

How to get there

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.

During summer (June 1 – August 31) there are five departures a week (Mon/Wed/Thur/Fri/Sun), but the rest of the year four departures (Mon/Wed/Thur/Fri). Note that changes can occur so check the ferries webpage for details and departure times www.saefari.is/en

Phone: (+354) 458 8970 or email: saefari@samskip.com

Tickets can be bought at the Tourist Information in Hof, Akureyri, and at the ferry's office in Dalvík. Pre-booking recommended during summer.

Phone: (+354) 450 1050 or email info@visitakureyri.is.

www.visitgrimsey.is/en

Airline Norlandair, scheduled flights between Akureyri and Grímsey all year.

June 1 – 30 daily flights.

July 1 – August 27 daily, except Wed/Thu.

August 28 – May 31 on Tue/Fri/Sun.

Flight time is 25 minutes. Stop in Grímsey 1.5 – 2 hours depending on which day it is.

Phone: Air Iceland: (+354) 570 3800 / Norlandair: (+354) 414 6960

For booking/schedules: www.airicelandconnect.com

Sightseeing flights: www.circlear.is; www.norlandair.is

Events

Annual events in Grímsey:

- Summer Solstice Festival. June 20th to 23rd 2019. An annual festival, celebrating the longest day of the year at Summer Solstice and the movement of the marker/artwork Orbis et Globus according to the movement of the Arctic Circle.

- Fiske-Celebration. 11th of November. The birthday celebration of the islands patron, Mr. Daniel Willard Fiske. It is celebrated with an auspicious cake-buffet.

For further information visit www.visitakureyri.is.

Useful information

Bike rental

Mountain bikes, adult bikes in size small and medium.

Phone: (+354)770 5441. Email: sveinagardar@simnet.is

Campsite

Right next door to the pool. Open all year.

Phone: (+354) 467 3155. Email: sund@akureyri.is

Coach rental

Bus transport within Grímsey for up to 40 persons.

Phone: (+354) 848 1696. Email: info@arctictrip.is

Guesthouse Básar

Open all year. Phone: (+354) 467 3103.

Email: basar@gistiheimilidbasar.is

Guesthouse Gullsó

Open all year. Phone: (+354) 467 3190.

Email: gullsol@visir.is / gullsol@simnet.is

Local Woman's Association

Meals and buffets for groups along with sleeping bag accommodation. Phone: (+354) 865 5110

Restaurant Krían

Open daily from May 15 - August 31, otherwise upon request.

Phone: (+354) 467 3112 & (+354) 898 2058

Shop Búðin

Supermarket. Opening hours daily (whole year): 15.00 – 16.00.

Extended opening hours may occur during summer.

Phone: (+354) 898 2058

Shop & Café Gallerí Sól

Handcrafted souvenirs along with coffee and light refreshments.

Open during ferry stops in summer and otherwise upon request.

Phone: (+354) 467 3190

Swimming pool and a hot tub

Open all year Mon/Tue/Wed at 20.00 – 21.30 & Sat 14.00 – 16.00.

Phone: (+354) 467 3155. Email: sund@akureyri.is

Tour operator Arctic Trip

Sightseeing, guided walks, tours and more.

Phone: (+354) 848 1696. Email: info@arctictrip.is.

Website and booking: www.arctictrip.is



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Circle Air  Tel: +354 588 4000
circlear@circlear.is

www.circlear.is

Útg. júlí 2018. Ábyrgð: Akureyrarstofa. Hönnun: STÍLL Prentun: Ásprent. Myndir: Friðbjólfur Hélgason og María Hléma Tryggvadóttir.

Grímsey

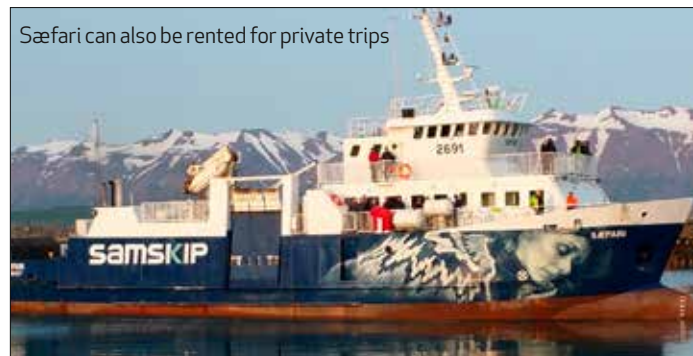
- Hiking trails
- Road
- Century Stones



Roundtrip distances from the harbour to:

	Km / Miles	Walking (approx.)
Arctic Circle marker(current) Orbis et Globus	3,8 / 2,4	2 hrs.
Arctic Circle marker (original)	1,3 / 0,8	30 min.
Lighthouse	2,3 / 1,4	1.5 hrs.
Church	1,2 / 0,7	40 min.

Sæfari can also be rented for private trips



Sæfari Ferry Summer Schedule

Valid from 1. June - 31. August 2018

	From Dalvík	Arrival	Arrival time	Departure	Arrival time in Dalvík
Monday	09:00	Grímsey	12:00	17:00	20:00
Wednesday	09:00	Grímsey	12:00	17:00	20:00
Thursday	09:00	Grímsey	12:00	14:00	17:00
Friday	09:00	Grímsey	12:00	17:00	20:00
Sunday	09:00	Grímsey	12:00	16:00	19:00

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- Boat Tours and Sea Angling

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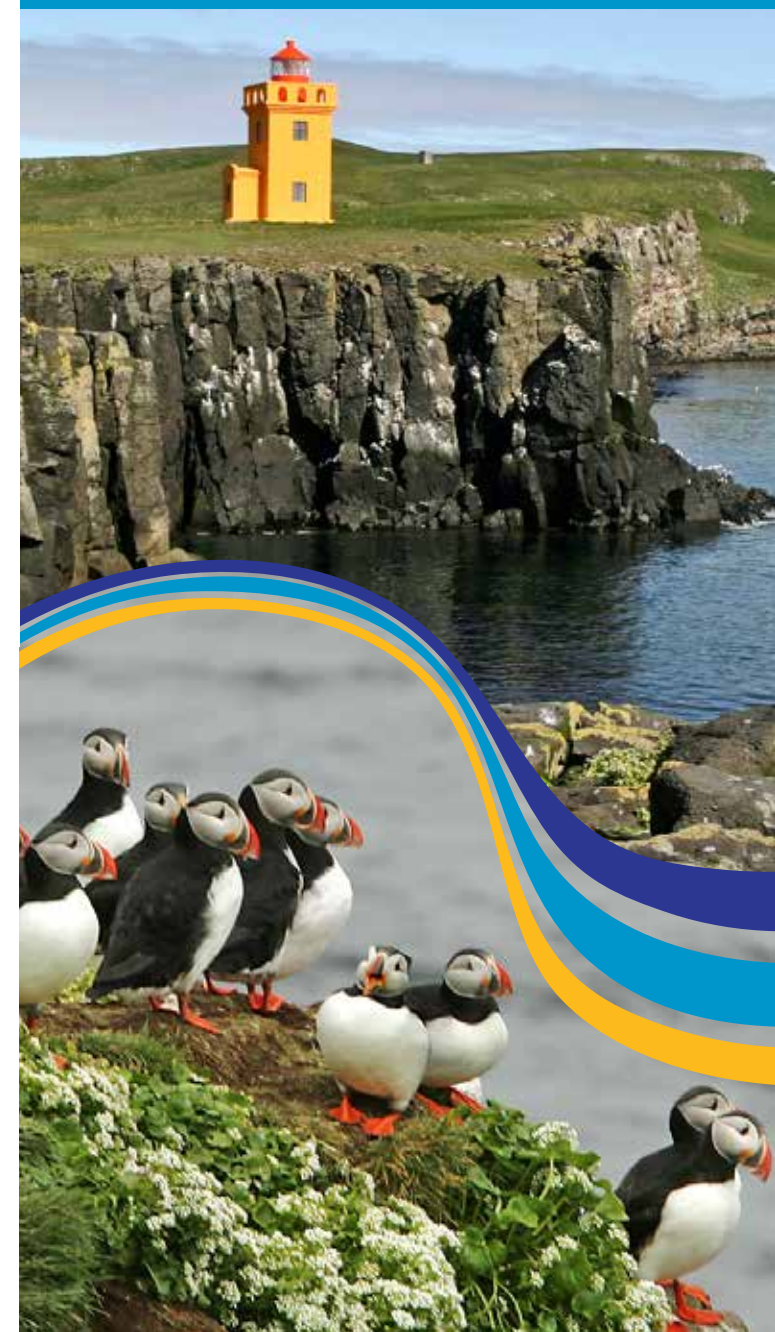


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2018-2019





Scheduled flight service to Grimsey



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Book by phone:
Norlandair: +354 414 6960
Air Iceland: +354 570 3800



www.norlandair.is

The Arctic Circle

The Arctic Circle crosses Iceland only in one place, that is on the island Grimsey. At summer solstice in June each year the sun stays visible there for 24 hours. The position of the Arctic Circle is not fixed and moves northwards along the island. Therefore two symbols for the Arctic Circle can be found on the island. The original one is a kind of a bridge at 66°33'N close to the airport and the new one is a huge concrete sphere, 3 meters in diameter which was inaugurated in September 2017. The artwork will be moved once a year according to the movement of the Arctic Circle. To get there by foot takes about 2 hours (roundtrip) from the village. Partial transport can be arranged (pre-book recommended). Three marked "century stones" can be found on the island displaying the position of the Arctic Circle 1717, 1817 and 1917.

The Church of Grimsey

One of the early Catholic bishops of Iceland, Jón Ögmundsson consecrated a church on Grimsey in the 11th century. It was dedicated to St. Olaf, the patron saint of Norway. The present church was built in 1867. It was extended and renovated in 1932. The altar painting is by a local artist painted in 1878 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. The church is usually open for guests.

Walking paths

The sea facing end of the airstrip is a good place to start a walking tour of Grimsey. The path follows the cliffs of Bäsavík. From there the path leads to the northern most point of the island and then on to the eastern high cliffs. This path runs all the way to the lighthouse on the southern end of the island. From the lighthouse one should walk towards the harbour at Sandvík, passing by the church. There is plenty of opportunity for wildlife and landscape photography during this hike.

Warning! Please refrain from standing too near the edge of cliffs and high ground bordering the sea, as the nest burrowing puffins might have loosened and destabilised the ground, causing danger of falling over the edge.

Grimsey and Akureyri

In the spring of 2009 the inhabitants of both Grimsey and Akureyri voted to unite their two communities under the town council of Akureyri, won by a great majority. The islands of Hrísey and Grimsey both are now under the council of the town of Akureyri.

The Tourist Information Center of Akureyri, which also serves Grimsey and Hrísey is located in:
Cultural and Conference Center, Hof
Strandgata 12, IS- 600 Akureyri
Phone: (+354) 450 1050
E-mail: info@visitakureyri.is
For further information: www.visitakureyri.is and www.grimsey.is



Flora and fauna

Grimsey is covered with vegetation which is sculpted by the arctic climate. The scurvy-grass which grows amongst the coastal rocks is very special as it is rich in vitamin C and is known for its medicinal properties. The birdlife is unique with numerous different species and unusually dense populations. The birdlife is 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 to the East side of Grimsey 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. So the best time to watch them in Grimsey is May, June and July.

Culture

Grimsey is renowned for its cultural activities despite its small population. The islanders were well known for their proficiency in chess. In the 19th century. A wealthy American scholar and chess enthusiast, Mr. Daniel Willard Fiske sailed past the island and was intrigued by the lifestyle of the inhabitants and their love of chess. It prompted him to donate a chess set to every home and he also donated a considerable amount of money to the community to support their future endeavours. The islanders celebrate his memory every year on his birthday on the 11th of November. In the library on the island you can see some of the gifts from Fiske, books, photos and chess set. There is a primary school on the island for children up to 14 years.



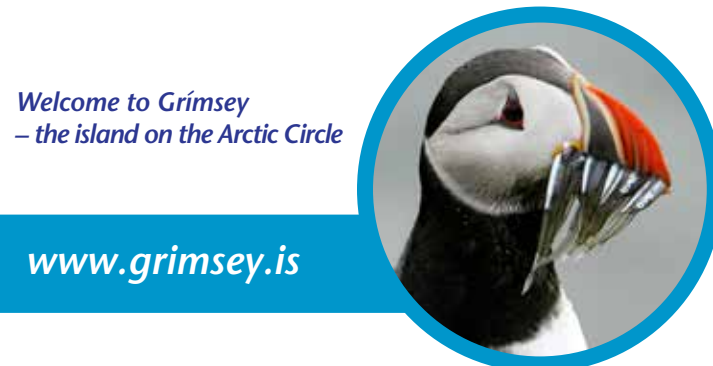
Grimsey – The unique Arctic Island

Grimsey is situated on the Arctic Circle 41 kilometres off the North coast of Iceland. It is 5.3 square kilometers and 5.5 kilometers long. The island is formed by volcanic rock which in places creates beautiful basalt pillars. On the East side the island rises to 105 meters above sea level but is lower on the West side by the island's harbour and village. On a clear day there are spectacular views from the island over to the Icelandic mainland.

Grimsey has been inhabited since the Viking settlement of Iceland. Its abundant resources of fish and birds were widely renowned. A legend ties the name of the island to a settler named "Grimur" who sailed from the "Sogn" district in Norway, but there may be other explanations for the name which also occurs in Scandinavia and the UK. In the past the island was owned by monasteries on the northern mainland and the island's farmer tenants had to pay them the annual rent in dried cod.

Welcome to Grimsey
– the island on the Arctic Circle

www.grimsey.is



The Village

The present population is around 80 inhabitants. Subsistence farming, bird hunting and egg gathering were formerly of great importance to the locals. This has greatly changed in recent years as the focus has shifted on to modern style fishing methods and fish processing for international markets.

For Grimsey, tourism is a growing industry, giving locals new opportunities for employment. A shop, guesthouses, campsite, gallery, café, restaurant and a swimming pool are some of the facilities on the island. Regular flights from Akureyri and ferry links from Dalvík, year round, makes visiting easy.