

Annual Events in Akureyri & surrounding areas 2018



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23rd - 25th April: Iceland Winter Games: Iceland Winter Games, the northernmost big jump free ski competition of the season. Outdoor and winter sport activists will find a great variety of events to enjoy or partake in...in breath-taking landscape!

5th - 8th April: AK Extreme - Snowboarding competition. The main event is a competition and exhibition of jumps that takes place in center of Akureyri. Contestants jump from a 16 meter high ski ramp built for the occasion.

19th April: Museum Day - The first day of summer in Iceland, numerous and interesting museums along the fjord Eyjafjörður organize different happenings and programs. Entrance free.

18th - 21nd April: Donald Duck Ski Competition - Takes place in Mt. Hlidarfjall by Akureyri at the end of April (since 1976). It is the biggest ski event in Iceland and is for kids at the age of 6-15.

Each year about 800 kids from all over Iceland compete in cross country skiing, alpine skiing and snowboarding. Social events and prize ceremonies are hosted down town every night.

30th May - 2nd June: Vaka Folk Festival - Traditional Nordic music & dance festival with the best and brightest of traditional folk song, music, handcraft and dance. The festival features 4 days & nights.

4th June: Fishermen's Day - celebrates the hard work and sacrifices of the Icelandic fishermen. Concerts, events, boat tours and rowing competitions.

14th - 17th June: Akureyri Motor Events - The largest motor sport event in Iceland and is an annual celebration of cars, motorbikes and general motor sport vehicles from around Iceland. Races, drag racing, displays etc.

18th - 22nd June: Hiking week A - Annual hiking week with different hikes in and around Akureyri. Varied levels ranging from easy 2-4 hours walks to day tours.

20th - 27th June: The Arctic Open - This international golf tournament takes place annually around Summer Solstice (end of June) on the northernmost golf course in the world.

23rd - 24th June: Summer Solstice Festival in Akureyri - Enjoy the midnight sun on the longest day of the year with cultural events building on old traditions and mythology.

7th July: Thorvaldsdalur Terrain Run - The oldest terrain run in Iceland, only about 25 km from Akureyri.

4th - 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.

13th - 14th July: Hrísey Festival - A family based festival in a small island in the middle of the fjord Eyjafjörður with a population of 170. During this weekend people are invited to come and enjoy music, tractor trailer rides, and taste local food etc.

4th - 8th July: Folk Music Festival - Icelandic folk ballads, folkdance, courses and lectures in town Siglufjörður.

12th - 15th July: Motorbike Days - A motorbike event with drag race, concerts and other events.

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20th – 22nd July: Medieval Trading Weekend at Gásir - The old medieval trading site is re-constructed during four days. The villagers are dressed in medieval costumes and demonstrate medieval crafts; spinning wool, wood carving, tanning, blacksmithing and much more. Medieval sword fighting's are held daily and guests can join in medieval ball games and archery.

23th-27th July: Hiking week B - Annual hiking week with different hikes in and around Akureyri. Varied levels ranging from easy 2-4 hours walks to day tours.

2nd - 5th August: Iceland Summer Games – All sort of extreme and outdoor sports, endurance tests and recreational games such as mountain hiking, triathlon, swimming in the sea, biking, sailing and much more. Different activities for competitors and for those enjoy exercise and outdoor activities.

2nd - 5th August: Family festival "Ein með öllu" – during the „verslunarmannahelgi“, the Merchants' Weekend, the town of Akureyri hosts the event "Ein með Öllu" family festival: where live music, Tivoli and different performances fill up the streets of Akureyri together with sport events of the Iceland Summer Games.

10th - 11th August: The Great Fish day - A fish festival with free tasking of all kinds of fish products in town Dalvík.

9th - 12th August: Arctic Handcraft and Design – Exhibition and marked displaying exclusive handcraft, art and design that often is based on the old Icelandic traditions. In Hrafnagil a village 15 km from Akureyri.

24th - 25th August: Akureyri Town festival – Rich of cultural events - The Birthday of Akureyri celebrations. Annual highlights are: Opening ceremony in the Botanical garden, Spooky evening in the old town, concerts in the center of town and events along the Artist Alley. Every year has a special theme.

1st September: Arctic Run in Grímsey – A trail running around the island of Grímsey crossing the Arctic Circle, a choice of two distances: one circle (approx. 12 km) or two circles (24 km).

4th - 7th October: Ladies Days – Get pink and shimmery and enjoy Ladies Days with concerts, exhibitions and various events happening around the town. Many stores offer various discounts and organize different events.

19th-20th October: Local Food Festival - one of the biggest food festivals in Iceland, held every other year.

8th - 9th November: Iceland Airwaves Music Festival – Iceland Airwaves is an annual music festival held early November in Reykjavik and Akureyri. The festival's main focus is showcasing new music, both Icelandic and international. It offers wide range of music and good atmosphere.

1st - 23rd December: Advent Festival – Program from the first to the last day of Advent. Concerts, exhibitions, markets etc. Starts with Christmas tree.

Information about all events in and around Akureyri can be found on following two links.

Annual events: visitakureyri.is/en/things-to-do/events-and-festivals

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