

Annual Events in Akureyri & surrounding areas 2019



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16th March: Local Food Festival - one of the biggest food festivals in Iceland, held every other year.

22nd - 24th March: Iceland Winter Games: Iceland Winter Games, the northernmost big jump free ski competition of the season. Outdoor and winter sport activists will find a great variety of events to enjoy or partake in... in breath-taking landscape!

25th April: Museum Day - The first day of summer in Iceland, numerous and interesting museums along the fjord Eyjafjörður organize different happenings and programs. Entrance free.

24th - 27nd April: Donald Duck Ski Competition - Takes place in Mt. Hlidarfjall by Akureyri at the end of April (since 1976). It is the biggest ski event in Iceland and is for kids at the age of 6-15. Each year about 800 kids from all over Iceland compete in cross country skiing, alpine skiing and snowboarding. Social events and prize ceremonies are hosted down town every night.

2nd June: Fishermen's Day - celebrates the hard work and sacrifices of the Icelandic fishermen. Concerts, events, boat tours and rowing competitions.

14th - 17th June: Akureyri Motor Events - The largest motor sport event in Iceland and is an annual celebration of cars, motorbikes and general motor sport vehicles from around Iceland. Races, drag racing, displays etc.

18th - 22nd June: Hiking Week - Annual hiking week with different hikes in and around Akureyri. Varied levels ranging from easy 2-4 hours walks to day tours.

19th - 22nd June: The Arctic Open - This international golf tournament takes place annually around Summer Solstice (end of June) on the northernmost golf course in the world.

21st - 24th June: Summer Solstice Festival in Grímsey - Celebrate the summer solstice with the locals in Iceland's northernmost inhabited island that lies in the Arctic Circle.

22nd - 23rd June: Midsummer Magic - Enjoy the midnight sun on the longest day of the year with cultural events building on old traditions and mythology.

23th June - 23th August: Akureyri Art Summer - Concerts, visual art, exhibitions, various happenings and outdoor art. Akureyri Art Summer is an ideal platform for artists, young and old, to promote themselves.

6th July: Thorvaldsdalur Terrain Run - The oldest terrain run in Iceland, only about 25 km from Akureyri.

3th - 6th July: Two big Icelandic football tournaments N1 and Pollamót - for 12 years old boys and adults who want to show they haven't lost their touch.

3th - 7th July: Folk Music Festival - Icelandic folk ballads, folkdance, courses and lectures in town Siglufjörður.

13th - 14th July: Hrísey Festival - A family-based festival in a small island in the middle of the fjord Eyjafjörður with a population of 170. During this weekend people are invited to come and enjoy music, tractor trailer rides, and taste local food etc.

19th - 21st July: Motorbike Days - A motorbike event with drag race, concerts and other events.

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19th – 21st July: Medieval Trading Weekend at Gásir - The old medieval trading site is re-constructed for four days. The villagers are dressed in medieval costumes and demonstrate medieval crafts; spinning wool, wood carving, tanning, blacksmithing and much more. Medieval sword fightings are held daily and guests can join in medieval ball games and archery.

24th – 27th July: Greifinn's Bicycle Weekend – Various bicycle races and events, suitable for everyone.

1st - 4th August: Iceland Summer Games – All sort of extreme and outdoor sports, endurance tests and recreational games such as mountain hiking, triathlon, swimming in the sea, biking, sailing and much more. Different activities for competitors and for those enjoy exercise and outdoor activities.

1st - 4th August: Family festival "Ein með öllu" – during the „verslunarmannahelgi“, the Merchants' Weekend, the town of Akureyri hosts the event "Ein með Öllu" family festival: where live music, Tivoli and different performances fill up the streets of Akureyri together with sport events of the Iceland Summer Games.

8th - 11th August: The Great Fish day - A fish festival with free tasting of all kinds of fish products in town Dalvík.

8th - 11th August: Arctic Handcraft and Design – Exhibition and market displaying exclusive handcraft, art and design that often is based on the old Icelandic traditions. In Hrafnagil a village 15 km from Akureyri.

30th - 31st August: Akureyri Town festival – Rich of cultural events - The Anniversary of Akureyri celebrations. Annual highlights are: Opening ceremony in the Botanical garden, Spooky evening in the old town, concerts in the center of town and events along the Artist Alley. Every year has a special theme.

3rd - 6th October: Ladies Days – Get pink and shimmery and enjoy Ladies Days with concerts, exhibitions and various events happening around the town. Many stores offer various discounts and organize different events.

10th - 13th October: A! Performance Festival – A four-day performance festival with variety of performances and theatre-based projects of all kinds.

1st - 23rd December: Advent Festival – Program from the first to the last day of Advent. Concerts, exhibitions, markets etc. Starts with lighting of the Christmas tree in town square.

Information about all events in and around Akureyri can be found on following two links.

Annual events: visitakureyri.is/en/things-to-do/events-and-festivals

All events according to month/year: visitakureyri.is/en/calendar