

# Annual Events in Akureyri & surrounding areas 2014



VISIT AKUREYRI

**13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.eljagangur.is)

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April: “Ak Extreme” Snowboarding competition, on of the biggest in Iceland.**

**17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April: Easter** – A combination of skiing and other outdoor sports as well as culture and nightlife together with Icelanders on holiday.

**24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April: Donald Duck ski competition** – One of the largest and most popular skiing competitions in Iceland for the ages 7-14yrs. Around 800 kids participate each year.

**3<sup>th</sup> May: Museum day** – The first Saturday in May each year, numerous and interesting museums in the fjord organize different programs and open their doors collectively to the public. Entrance is free. [www.museums.is](http://www.museums.is)

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

**30<sup>th</sup> May– 1<sup>st</sup> June: 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June: Akureyri car events** – the largest motor sport event in Iceland incl. car shows, drag races ect.

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

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

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

**26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June: The Arctic Open** - International golf tournament around Summer Solstice. [www.articopen.is](http://www.articopen.is)

**5<sup>th</sup> July: Thorvaldsdalur Terrain Run** –The oldest terrain run in Iceland in the Þorvaldsdalur Valley about 25 km north of Akureyri.

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 (12th July).**

**4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> July: Siglufjörður Folk Music Festival** – Outstanding cultural event consisting of Icelandic folk ballads, folkdance, courses and lectures.

**11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> July: Hrísey Festival** – Enjoy a family based festival in this beautiful island (20 min drive from Akureyri and 15 minutes ferry sailing from Árskogssandur).

**17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>st</sup> 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.

**18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>st</sup> July: “Miðaldadagur” 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](http://www.gasir.is)

**31<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> August: “Ein með öllu” family festival** – A family oriented festival with a lot of fun, events and music. Open air concerts downtown Akureyri daily.

**1<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> August: “Sildarævintýri” family festival** – A festival related to the herring history of the town Siglufjörður. The festival is suitable for the entire family.

**8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> August: The Fish Festival in Dalvík** – The Great Fish Day of Dalvík - everybody is invited to a sea food tastings and events.

**8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August: Akureyri Celebration of Town Rights** – A lot of events starting in the evening of 29<sup>th</sup> and peak of events on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August.

**13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October: Ladies Days** – Get pink and shimmery and enjoy Ladies Days with concerts, exhibitions and everything women love.

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**31<sup>st</sup> 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.