Winter fun in Akureyri Deeland's most popular ski area





The Akureyri ski area is Iceland's most complete and popular winter destination. It is situated at the end of one of the longest fjords in Iceland surrounded by high mountains, ranging up to 1538 meters above sea level. The location ensures a good and consistent snow cover throughout the winter. The ski area is located 5 km above the town and the elevation of the ski slopes ranges from 500 m to 955 m above sea level.

Eyjafjördur fjord is one of the best places in Iceland for alpine and cross-country skiing and it offers four different ski sites. The Akureyri ski area in Mount Hlíðarfjall is the biggest one and has the largest selection of accommodations, activities and services even when compared to other ski areas in Iceland. The slopes are only 7 minutes by car from the town centre and 10 minutes from Akureyri Airport.

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The ski area has a vertical drop of 455 meters and the longest trail is more than 2.5 km. It is equipped with 7 ski lifts and 23 alpine slopes. "Snow cannons" ensure an early opening of the season, which extends from the end of November until early May. For those who enjoy skiing during the shortest days of the year there are flood lights that make night skiing possible. In addition to the alpine terrain, there is extended cross country terrain. A well equipped ski rental is located at the ski area, where skis and snowboards can be rented. The ski school offers courses for groups as well as private lessons for everyone. For more information visit *www.hlidarfjall.is*

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With its population of approx. 18,000 **Akureyri** is the largest municipality outside the Reykjavík capital area. The town is known for its ski area, schools and rich cultural life featuring 10 museums, exhibitions and concerts. Here you find various restaurants, cafés and shops, as well as a wide selection of activities and exciting sights. For more information see: www.visitakureyri.is/en.



Getting There

There are several daily flights from Europe and USA to Keflavík International Airport in the south of Iceland. Fly bus operations connect the international airport with the domestic airport in Reykjavík (a 40 minute drive). For those who wish to drive to Akureyri from Reykjavík, the trip takes about 5 hours.

Approximately 8 flights are offered daily between Reykjavík and Akureyri (the flight takes 45 minutes). Direct flights to Akureyri are operated normally only during summer from both Copenhagen and London, apart from occasional charter flights throughout the year.