Arctic Open - International golf tournament around Summer Solstice. www.articopen.is

End of June: The Aviation Festival – New and old aircrafts of many kinds and even see some of them in action.

29th June: Thorvaldsdalur Terrain Run – *The oldest terrain run in Iceland in the Þorvaldsdalur Valley about 20 km north of Akureyri.*

1st – 7th July: Hiking week – Annual hiking week with different hikes in and around Akureyri. Varied levels ranging from easy 2-4 hours walks to the difficult hike in Glerárdalur: 24 peaks in 24 hours (6th July).

3rd – 7th July: Two big Icelandic football tournaments N1 and Pollamót – for 12 years old boys and adults who want to show they haven't lost their touch.

3rd – 7th July: Siglufjörður Folk Music Festival – Outstanding cultural event consisting of Icelandic folk ballads, folkdance, courses and lectures.

12th – 14th July: Shellfish Festival in Hrísey – Enjoy a family based festival with the focus on the shellfish harvested from the ocean around the island.

18th – 21st July: Motorbike Days – The motorbike club “Tían” organises this event, it offers a diverse programming to suit all those who have a passion for motorbikes.

19th – 21st July: “Miðaldadagar” Medieval Trading Weekend at Gásir – a medieval trading village is re-created on a historical site, demonstrations in medieval crafts and games. www.gasir.is

2nd – 5th August: “Ein með öllu” family festival – A family oriented festival with a lot of fun, events and music. Usually ends with a concert and a fireworks show.

2nd – 5th August: “Sildarævintýri” family festival – A festival related to the herring history of the town Siglufjörður. The festival is suitable for the entire family.

9th – 11th August: The Fish Festival in Dalvík – All you can eat - for free! The Great Fish Day of Dalvík - everybody is invited to a sea food tastings and events.

9th – 12th August: Arctic Handcraft and Design at Hrafnagil - About 100 individuals set up their stalls to show and sell their exclusive handcraft, art and design that often is based on the old Icelandic traditions.

30th August – 1st September: Akureyri Celebration of Town Rights – A lot of events starting in the evening of 30th and peak of events on the 1st of September.

14th September: Arctic Circle Run in Grímsey – A race crossing the Arctic Circle, around the island of Grímsey. A choice of two distances: one circle (approx. 12 km) or two circles.

10th – 13th October: Ladies Days – Get pink and shimmery and enjoy Ladies Days with concerts, exhibitions and everything women love.

23rd – 26th December: Christmas – Visitors coming to Akureyri during Christmas can enjoy the celebrations of the holidays, numerous tours and excursions and the town dressed in colourful decorations and lights.

31st December: New Year – Bonfire kicks off the celebrations around 8pm and then at 9pm a wonderful fireworks display follows, with nightlife blooming till early morning.