

What's New in Akureyri & surrounding areas 2017/2018



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Restaurants & Cafes

- * **Salatsjoppan** Restaurant and Take-away Restaurant which specializes in salads, seats 34.
Address: Tryggvabraut 22, Phone +354 462 2245, Web: Salatsjoppan.is
- * **Lemon** Restaurant and Take-away Restaurant which specializes in healthy food, sandwiches and juice, seats 55. Address: Glerárgata 32, Phone: +354 519 5555, Web: lemon.is
- * **Aleppo Kebab** Take -away Restaurant which specializes in healthy Syrian and Turkish fast food like Falafel, Kebab, Shawarma and Baklava.
Address: Hafnarstræti 100, Phone +354 6625460, FB: Aleppo kebab - Akureyri
- * **Into the Arctic Restaurant** by the harbor – open daily. Icelandic homely meal during lunch time. International cuisine in the evenings. All licenses. Seats 83.
Address: Strandgata 53, Phone +354 588 9050, Web: nordurslod.is/?lang=en
- * **Sushi Corner** Restaurant and Take-away Restaurant which specializes in sushi, seats 40.
Address: Kaupvangstræti 1, Phone: +354 466 3666, FB: Sushi Corner
- * **Orðakaffi – Café** Specializes in Italian cuisine in the dish of the day as well as coffee, cakes and sandwiches, seats 40. In the Public Library (Open 10 – 17)
Address: Brekkugata 17. Phone: +354 6614638, FB: Orðakaffi Eat, Drink & more
- * **Indian Curry Hut** a small Indian restaurant/takeaway that has existed for 10 years in the center of town - will open a full scale restaurant February/March 2018 at Ráðhústorg 3.
- * **Beer Spa Restaurant** – 20 min drive from Akureyri. Offering a variety of meals and beer related food. Seats 55.
Address: Ægisgata, 621 Árskógssandur, Phone: +354 4142828, Web: Bjobodin.com/English
- * **Brúnir Horse** – café, aprox. 20 min drive from Akureyri. Offering Coffee and traditional Icelandic cake and pastry as well as Soup and bread. Web: www.brunirhorse.is
- * **Akureyri Art Museum Café** – will open mid-June 2018, seats about 35. Web: listak.is/en

Activities

- * **Keli Sea Tours** offers whale watching tours from Akureyri as well as custom-made tours on the fjord to watch the sunset, wildlife or go fishing. Address: Akureyri harbor, Phone: +354 546 7000, Web: keliseatours.is
- * **Akureyri Whale Watching** Web: whalewatchingakureyri.is
 - a) **Whale watching winter** – departure daily - minimum 10 pax.
Akureyri Classic Whale Watching: dep. at 11.00 (Dec & Jan), dep 13.00 (Feb – Nov)
 - b) **Express Whale Watching - Brewery Tour - Beer Tasting - Beerbath – Spa**
Perfect for Whale & Beer lovers. Includes a tour with RIB boats, whale watching, a visit to a local brewery and a luxurious Beer Spa. Return to Akureyri by bus/car. Available 4 times a week during summer. Duration 4-5 hours. Web: whalewatchingakureyri.is/rib-whales-beerbath/



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* **Ambassador** – A four hours evening tour from Akureyri to the island Hrísey – 4 times a week.

Web: ambassador.is

* **ArtAk Travel** Offering various local tours such as Art & City walk, Cup of tea with the locals, Akureyri City walk with a local guide and Meet the local artist – workshop tour.

Address: Strandgata 53, Email: travelartak@gmail.com Phone: +354 691 4839 Web: artaktravel.is

* **Hlíðarfjall Ski Area** A new chairlift will be added to the area winter (2018/2019) in connection to the existing chairlift, adding 1100 meters further up the mountain. By then the area will have 8 lifts in total. Web: hlidarfjall.is

* **Exhibition “Into the Arctic”** with Arctic Theme in a historic light. Located by the cruise ship harbor at Strandgata 53. 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.

Address: Strandgata 53, Phone: +354 588 9050, Web: nordurslod.is/?lang=en

* **Hrísey island** – A new guesthouse (Wave Guesthouse), Grocery store, Cafe and a Restaurant (Verbúðin 66). A new day tour started summer 2017 with Ambassador – sailing from Akureyri including a visit in the island Web: hrisey.is/en

* **Akureyri Art Museum** – the main building is under renovation and will open in 2018 with more exhibition space as well as a museum store and café. Web: listak.is/en

* **Beer Spa** The first of its kind in the Nordic Countries. The spa facilities consist of 7 Bath tubs. Each tub fits for one or two together at a time. A beer draught is available at every tub. The bathtubs are filled with warm beer, water, hops and yeast. A typical visit consist of a 25 minutes bath and a 25 minutes relaxation. Also included an outdoor area with two outside hot water tubs that fits 8-10 people in each. In Árskógssandur, aprox 25 minutes drive from Akureyri. Web: bjorbodin.com/english

* **Grimsey island** - organized tours and bicycle rental. The ferry increased its schedule summer 2017 from 3 to 5 departures weekly (Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sun). New also a bus in the island with capacity of 32 pax (seating 23). Web: www.arctictrip.is & www.visitgrimsey.is/en.

* **Ice1Trips - Tour Operator** – New tours Web: ice1trips.is

* **Star Travel – Tour Operator** – New tour Christmas Garden & The fjord, Jeep or minibus tour with guide, duration 3 hours. Departure at 14.00 daily. Web: startrave.is

* **Akureyri Activities** – Bike Tours Akureyri offer different guided biking tours, from 2 – 4 hours as well as tailor maid tours on Cube Stere Hybrid 500 SL bikes with a 500w motor so the biking will be an easy task. Web: akureyriactivities.is

* **Brúnir Horse** about 20 minutes' drive from Akureyri, in Eyjafjarðarsveit. Emphasis on horse shows. Professional shows where the Icelandic horse is introduced and its history and unique qualities are presented. Also on site, a studio, art gallery and possibility to enjoy local refreshments. Available from April 2018 (started summer 2017) Web: brunirhorse.is

* **Arctic Coast Way** – the first touring route in Iceland, the route is being developed in the North of Iceland – following the coast of North Iceland. The route is 800 km “of the beaten track” adventure along the North Atlantic Ocean, including 21 fishing villages and perfect places to see the midnight sun and northern lights. The route will be launched 8th June 2019 on the Worlds Ocean Day.

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* **Akureyri Escape** – An adventure game in which players solve a series of puzzles and riddles with means of clues and hints. Akureyri Escape has two different rooms, max capacity 16 pax.

FB: Escape Akureyri

* **Daladýrð** – A petting ZOO in the valley Fnjóskárdalur aprox 30 min drive from Akureyri. A farm where all the Icelandic farm animals can be visited as well as a gallery with woolen cloths. Open daily from 1.st April 2018. FB: Daladýrð.

* **Strýtan Diving center** – 3 new tours www.strytan.is

a) **Standup paddle boarding (SUP)** is an offshoot of surfing, where one stands up on the boards and uses a paddle to propel the board through the water. All-Round Inflate-able SUP's can be rented that are perfect for beginners and more experienced adventurers alike. Also a possibility of a guided tour. This activity is recommended before noon and can only proceed if the weather is calm.

b) **Whale snorkeling** – This tour includes the opportunity to go whale watching or join in the water with the whales if one feels comfortable enough. Full thought goes to make sure that the whales come first so they won't be disturbed. Wonderful sight of how amazing our world is and its creatures. If you are lucky enough you might see the whales go watching you!

c) **Mývatn, warm cracks and caves.** The wonders of the Mývatn area and its thermal activity. You can go bathing in Stóragjá Fissure where the water is 31°C and even dive between the chambers in the cave. The tour ends by a visit in Mývatn nature baths where one can relax before going back on the road to Akureyri. Duration 5-8 hours. Minimum two participants.

Events

* **Iceland Airwaves Music Festival in Akureyri** – The festival took place in Akureyri for the first time Nov 2017 and in 2018 it will be in Akureyri 8th & 9th of November. It is a part of the Iceland Airwaves which has been held in Reykjavík since 1999. Web: tix.is/en/event/5320/iceland-airwaves-2018/

* **Local food Festival** - Exhibition, Excursions, Food and Fun Pop-up at restaurants held every second year – next October 2018.

* **Icelandic Summer Games** Bicycle Races e.g. downhill, Church steps race, 26 km Eyjarfjörður race. Triathlon (swimming, running and bicycling). Concerts and family events. Web: 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. Web: listasumar.is/listasumar

* **Vestnorden Travel Markt** – will take place in Akureyri autumn 2018 during 2nd – 4th October. This event is the most important business-to-business trade show in the North Atlantic region, and highlights the characteristics of the three nations, The Faroe Islands, Iceland and Greenland and gathers number of buyers and exhibitors each year. Registration opens 1.march 2018. Web: www.vestnorden.com

Akureyri Town and Infrastructure:

- * **Grímsey island – a new Symbol for the Arctic Circle** A new artwork can be found on the Arctic Circle in Grímsey, showing where the Arctic Circle is each year. The artwork is a 3 meter in diameter globe that will follow the fluctuating North-South part of the Arctic Circle until it leaves the island. Further info on www.visitgrimsey.is
- * **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 – a new bridge on the path will be opened summer 2018.
- * **Birdtrail in Eyjafjörður** – A brochure with maps and information about 11 different birdwatching locations within the area of Eyjafjörður. The brochure can be purchased at the Tourist Information in Akureyri and also accessed free of charge at http://www.visitakureyri.is/static/files/2012-VISIT/pdf/fuglabok_ens_net2.pdf
- * **Akureyri Swimming pool** – Total renovation of the area will be completed by spring 2018, including new tubs and 3 new slides.
- * **Kjarnaskógur Recreation Area** - New playgrounds, paths, badminton tables and restrooms. <http://www.visitakureyri.is/en/things-to-do/activities/kjarnaskogur-woods>

Transportation

- * **Ferry to Grímsey island** the number of ferry departures increased during winter from 3 per week to 4 and during summer from 3 to 5 per week. Also price was reduced, was Isk. 4830 for adults (one way) but is now Isk. 3500. Web: samskip.is/innanlandsflutningur/saefari/english/ & visitgrimsey.is/en
- * **Direct international flights from the UK**
The British travel agency Super Break is now offering flights from various cities in the UK, that all go straight to the capital of North Iceland, Akureyri. The agency specializes in short breaks and so these trips are either for 3 or 4 nights. The departure cities include Cardiff, London, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Norwich and more. At first Super Break announced that they would be flying to Akureyri in January and February 2018, but they have now announced that they will be offering flights to the North next summer, and next winter. For more information visit Web: superbreak.com/promotions/incredible-iceland-breaks/