

# What's New in Akureyri & surrounding areas 2016/2017



AKUREYRARSTOFA

## Accommodation

- \* **Lækjargata 4 Guesthouse** – 3 double rooms and 1 single, shared facilities. Web: landleit.com
- \* **Lava Apartments**, Glerárgata 3b, - 1 single & 2 double rooms, 6 studios & five 4 pers. apartments. Web: lava-apartments.com
- \* **ÁS Guesthouse**, Eyrarlandsvegur 33 – 3 double rooms, 1 single and 1 triple. Shared facilities. FB: ÁS Guest House
- \* **Wave Guesthouse**, Hrísey island – 4 double rooms. Shared facilities. Web: waveguesthouse.com
- \* **Sæluhús Hrísey Island** – Cabin for a small group travelling together. Web: airbnb.com
- \* **Glerá Apartment** – 4 double rooms and 2 single. Shared facilities. Web: glera.is/en
- \* **Hótel Kjarnalundur** – 15 new rooms summer 2016 and new out-door facilities (hot tubs and sauna) and some new addition will come spring 2017 (e.g. 7 new rooms) = 66 rooms. Web: kjarnalundur.is
- \* **Gamla Apótekið** – Aðalstræti 4, 3 apartments (under re-construction).

## Activities and Attractions

- \* **Ambassador** – Whale watching tours from Akureyri on two ships (max 100 & max 150 passengers). New summer 2017 a 4 hrs evening tour from Akureyri to the island Hrísey – 4 times a week. New summer 2016 a 6 hrs tours from Akureyri to the island Grímsey that will continue 3 times a week summer 2017. Also Northern lights tours and high-speed adventure trips on RIB-boats. Web: ambassador.is
- \* **Whale Watching Akureyri** – Whale watching tours from Akureyri – all year. Tours arranged on a ship for max 200 passengers and on RIB-boats. Also offering special Northern lights tours. Tours all year. Web: whalewatchingakureyri.is
- \* **Skjaldarvík** Horse rental & Buggy tours – open all year. Bike rental during summer Web: skjaldarvik.is
- \* **Arctic Circle Air** – Akureyri airport, sightseeing flights. Plans for combo tours in 2017 Web: circleair.is
- \* **Wide Open** - Snowshoe hikes & mountain hikes (moderate, challenging & demanding) - all year. Web: wideopen.is
- \* **Arctic Trip** – Tour operator arranging tours & excursion e.g. in Grímsey island. Web: arctictrip.is
- \* **Saga Travel** - Kjölur highland route (summer) & short break North Iceland (3 - 6 day tour packages). More Northern light evening tours Web: sagatravel.is
- \* **The Traveling Viking** – Kayak Tours & rentals from Hjalteyri (May – October). Tours: Kayak & hot tub tour. Web: ttv.is
- \* **Beer Spa** – In May 2017 a beer spa will open close to the Kaldi brewery in Árskógssandur village. The first of its kind in the Nordic Countries. Attached to the spa there will also be some outdoor hot tubs and a restaurant seating 80, specializing in food with beer. Web: bjobodin.com

## Activities and Attractions - continue

- \* **Yoga & SPA Center** in Knarrarberg – by Akureyri. SPA, treatments, yoga, tours and dogsledding.  
Web: [inspiration-iceland.com](http://inspiration-iceland.com)
- \* **Exhibition “Into the Arctic”**, with Arctic Theme in a historic light.  
Opened winter 2017 at Strandgata 53 (by the cruise ship harbour). The exhibition focuses on the life of people living north of the Arctic Circle and the fate of explorers who raced to the North Pole in the last century. Web: (under construction)
- \* **Extreme Icelandic Adventure** – Snowmobile and snowshoe tours. Web: [extreme.is](http://extreme.is)
- \* **Lambinn Travel Agency** – Beer Tours to the local mini breweries in North Iceland.  
Web: [beertours.is](http://beertours.is)

## Akureyri Town and Infrastructure:

- \* **Mountain Hut** in Glerárdalur valley – a new mountain hut run by the Touring Company (Ferðafélag Akureyrar). Hosting max 16, aprox 11 km hike from parking. Web: [ffa.is/en/huts/lambi](http://ffa.is/en/huts/lambi)
- \* **Hamrar Camping** – new facilities, playground area and website – open all year. Web: [hamrar.is](http://hamrar.is)
- \* **Birdtrail in Eyjafjörður** – 11 new birdwatching areas presented with maps and texts in a brochure and online by February 2017.
- \* **Mountain bike path** – a new path between Mt. Hlíðarfjall and Kjarnaskógur woods – aprox 15 km
- \* **Akureyri Golf Club** – new driving range for up to 30 persons (open 1.4 – 1.12 weather permitting). Global Junior Golf Competition for 12 – 21 years held 2016 (and 2017, 2018) (Gives points in the R&A World Amateur ranking. Golf course 18 holes normally open (20.5 – 30.10). Web: [arcticopen.is](http://arcticopen.is)
- \* **Wapp - Walking app** – A new app presenting different hikes/walks in Iceland with GPS, map and information. On the App you find free of charge: Akureyri city walk, Walk to Mt. Súlur and walk in Hrísey island. Web: [wapp.is/en](http://wapp.is/en)
- \* **Kjarnaskógur Recreation Area** - New playgrounds, paths, badminton tables and restrooms.  
<http://www.visitakureyri.is/en/things-to-do/activities/kjarnaskogur-woods>
- \* **The Seafront path in Akureyri** - walking/bicycle path along the seaside from airport to town center, ongoing work on the new path, resting areas, lighting, plants and viewpoints.
- \* **Grímsey island** – New information boards on hiking route & a new attraction - a landmark for the Arctic Circle to be unveiled summer 2017. New day tours per boat with Ambassador during summer and a new tour operator in the island: Arctic Trip
- \* **Hrísey island** – A new guesthouse (Wave Guesthouse), Grocery store, Cafe and a Restaurant (Verbúð 66). A new day tour scheduled for summer 2017 with Ambassador.
- \* **Akureyri Swimming Pool** – Renovations: After the construction 3 new slides will be available for guest as well as number of new hot tubs and sunbathing area.

## Restaurants & Cafés

- \* **R5 Bar**, Ráðhústorg 5. Pub with wide selection of beer and whiskey (Town centre) FB: R5 bar
- \* **Restaurant Nanna**, Seafood restaurant – 2.nd floor, Hof Cultural & Conference House (two restaurants in the building) Web: [nannarestaurant.is/en](http://nannarestaurant.is/en)
- \* **Restaurant Sjanghæ**, Strandgata 7. A Chinese restaurant (Town centre) FB: Sjanghæ
- \* **Restaurant Verbúðin 66**, in Hrisey. International cuisine with emphasis on seafood & local produce. Open: summer: daily, winter: Fri & Sat & upon request. FB: Verbúðin 66 Hrisey
- \* **Salatsjoppa**, Tryggvabraut 22. Opens in March. Healthy food, salads and juicies. FB: Salatsjoppa
- \* **Sushi Corner**, Kaupvangsstræti 1. Take away and sushi train. FB: Sushi Corner
- \* **Ölstofa Akureyrar**, Kaupvangstræti 23. Pub (Art Alley) FB: Ölstofa Akureyrar

## Annual Events

- \* **Local food Festival** - Exhibition, Excursions, Food and Fun Pop-up at restaurants – next 2018. Web: [localfood.is/localfoodfestival](http://localfood.is/localfoodfestival)
- \* **Icelandic Summer Games**. An international golf tournament, Súlu Vertical – 20 km Mountain Running. Bicycle Races e.g. downhill, 100 km Akureyri – Goðafoss, Church steps race, 26 km Eyjarfjörður race. Triathlon (swimming, running and bicycling). Concerts and family events. Web: [icelandsummergames.com/is/english](http://icelandsummergames.com/is/english)
- \* **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.

## Transportation

- \* **Air Iceland** (domestic airline) new scheduled route between Keflavík – Akureyri starting from 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2017. Flights will be operated all year round, up to six times a week during the winter season and three times a week during the summer in connection with international flights. Web: [airiceland.is/information/our-services/keflavik-akureyri](http://airiceland.is/information/our-services/keflavik-akureyri)
- \* **New larger and faster aircrafts**. In March 2016 Air Iceland introduced new aircrafts on the route Reykjavík – Akureyri. Now servicing the route with three Bombardier Q400 which are larger and faster aircrafts, seating 72- 76 passengers and only 35 minutes flight. Passengers need to check in aprox. 45 minutes prior to departure. On the route Reykjavík – Akureyri Air Iceland offers up to 6 scheduled departures daily. Web: [airiceland.is](http://airiceland.is)
- \* **Bus Strætó 79** (Scheduled bus) between Akureyri and Húsavík has changed the route - now drives Reykjadalur and stops að Fosshóll (Goðafoss) Web: [straeto.is/media/leidarkerfi/79-1409.pdf](http://straeto.is/media/leidarkerfi/79-1409.pdf)
- \* **Bus Strætó 56** (Scheduled bus) between Akureyri and Egilsstaðir now corresponds with the ferry Smyril Line which arrives/departs Wednesdays to Seyðisfjörður. Bus 56 on Mon, Thu, Fri, Sun. Web: [straeto.is/media/leidarkerfi/56-16205-3-AC.pdf](http://straeto.is/media/leidarkerfi/56-16205-3-AC.pdf)
- \* **Sterna Bus** (Scheduled bus) between Akureyri – Reykjavík via Siglufjörður and Troll Peninsula. Schedule starts at 28<sup>th</sup> of June and runs until 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2017.
- \* **Ferry Bus 78** for island Grímsey. A special ferry bus was operated this summer to correspond with the arrival of the Ferry Sæfari from Grímsey - and drive to Akureyri. This is intended for next summer as well but will not be confirmed before January 2017.