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Ferry Sæfari, scheduled trips all year between Dalvík and Grímsey.
A 3 hours sailing each way. The stop in Grímsey varies from two to five hours depending on the weekday.

1. - 31. September: Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri/Thur/Sat.
1. November - 31. March: Mon/Wed/Fri/Thur
1. October: Mon/Wed/Thur.
1. December: Mon/Wed/Thur.

Sightseeing flights: www.circleair.is; www.norlandair.is
www.norlandair.is, www.airiceland.is

It is recommended to book tickets for the ferry in advance during the summer months.
Phone: (+354) 450 1050 or info@kosturinn.is

Boat Ambassador, “Arctic Circle Express” tour to Grímsey during June to August. A tour including a visit to the island and crossing the Arctic Circle. Departures from Akureyri, Taric/TheSkjót: Sun: 1. - 31. August at 13:00.
The tour lasts around 6 - 6.5 hours.
Phone: (+354) 450 1050 or email info@visitakureyri.is.

Local Woman’s Association

Guesthouse Básar

Useful information
Gunnuhver Gudhol
Open all year. Phone: (+354) 467 3103.
Email: gunnuhver@gw.is / gudhol@matmi.is

Gunnuhver Björk
Open all year. Phone: (+354) 467 3190.
Email: basar@gw.is / basar@sumnet.is

Regular and charter flights to Grímsey

Restaurant Krión
Open in the summer time, otherwise upon request. Phone: (+354) 467 3112 & (+354) 898 2018
Shop & Café Gaðsal Súi
Handcrafted souvenirs along with coffee and light refreshments. Open during ferry stops in summer and otherwise upon request. Phone: (+354) 467 3190

Shop Búðin
Supermarket. Opening hours in the summer time: Mon/Wed/Thur/12:00 - 17:00.
Tue/Thu 12:00 - 14:00. Sat/Sun 13:00 - 14:00. Open 8 hours during winter time. Phone: (+354) 898 2018 & (+354) 7719172

Tour operator Arctic Trip
Sightseeing, guided walks, tours and more. Phone: (+354) 848 1696.
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was owned by monasteries on the northern mainland and the island’s name which also occurs in Scandinavia and the UK. In the past the island “Sogn” district in Norway, but there may be other explanations for the name of the island to a settler named “Grimur” who sailed from the abundant resources of fish and birds were widely renowned. A legend ties Grímsey has been inhabited since the Viking settlement of Iceland. Its markets.

The Church of Grímsey

One of the early Catholic bishops of Iceland, Jón Ögmundsson consecrated a church on Grímsey in the 11th century. It was dedicated to St. Olaf, the patron saint of Norway. It was stated that there should always be two priests at the church who should read mass daily but have a day on special occasions. The practice of Christianity is less ardent today but there are records of roughly 50 priests who have served here. The present church was built in 1867. It was extended and renovated in 1932. The after-party try to be a local artist painted in 1978 and it is a copy of a work by Leonardo da Vinci. Pledges and donations made to the church are said to bring good luck.

Flora and fauna

Grímsey is covered with vegetation which is sculpted by the arctic climate. The coastline which grew amongst the coastal rocks is very special as it is rich in vitamin C and is known for its medicinal properties. The lichens are unique with numerous different species and unusually dense populations. The lichens are flourishing on the island due to a decrease in hunting of the birds and the collection of their eggs. There are unique opportunities for photographers. Seabirds nesting on high cliffs is the best side of Grímsey and on the West coast, one of the biggest colonies of puffins in Iceland with thousand of individuals. The puffins stay out on the open sea during winter but come to their nests after mid April. They fly away after the first week of August. To the best time to watch them is Grímsey is May, June and July.

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