

Annual Events in Akureyri & surrounding areas 2021



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1st - 31st April: Children's Festival: Concerts, visual art, exhibitions, various happenings and outdoor art.

22nd 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.

21st - 24th 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 downtown every night.

6th June: Fishermen's Day - celebrates the hard work and sacrifices of the Icelandic fishermen. Concerts, events, boat tours and rowing competitions.

17th - 19th 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 - 20th June: Motorbike Days – A motorbike event with drag race, concerts and other events.

19th - 24th 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.

23rd - 26th 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.

17th - 20th 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.

30th June - 3rd 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.

2nd - 31st July: Akureyri Art Summer - Concerts, visual art, exhibitions, various happenings and outdoor art.

3rd July: Terrain Run in Þorvaldssdalur - The oldest terrain run in Iceland, only about 25 km from Akureyri.

7th - 11th July: Folk Music Festival - Icelandic folk ballads, folkdance, courses and lectures in town Siglufjörður.

9th - 10th 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.

24th July - 1st August: Greifinn's Bicycle Weekend – Various bicycle races and events, suitable for everyone.

30th July - 2nd 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.

6th - 9th August: Arctic Handcraft and Design – Exhibition and market displaying exclusive

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handcraft, art and design that often is based on the old Icelandic traditions. In Hrafnagil a village 15 km from Akureyri.

27th - 29th August: Hiking Week – Annual hiking week with different hikes in and around Akureyri. Varied levels ranging from easy 2-4 hours walks to day tours.

27th - 29th 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.

1st - 3rd October: Cozy 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.

7th - 10th October: A! Performance Festival – A four-day performance festival with variety of performances and theatre-based projects of all kinds.

27th November - 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.

Changes might take place to this list, even with short notice, due to Covid regulations at each time.

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