

Annual Events in Akureyri & surrounding areas 2026



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17th January (Provisional date): **Súlur Vertical** - Cross Country Skiing Competition

1st - 6th April: Easter Adventure - Easter in Akureyri is an unforgettable experience with plenty of events, outdoor activities and fun.

1st - 24th April (Provisional date): **Children's Culture Festival** - Concerts, visual art, exhibitions, various happenings, and outdoor art.

22nd - 25th April: Donald Duck Ski Competition - Mt. Hlidarfjall by Akureyri. The biggest ski event in Iceland for kids at the age of 4-15. Competing in cross country skiing, alpine skiing, and snowboarding.

23rd 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.

7th June: Fishermen's Day - celebrates the hard work and sacrifices of the Icelandic fishermen. Concerts, events, boat tours and rowing competitions.

17th - 21st 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 - Independence Day is celebrated with various events etc.

18th - 20th June: The Arctic Open - This international golf tournament takes place annually around Summer Solstice on the northernmost golf course in the world.

20th - 21st June (Provisional date): **Hrísey Pride** - The event includes a Pride walk, a tractor parade, music, a disco for kids at the pool, and more.

19th - 21st 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.

19th - 20th June: Motorbike Days An event organized by the motorbike club *Tían*, featuring a diverse program designed for everyone with a passion for motorbikes.

21st June (Provisional date): **Annual Airshow** - Old aircrafts on display and in action as well as other events.

22nd - 26th 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.

24th June – 19th July (Provisional date): **Akureyri Art Summer** – Concerts, visual art, exhibitions, various happenings, and outdoor art.

1st - 4th July: N1 football tournament for 12 years old boys

1st - 5th July: Folk Music Festival - Icelandic folk ballads, folkdance, courses, and lectures in town Siglufjörður.

3rd - 4th July: Pollamót football tournament for adults who want to show they haven't lost their touch.



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4th July: Terrain Run in Þorvaldsdalur - The oldest terrain run in Iceland, only about 25 km from Akureyri.

5th - 26th July: Summer Concerts in Akureyri Church - annual concert series held every Sunday in July.

10th - 11th 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.

16th - 18th July: Music Festival - "Mannfólkið breytist í slím" – With special emphasis on the fertile underground music scene in North Iceland.

25th July: Family festival Siglufjörður "Trilludagar" - a local town festival for the whole family

31st July - 2nd August (Provisional date): Sútur Vertical - Mountain trail run, choose between four race distances 19km, 29km (1 ITRA point), 43km (2 ITRA points) and 100km (4 ITRA points)

31st July - 3rd 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.

29th August (Provisional date): Sútur Vertical - Gravel Bike competition

14th - 25th August: Dance Festival Hrísey – The festival follows a Swedish model, where people come together over a weekend to dance to music performed by different bands.

28th - 29th 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.

8th - 11th October (Provisional date): 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.

2nd - 3rd October (Provisional date): Eyarrokki Music Festival - The music festival is a sort of nostalgia party where bands that people haven't seen for years and even decades are performing, 12 bands performing during the festivals two nights.

8th - 11th October: A! Performance Festival - A four-day performance festival with variety of performances and theatre-based projects of all kinds.

29th 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.



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

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