

Annual Events in Akureyri & surrounding areas 2023



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1st - 30st April: Children's Festival: Concerts, visual art, exhibitions, various happenings, and outdoor art.

20th 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.

19th - 23rd 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 4-15. Each year about 900-1000 kids from all over Iceland compete in cross country skiing, alpine skiing, and snowboarding. Social events and prize ceremonies are hosted downtown every night.

4th June: Fishermen's Day - celebrates the hard work and sacrifices of the Icelandic fishermen. Concerts, events, boat tours and rowing competitions.

7th June - 23rd July: Akureyri Art Summer – Concerts, visual art, exhibitions, various happenings, and outdoor art.

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

17th June: The National Day – The Independence Day is celebrated with various events etc.

17th June: Annual Airshow – Old aircrafts on display and in action as well as other events.

19th - 23rd 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.

22nd - 24th June: The Arctic Open -This international golf tournament takes place annually around Summer Solstice on the northernmost golf course in the world.

23rd - 25th 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.

1st July: Terrain Run in Þorvaldsdalur – The oldest terrain run in Iceland, only about 25 km from Akureyri.

5th - 8th July: Two big Icelandic football tournaments N1 and Pollamót – N1 is for 12 years old boys and Pollamótið is for adults who want to show they haven't lost their touch.

5th - 9th July: Folk Music Festival – Icelandic folk ballads, folkdance, courses, and lectures in town Siglufjörður.

7th - 9th July: Hrísey Festival – A family-based festival in a small island in the middle of the fjord Eyjafjörður. An event to enjoy music, ferry ride, tractor trailer rides, taste local food etc.

14th - 16th July: Motorbike Days – A motorbike event with drag race, concerts etc.

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19th - 20th July: Dance Festival Hrísey - The festival is a Swedish model where people come together during a weekend and dance to the music of different bands.

28th - 29th July: Music Festival "Humankind's yearly transformation into slime" – With special emphasis on the fertile underground music scene in North Iceland.

29th July: Family festival Siglufjörður "Trilludagar" – a local town festival for the whole family

3rd - 6th August: Family festival "Ein með öllu" – during the „verslunarmannahelgi“, the Merchants' Weekend, Akureyri hosts the event "Ein með Öllu" family festival: where live music, Tivoli and different performances as well as sport events fill up the streets.

3-6th August: Súgur Vertical – Mountain trail run, choose between four race distances 19km, 29km (1 ITRA point), 43km (2 ITRA points) and 100km (4 ITRA points)

10th - 13th August: The Great Fish Day

A fish festival with free tasting of all kinds of fish products in town Dalvík. Main day the 12th. This year celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the festival.

25th - 27th August: Akureyri Town festival – Rich of cultural events – The Anniversary of Akureyri. Opening ceremony in the Botanical Garden, various events, and concerts. Every year has a special theme.

5th - 8th October: Cosy Days – Get pink and shimmery and enjoy Cosy Days with concerts, exhibitions and various events happening around the town. Many stores offer various discounts and organize different events.

5th - 8th October: A! Performance Festival – A four-day performance festival with variety of performances and theatre-based projects of all kinds.

25th 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.

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

Annual events: www.visitakureyri.is/en/see-and-do/events-festivals

All events according to month/year: www.visitakureyri.is/en/whats-on