

# What's New in Akureyri & surrounding areas 2022-23



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FB: Hótel Kaldi, Email: [boka@hotelkaldi.is](mailto:boka@hotelkaldi.is), Phone: 4602550

### \* **Höfði Lodge**

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### \* LYST - coffee | food | wine | chocolate

In the Botanical Gardens (A new company which took over when Café Laut closed)

Breakfast, lunch, coffee, croissants, cakes, snacks, cheeses, nature wine and Icelandic beer etc.

Seating 50. Open all year. FB: LYST – Lystigarðurinn, Email: [lyst@lystak.is](mailto:lyst@lystak.is), Phone +354 8691369

### \* Eyja vínstofa & bistro

New wine bar and bistro opened in one of the old historical buildings in the centre of town spring 2022. The restaurant has focus on bistro food with Icelandic ingredients as well as nature wines, classical wines, cocktails, Icelandic beers etc. Seating 50.

Web: [eyjaak.is](http://eyjaak.is), Email: [eyja@eyjaak.is](mailto:eyja@eyjaak.is) Phone +354 8538002

### \* Hof Cultural & Conference house

Catering and bar service in connection to meetings, conferences, events in the building.

Web: [mak.is](http://mak.is), Email: [mak@mak.is](mailto:mak@mak.is), Phone: (+354) 450 1000

### \* Restaurant Brekka – Hrísey island

New owners have taken over this old establishment which has been closed for a while. Emphasis on seafood prepared onsite and seafood buffet in the evening. Opening hours 12.00 – 22.00 during summer. Web: [www.brekkahrisey.is](http://www.brekkahrisey.is), Email: [brekka@brekkahrisey.is](mailto:brekka@brekkahrisey.is)

### \* Kaffi Ilmur

Has reopened with new owners and is now run all year. Café + cakes, breakfast, lunch weekdays & brunch during weekends. Open daily 8.00-18.00

Hafnarstræti 107b, Web: [www.kaffiilmur.is](http://www.kaffiilmur.is), Email: [kaffi@kaffiilmur.is](mailto:kaffi@kaffiilmur.is), Phone +354 680 5851

### \* Kvíkkí

Salatsjoppa has changed name and owners. Has now the name Kvíkkí and is offering salads and sandwiches. Web: [kvikki.is](http://kvikki.is), Email: [kvikki@kvikki.is](mailto:kvikki@kvikki.is), Phone: +354 4622245

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### \* North

A restaurant located in Hotel Akureyri, seating 20. Open for breakfast daily 7.00-11.00 and dinner Wed-Sat from 18.00 – 00.00. Web: northrestaurant.is, Email: north@northrestaurant.is, Phone: +354 454 5070

### \* Jaðar Bistró

Located at the Golf course, 5 min from the town centre. The restaurant opened this spring and is open to public during summer and for groups, meetings, and events during winter. Email: jadar@jadarbistro.is, Phone 846 2485

### \* Backpackers

New owners have taken over and plan on enlarging the restaurant to seat up to 80 persons.

### \* Bryggjan

Has changed its concept and is now divided in two different restaurant

**EYR restaurant:** A international cuisine with focus on local ingredients. Seating up to 70 persons.

**Austur PizzaBar:** A pizza restaurant with sourdough pizzas. Seating up to 40 persons.

Email: bryggjan@bryggjan.is, Phone 440 6600 FB: EYR Restaurant & FB: Austur PizzaBar

## Akureyri Town and Infrastructure:

### \* Niceair

A new airline based in Akureyri, launched June 2022. To begin with, flights are offered between Akureyri and Copenhagen & Tenerife. In April, Tenerife will be replaced with another sunny destination which will be announced soon. In May 2023 Niceair will start weekly flights between Akureyri and Düsseldorf.

Flights are with Airbus A319 a long-range aircraft, seating 150 passengers.

Website: [www.niceair.is](http://www.niceair.is), Email: niceair@niceair.is, Phone: +354 560 2100

### \* Direct international flights from Holland

The Dutch tour-operator Voigt Travel has offered flights between Holland and Akureyri since 2019. Schedule 2023:

Amsterdam – Akureyri: Fridays and Mondays, 10th February – 13th March.

Rotterdam – Akureyri: Mondays, 5th June - 4th September.

For more information visit: <https://www.voigt-travel.nl/ijisland/akureyri>

### \* Direct international flights from Germany

The Airline Condor will begin a new route to Akureyri and Egilsstaðir in 2023

Frankfurt – Akureyri: Saturdays, 13th May – 28th October

Frankfurt – Egilsstaðir: Tuesdays, 16th May – 24th October

For more information visit: [condor.com](http://condor.com)

### \* Direct international flights from Swiss

The Airline Edelweiss Air will begin a new route to Akureyri from Zurich in Switzerland next summer.

Flying once a week Zurich – Akureyri - Zurich: Fridays, 7<sup>th</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

For more information visit: [flyedelweiss.com](http://flyedelweiss.com)

\***Akureyri Airport** – The terminal building is being increased by 1100 m<sup>2</sup> and a new apron is under construction, significantly improving the airport capacity. The new terminal building will have a duty-free shop, a restaurant and customs and police facilities.

## Akureyri Town and Infrastructure cont.:

\* **Parking** – the clock system with free parking has been changed. Now there are two parking zones in the centre of Akureyri, P1 and P2. Charge for each hour is **ISK 200** in parking zone **P1** and **ISK 100** in parking zone **P2**. The charging hours are the same in both parking zones, Monday-Friday 10:00 - 16:00. Payable through mobile apps like Easypark and Parka and credit cards on 3 pay stations. For more details visit <https://www.akureyri.is/en/services/transportation/parking>

### \* **Hlíðarfjall Ski lifts**

A new chairlift was added last winter. Adding 1100 meters further up the mountain. By now the area has 8 lifts in total, 2 chairlifts, 1 T-lift, 4 disk-lifts and one Conveyor belt.

The main chairlift is also operated during summer (July – beg. September) as previous summers for hikers and bikers.

\* **Camping site “Þórunnarstræti”** in centre of town has been closed permanently. The Camping Hamrar by Kjarnaskógur forest (5-10 min drive from town centre) has been enlarged and improved to service all camping visitors in town, also during winter.

\* **Akureyri for conferences, meetings, and incentives** – a new webpage with all the info you need – regarding events for groups in one place is under construction and will soon be completed.

Web: [www.radstefna.is](http://www.radstefna.is)

### \* **The Vaðlaheiði Tunnel**

Opened in 2019 through the mountain opposite Akureyri. Making the driving between Akureyri and the East of Iceland to e.g., Húsavík, Mývatn and Egilsstaðir much safer and approx. 15 km shorter. The limit for paying the toll has been increased from 3 hours to 24 hours. For further information and payment visit [www.toll.is](http://www.toll.is)

### \* **Hiking and Biking trails**

Overview of all hiking and biking trails in Akureyri and surrounding area can be found on the web [www.visitakureyri.is](http://www.visitakureyri.is) with descriptions, photos and maps.

### \* **Grocery store Krónan**

The first in Akureyri opened 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Low price store also including two takeaway restaurants: Rub23 sushi offering sushi dishes and Wok on, with rice and noodle dishes. Also three Bonus stores, Hagkaup, two Netto stores, and three 24 hours stores (Krambúð and Extra).

### \* **Grímsey island**

– A new church has been built where the old burned autumn 2021. The new church is planned to be fully completed by spring 2023. The building will be open, host an exhibition, be available for church services and events.

- A new permanent exhibition telling the story of Willard Fiske and displaying some items of his gift to the islanders in Grímsey airport terminal – viewable at arrival and departure times of flights.

- Campsite (by the Grímsey pool) has been improved with better facilities for guests such as a grill house, benches etc.

### \* **Hrísey island**

– A new grill house for everyone to use in center of the village.

- House of Shark-Jörundur – the exhibition about the history of the island and shark fishing has been renovated and reopened autumn 2022 and a new information board added outside the house telling its history.

## Other:

### \* Companies that have closed their business:

- Kaffi Kú – in Eyjafjarðarsveit.
- Skaldarvík Guesthouse and horse rental.
- Akureyri Fish and chips
- Café Laut in the Botanical Gardens (LYST has opened instead)
- Garún/Bistro Bar in Hof has closed (a new restaurant is expected to open soon)
- Salatsjoppa has new owners and a new name “Kvikki” with new addition on the menu.
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\* **goHusky:** Offers various dog sledding experience with **huskies** in **Akureyri** area. Husky tours on sledge. Also, home visits and hiking with husky. Aprox 10 minutes from Akureyri in Glæsibær. Web: [www.gohusky.is](http://www.gohusky.is) Email: [gohusky@gohusky.is](mailto:gohusky@gohusky.is)

### \* Number One Tours

Travel agency and tour operator based in Akureyri, offering guided tours on local food, nature, folklore, customs. Some of the tours offered are Arctic Coastline Sigló, Local food and gourmet tour, Local food walk in Akureyri and Ultimate Lake Mývatn – all included. Also specializing in incentive tours for groups. Web: [numberone.is](http://numberone.is), Email: [info@numberone.is](mailto:info@numberone.is) Phone: (+354) 8215308

### \* Akureyri Riding tours

Akureyri Riding tours is based about 10 km from Akureyri (about 10 min drive). They offer short tours (1 hour), suitable for all ages. Web: [www.akureyriridingtours.is](http://www.akureyriridingtours.is), E-mail: [esteranna@internet.is](mailto:esteranna@internet.is), Phone (+354) 897 5756

### \* Hidden trail

One hour guided walk in the Botanical gardens with focus on the hidden people and elves that dwell in the garden. Web: [visitakureyri.is](http://visitakureyri.is), E-mail: [bryndis@bryndis.is](mailto:bryndis@bryndis.is), Phone: (+354) 8970670



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## Accommodation

\* **Hótel Hálönd** - A new self-service hotel just opened, autumn 2022. Offering 24 double rooms with a sofa bed and private facilities. Each room is 26 m<sup>2</sup>. No breakfast/restaurant service but each room has a fridge, coffee machine, table and 4 chairs.

One hall seating 40 persons is available on site for groups. A closed drying cabinet is on the ground floor for each room, ski/bike storage, and a laundry room. Hot tubs are available for guest outside the hotel.

An additional new hotel adjacent to this one is planned to open in 2023 with 30 rooms.

Web: [www.hotelhalond.is](http://www.hotelhalond.is), Instagram: hotelhalond, Email: [info@hotelhalond.is](mailto:info@hotelhalond.is), Phone: 571-8030

### \* **Hotel Akureyri – Hafnarstræti 67**

The hotel is operating in 2 buildings. Skjaldborg 19 rooms and Dynheimar 16 rooms, also offering apartments in nearby buildings. The hotel offers contactless and fast check-in and check-out. Room and pin number is sent to the guest on the day of arrival. The hotel operates a hydroponic farm inside one of the hotel buildings, Urban Farm Akureyri. There they produce fresh and tasty products year-round using clean water and 100% renewable energy.

Guests are invited to visit the farm and enjoy its product at the hotel's bistro. Web: [hotelakureyri.is](http://hotelakureyri.is), Email: [hotelakureyri@hotelakureyri.is](mailto:hotelakureyri@hotelakureyri.is), Phone: +354 462 5600

\* **Lyklaskipti Apartments** – a real estate company offering 6 apartments in Akureyri fitting for 2 up to 10 persons centrally in Akureyri.

Web: [lyklaskipti.is/Akureyri/](http://lyklaskipti.is/Akureyri/) Email: [gudni@skyggna.is](mailto:gudni@skyggna.is), Phone: (+354) 6635790

### \* **Centrum Hotel - Hafnarstræti 102**

14 double rooms with private facilities and 5 studios (of which three are for 1x3 and two for 1x4). Shared kitchen and laundry facilities available for guests. Also running Apótek Guesthouse which has one 1x1 and eleven 1x2 with shared bathrooms, five 1x2 with private facilities, and one apartment for up to 7 persons. Also running Laugar hotel in Reykjadalur (10 years contract).

Web: [Centrum-hotel.is](http://Centrum-hotel.is), Email: [reception@centrum-hotel.is](mailto:reception@centrum-hotel.is), Phone: (+354) 773 6600

### \* **Hotel Kaldi in Árskógssandur**

Aprox 35 km from Akureyri. Hotel Kaldi offers 4 double & 1 single room with a shared lounge. Rooms have private bathroom, a desk, a flat-screen TV. Breakfast room with a continental breakfast.

FB: Hótel Kaldi, Email: [boka@hotelkaldi.is](mailto:boka@hotelkaldi.is), Phone: 4602550

### \* **Höfði Lodge**

Aprox 40 km from Akureyri. Opens late 2023. A luxury hotel with 40 rooms, of which 4 are suites, as well as a restaurant, spa and wellness facilities, lounge areas, bar, meeting, and conference rooms.

Web. [hofdilodge.com](http://hofdilodge.com), Email: [info@hofdilodge.com](mailto:info@hofdilodge.com), Phone: 8461674

### \* **Accommodation in Hrísey**

#### - **Syðstibær Guesthouse**

A new guesthouse located in one of the notable old buildings in Hrísey – standing on the hill above the church. The guesthouse was recently opened and offers accommodation in 5 double rooms and 1 single room, on the second floor of the building. Shared bathrooms, living room and kitchen.

FB: Syðstibær Guesthouse, Email: [booking@sydstibaer.is](mailto:booking@sydstibaer.is), Phone: (+354) 867 5655

#### - **Guesthouse Brekka**

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Web: [hrisey.is/is/thjonusta/saeluhus](http://hrisey.is/is/thjonusta/saeluhus)

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### \* Majó

A small restaurant in the oldest house in Akureyri, Laxdalshús. It is a family run with art on display by one of the owners. The restaurant is specialising in sushi and Asian inspired food. Opening hours are sporadically, with a calendar for two months at a time. Groups from 14 to max 34 persons can request special openings. Web: [www.majoiceland.com](http://www.majoiceland.com), Email: [majoiceland@gmail.com](mailto:majoiceland@gmail.com), Phone: +354 7920925

### \* Ketilkaffi

Café with pastries, light meals, soups, cocktails & wines in Akureyri Art Museum. Seating max 40.

Also catering for events and groups both within the Art Museum and outside. Open all year.

Web: [www.ketilkaffi.is](http://www.ketilkaffi.is), Email: [Ketilkaffi@ketilkaffi.is](mailto:Ketilkaffi@ketilkaffi.is), Phone: +354 869-8447, Facebook: @ketilkaffi

### \* LYST - coffee | food | wine | chocolate

In the Botanical Gardens (A new company which took over when Café Laut closed)

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Web: [eyjaak.is](http://eyjaak.is), Email: [eyja@eyjaak.is](mailto:eyja@eyjaak.is) Phone +354 8538002

### \* Hof Cultural & Conference house

Catering and bar service in connection to meetings, conferences, events in the building.

Web: [mak.is](http://mak.is), Email: [mak@mak.is](mailto:mak@mak.is), Phone: (+354) 450 1000

### \* Restaurant Brekka – Hrísey island

New owners have taken over this old establishment which has been closed for a while. Emphasis on seafood prepared onsite and seafood buffet in the evening. Opening hours 12.00 – 22.00 during summer. Web: [www.brekkahrisey.is](http://www.brekkahrisey.is), Email: [brekka@brekkahrisey.is](mailto:brekka@brekkahrisey.is)

### \* Kaffi Ilmur

Has reopened with new owners and is now run all year. Café + cakes, breakfast, lunch weekdays & brunch during weekends. Open daily 8.00-18.00

Hafnarstræti 107b, Web: [www.kaffiilmur.is](http://www.kaffiilmur.is), Email: [kaffi@kaffiilmur.is](mailto:kaffi@kaffiilmur.is), Phone +354 680 5851

### \* Kvíkkí

Salatsjoppa has changed name and owners. Has now the name Kvíkkí and is offering salads and sandwiches. Web: [kvikki.is](http://kvikki.is), Email: [kvikki@kvikki.is](mailto:kvikki@kvikki.is), Phone: +354 4622245

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A restaurant located in Hotel Akureyri, seating 20. Open for breakfast daily 7.00-11.00 and dinner Wed-Sat from 18.00 – 00.00. Web: [northrestaurant.is](http://northrestaurant.is), Email: [north@northrestaurant.is](mailto:north@northrestaurant.is), Phone: +354 454 5070

### \* Jaðar Bistró

Located at the Golf course, 5 min from the town centre. The restaurant opened this spring and is open to public during summer and for groups, meetings, and events during winter. Email: [jadar@jadarbistro.is](mailto:jadar@jadarbistro.is), Phone 846 2485

### \* Backpackers

New owners have taken over and plan on enlarging the restaurant to seat up to 80 persons.

### \* Bryggjan

Has changed its concept and is now divided in two different restaurant

**EYR restaurant:** A international cuisine with focus on local ingredients. Seating up to 70 persons.

**Austur PizzaBar:** A pizza restaurant with sourdough pizzas. Seating up to 40 persons.

Email: [bryggjan@bryggjan.is](mailto:bryggjan@bryggjan.is), Phone 440 6600 FB: EYR Restaurant & FB: Austur PizzaBar

## Akureyri Town and Infrastructure:

### \* Niceair

A new airline based in Akureyri, launched June 2022. To begin with, flights are offered between Akureyri and Copenhagen & Tenerife. In April, Tenerife will be replaced with another sunny destination which will be announced soon. In May 2023 Niceair will start weekly flights between Akureyri and Düsseldorf.

Flights are with Airbus A319 a long-range aircraft, seating 150 passengers.

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### \* Direct international flights from Holland

The Dutch tour-operator Voigt Travel has offered flights between Holland and Akureyri since 2019. Schedule 2023:

Amsterdam – Akureyri: Fridays and Mondays, 10th February – 13th March.

Rotterdam – Akureyri: Mondays, 5th June - 4th September.

For more information visit: <https://www.voigt-travel.nl/ijisland/akureyri>

### \* Direct international flights from Germany

The Airline Condor will begin a new route to Akureyri and Egilsstaðir in 2023

Frankfurt – Akureyri: Saturdays, 13th May – 28th October

Frankfurt – Egilsstaðir: Tuesdays, 16th May – 24th October

For more information visit: [condor.com](http://condor.com)

### \* Direct international flights from Swiss

The Airline Edelweiss Air will begin a new route to Akureyri from Zurich in Switzerland next summer.

Flying once a week Zurich – Akureyri - Zurich: Fridays, 7<sup>th</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

For more information visit: [flyedelweiss.com](http://flyedelweiss.com)

\***Akureyri Airport** – The terminal building is being increased by 1100 m<sup>2</sup> and a new apron is under construction, significantly improving the airport capacity. The new terminal building will have a duty-free shop, a restaurant and customs and police facilities.

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### \* **Hlíðarfjall Ski lifts**

A new chairlift was added last winter. Adding 1100 meters further up the mountain. By now the area has 8 lifts in total, 2 chairlifts, 1 T-lift, 4 disk-lifts and one Conveyor belt.

The main chairlift is also operated during summer (July – beg. September) as previous summers for hikers and bikers.

\* **Camping site “Þórunnarstræti”** in centre of town has been closed permanently. The Camping Hamrar by Kjarnaskógur forest (5-10 min drive from town centre) has been enlarged and improved to service all camping visitors in town, also during winter.

\* **Akureyri for conferences, meetings, and incentives** – a new webpage with all the info you need – regarding events for groups in one place is under construction and will soon be completed.

Web: [www.radstefna.is](http://www.radstefna.is)

### \* **The Vaðlaheiði Tunnel**

Opened in 2019 through the mountain opposite Akureyri. Making the driving between Akureyri and the East of Iceland to e.g., Húsavík, Mývatn and Egilsstaðir much safer and approx. 15 km shorter. The limit for paying the toll has been increased from 3 hours to 24 hours. For further information and payment visit [www.toll.is](http://www.toll.is)

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### \* **Grocery store Krónan**

The first in Akureyri opened 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Low price store also including two takeaway restaurants: Rub23 sushi offering sushi dishes and Wok on, with rice and noodle dishes. Also three Bonus stores, Hagkaup, two Netto stores, and three 24 hours stores (Krambúð and Extra).

### \* **Grímsey island**

– A new church has been built where the old burned autumn 2021. The new church is planned to be fully completed by spring 2023. The building will be open, host an exhibition, be available for church services and events.

- A new permanent exhibition telling the story of Willard Fiske and displaying some items of his gift to the islanders in Grímsey airport terminal – viewable at arrival and departure times of flights.

- Campsite (by the Grímsey pool) has been improved with better facilities for guests such as a grill house, benches etc.

### \* **Hrísey island**

– A new grill house for everyone to use in center of the village.

- House of Shark-Jörundur – the exhibition about the history of the island and shark fishing has been renovated and reopened autumn 2022 and a new information board added outside the house telling its history.

## Other:

### \* Companies that have closed their business:

- Kaffi Kú – in Eyjafjarðarsveit.
- Skaldarvík Guesthouse and horse rental.
- Akureyri Fish and chips
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### \* Number One Tours

Travel agency and tour operator based in Akureyri, offering guided tours on local food, nature, folklore, customs. Some of the tours offered are Arctic Coastline Sigló, Local food and gourmet tour, Local food walk in Akureyri and Ultimate Lake Mývatn – all included. Also specializing in incentive tours for groups. Web: [numberone.is](http://numberone.is), Email: [info@numberone.is](mailto:info@numberone.is) Phone: (+354) 8215308

### \* Akureyri Riding tours

Akureyri Riding tours is based about 10 km from Akureyri (about 10 min drive). They offer short tours (1 hour), suitable for all ages. Web: [www.akureyriridingtours.is](http://www.akureyriridingtours.is), E-mail: [esteranna@internet.is](mailto:esteranna@internet.is), Phone (+354) 897 5756

### \* Hidden trail

One hour guided walk in the Botanical gardens with focus on the hidden people and elves that dwell in the garden. Web: [visitakureyri.is](http://visitakureyri.is), E-mail: [bryndis@bryndis.is](mailto:bryndis@bryndis.is), Phone: (+354) 8970670



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## Accommodation

\* **Hótel Hálönd** - A new self-service hotel just opened, autumn 2022. Offering 24 double rooms with a sofa bed and private facilities. Each room is 26 m<sup>2</sup>. No breakfast/restaurant service but each room has a fridge, coffee machine, table and 4 chairs.

One hall seating 40 persons is available on site for groups. A closed drying cabinet is on the ground floor for each room, ski/bike storage, and a laundry room. Hot tubs are available for guest outside the hotel.

An additional new hotel adjacent to this one is planned to open in 2023 with 30 rooms.

Web: [www.hotelhalond.is](http://www.hotelhalond.is), Instagram: hotelhalond, Email: [info@hotelhalond.is](mailto:info@hotelhalond.is), Phone: 571-8030

### \* **Hotel Akureyri – Hafnarstræti 67**

The hotel is operating in 2 buildings. Skjaldborg 19 rooms and Dynheimar 16 rooms, also offering apartments in nearby buildings. The hotel offers contactless and fast check-in and check-out. Room and pin number is sent to the guest on the day of arrival. The hotel operates a hydroponic farm inside one of the hotel buildings, Urban Farm Akureyri. There they produce fresh and tasty products year-round using clean water and 100% renewable energy.

Guests are invited to visit the farm and enjoy its product at the hotel's bistro. Web: [hotelakureyri.is](http://hotelakureyri.is), Email: [hotelakureyri@hotelakureyri.is](mailto:hotelakureyri@hotelakureyri.is), Phone: +354 462 5600

\* **Lyklaskipti Apartments** – a real estate company offering 6 apartments in Akureyri fitting for 2 up to 10 persons centrally in Akureyri.

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### \* **Centrum Hotel - Hafnarstræti 102**

14 double rooms with private facilities and 5 studios (of which three are for 1x3 and two for 1x4). Shared kitchen and laundry facilities available for guests. Also running Apótek Guesthouse which has one 1x1 and eleven 1x2 with shared bathrooms, five 1x2 with private facilities, and one apartment for up to 7 persons. Also running Laugar hotel in Reykjadalur (10 years contract).

Web: [Centrum-hotel.is](http://Centrum-hotel.is), Email: [reception@centrum-hotel.is](mailto:reception@centrum-hotel.is), Phone: (+354) 773 6600

### \* **Hotel Kaldi in Árskógssandur**

Aprox 35 km from Akureyri. Hotel Kaldi offers 4 double & 1 single room with a shared lounge. Rooms have private bathroom, a desk, a flat-screen TV. Breakfast room with a continental breakfast.

FB: Hótel Kaldi, Email: [boka@hotelkaldi.is](mailto:boka@hotelkaldi.is), Phone: 4602550

### \* **Höfði Lodge**

Aprox 40 km from Akureyri. Opens late 2023. A luxury hotel with 40 rooms, of which 4 are suites, as well as a restaurant, spa and wellness facilities, lounge areas, bar, meeting, and conference rooms.

Web: [hofdilodge.com](http://hofdilodge.com), Email: [info@hofdilodge.com](mailto:info@hofdilodge.com), Phone: 8461674

### \* **Accommodation in Hrísey**

#### - **Syðstibær Guesthouse**

A new guesthouse located in one of the notable old buildings in Hrísey – standing on the hill above the church. The guesthouse was recently opened and offers accommodation in 5 double rooms and 1 single room, on the second floor of the building. Shared bathrooms, living room and kitchen.

FB: Syðstibær Guesthouse, Email: [booking@sydstibaer.is](mailto:booking@sydstibaer.is), Phone: (+354) 867 5655

#### - **Guesthouse Brekka**

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A small restaurant in the oldest house in Akureyri, Laxdalshús. It is a family run with art on display by one of the owners. The restaurant is specialising in sushi and Asian inspired food. Opening hours are sporadically, with a calendar for two months at a time. Groups from 14 to max 34 persons can request special openings. Web: [www.majoiceland.com](http://www.majoiceland.com), Email: [majoiceland@gmail.com](mailto:majoiceland@gmail.com), Phone: +354 7920925

### \* Ketilkaffi

Café with pastries, light meals, soups, cocktails & wines in Akureyri Art Museum. Seating max 40.

Also catering for events and groups both within the Art Museum and outside. Open all year.

Web: [www.ketilkaffi.is](http://www.ketilkaffi.is), Email: [Ketilkaffi@ketilkaffi.is](mailto:Ketilkaffi@ketilkaffi.is), Phone: +354 869-8447, Facebook: [@ketilkaffi](https://www.facebook.com/ketilkaffi)

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In the Botanical Gardens (A new company which took over when Café Laut closed)

Breakfast, lunch, coffee, croissants, cakes, snacks, cheeses, nature wine and Icelandic beer etc.

Seating 50. Open all year. FB: LYST – Lystigarðurinn, Email: [lyst@lystak.is](mailto:lyst@lystak.is), Phone +354 8691369

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Breakfast, lunch, coffee, croissants, cakes, snacks, cheeses, nature wine and Icelandic beer etc.

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### \* Restaurant Brekka – Hrísey island

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### \* Kaffi Ilmur

Has reopened with new owners and is now run all year. Café + cakes, breakfast, lunch weekdays & brunch during weekends. Open daily 8.00-18.00

Hafnarstræti 107b, Web: [www.kaffiilmur.is](http://www.kaffiilmur.is), Email: [kaffi@kaffiilmur.is](mailto:kaffi@kaffiilmur.is), Phone +354 680 5851

### \* Kvíkkí

Salatsjoppa has changed name and owners. Has now the name Kvíkkí and is offering salads and sandwiches. Web: [kvikki.is](http://kvikki.is), Email: [kvikki@kvikki.is](mailto:kvikki@kvikki.is), Phone: +354 4622245

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### \* North

A restaurant located in Hotel Akureyri, seating 20. Open for breakfast daily 7.00-11.00 and dinner Wed-Sat from 18.00 – 00.00. Web: [northrestaurant.is](http://northrestaurant.is), Email: [north@northrestaurant.is](mailto:north@northrestaurant.is), Phone: +354 454 5070

### \* Jaðar Bistró

Located at the Golf course, 5 min from the town centre. The restaurant opened this spring and is open to public during summer and for groups, meetings, and events during winter. Email: [jadar@jadarbistro.is](mailto:jadar@jadarbistro.is), Phone 846 2485

### \* Backpackers

New owners have taken over and plan on enlarging the restaurant to seat up to 80 persons.

### \* Bryggjan

Has changed its concept and is now divided in two different restaurant

**EYR restaurant:** A international cuisine with focus on local ingredients. Seating up to 70 persons.

**Austur PizzaBar:** A pizza restaurant with sourdough pizzas. Seating up to 40 persons.

Email: [bryggjan@bryggjan.is](mailto:bryggjan@bryggjan.is), Phone 440 6600 FB: EYR Restaurant & FB: Austur PizzaBar

## Akureyri Town and Infrastructure:

### \* Niceair

A new airline based in Akureyri, launched June 2022. To begin with, flights are offered between Akureyri and Copenhagen & Tenerife. In April, Tenerife will be replaced with another sunny destination which will be announced soon. In May 2023 Niceair will start weekly flights between Akureyri and Düsseldorf.

Flights are with Airbus A319 a long-range aircraft, seating 150 passengers.

Website: [www.niceair.is](http://www.niceair.is), Email: [niceair@niceair.is](mailto:niceair@niceair.is), Phone: +354 560 2100

### \* Direct international flights from Holland

The Dutch tour-operator Voigt Travel has offered flights between Holland and Akureyri since 2019. Schedule 2023:

Amsterdam – Akureyri: Fridays and Mondays, 10th February – 13th March.

Rotterdam – Akureyri: Mondays, 5th June - 4th September.

For more information visit: <https://www.voigt-travel.nl/ijisland/akureyri>

### \* Direct international flights from Germany

The Airline Condor will begin a new route to Akureyri and Egilsstaðir in 2023

Frankfurt – Akureyri: Saturdays, 13th May – 28th October

Frankfurt – Egilsstaðir: Tuesdays, 16th May – 24th October

For more information visit: [condor.com](http://condor.com)

### \* Direct international flights from Swiss

The Airline Edelweiss Air will begin a new route to Akureyri from Zurich in Switzerland next summer.

Flying once a week Zurich – Akureyri - Zurich: Fridays, 7<sup>th</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

For more information visit: [flyedelweiss.com](http://flyedelweiss.com)

\***Akureyri Airport** – The terminal building is being increased by 1100 m<sup>2</sup> and a new apron is under construction, significantly improving the airport capacity. The new terminal building will have a duty-free shop, a restaurant and customs and police facilities.

## **Akureyri Town and Infrastructure cont.:**

\* **Parking** – the clock system with free parking has been changed. Now there are two parking zones in the centre of Akureyri, P1 and P2. Charge for each hour is **ISK 200** in parking zone **P1** and **ISK 100** in parking zone **P2**. The charging hours are the same in both parking zones, Monday-Friday 10:00 - 16:00. Payable through mobile apps like Easypark and Parka and credit cards on 3 pay stations. For more details visit <https://www.akureyri.is/en/services/transportation/parking>

### \* **Hlíðarfjall Ski lifts**

A new chairlift was added last winter. Adding 1100 meters further up the mountain. By now the area has 8 lifts in total, 2 chairlifts, 1 T-lift, 4 disk-lifts and one Conveyor belt.

The main chairlift is also operated during summer (July – beg. September) as previous summers for hikers and bikers.

\* **Camping site “Þórunnarstræti”** in centre of town has been closed permanently. The Camping Hamrar by Kjarnaskógur forest (5-10 min drive from town centre) has been enlarged and improved to service all camping visitors in town, also during winter.

\* **Akureyri for conferences, meetings, and incentives** – a new webpage with all the info you need – regarding events for groups in one place is under construction and will soon be completed.

Web: [www.radstefna.is](http://www.radstefna.is)

### \* **The Vaðlaheiði Tunnel**

Opened in 2019 through the mountain opposite Akureyri. Making the driving between Akureyri and the East of Iceland to e.g., Húsavík, Mývatn and Egilsstaðir much safer and approx. 15 km shorter. The limit for paying the toll has been increased from 3 hours to 24 hours. For further information and payment visit [www.toll.is](http://www.toll.is)

### \* **Hiking and Biking trails**

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### \* **Grocery store Krónan**

The first in Akureyri opened 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Low price store also including two takeaway restaurants: Rub23 sushi offering sushi dishes and Wok on, with rice and noodle dishes. Also three Bonus stores, Hagkaup, two Netto stores, and three 24 hours stores (Krambúð and Extra).

### \* **Grímsey island**

– A new church has been built where the old burned autumn 2021. The new church is planned to be fully completed by spring 2023. The building will be open, host an exhibition, be available for church services and events.

- A new permanent exhibition telling the story of Willard Fiske and displaying some items of his gift to the islanders in Grímsey airport terminal – viewable at arrival and departure times of flights.

- Campsite (by the Grímsey pool) has been improved with better facilities for guests such as a grill house, benches etc.

### \* **Hrísey island**

– A new grill house for everyone to use in center of the village.

- House of Shark-Jörundur – the exhibition about the history of the island and shark fishing has been renovated and reopened autumn 2022 and a new information board added outside the house telling its history.

## Other:

### \* Companies that have closed their business:

- Kaffi Kú – in Eyjafjarðarsveit.
- Skaldarvík Guesthouse and horse rental.
- Akureyri Fish and chips
- Café Laut in the Botanical Gardens (LYST has opened instead)
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A new geothermal spa, was opened spring 2022 at the opposite side of the fjord, in Vaðlaskógur forest approx. 3 km from Akureyri Town Centre. The facility consists of 1.300 square-meter complex that includes a bistro, two infinity pools with two swim-up bars, a cold tub, and a sauna. The facility can accommodate up to 200 visitors at a time and will be open daily from 10:00 in the morning until 24:00 in the evening. Single admission ISK 5800

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Has reopened with new owners and is now run all year. Café + cakes, breakfast, lunch weekdays & brunch during weekends. Open daily 8.00-18.00

Hafnarstræti 107b, Web: [www.kaffiilmur.is](http://www.kaffiilmur.is), Email: [kaffi@kaffiilmur.is](mailto:kaffi@kaffiilmur.is), Phone +354 680 5851

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### \* Number One Tours

Travel agency and tour operator based in Akureyri, offering guided tours on local food, nature, folklore, customs. Some of the tours offered are Arctic Coastline Sigló, Local food and gourmet tour, Local food walk in Akureyri and Ultimate Lake Mývatn – all included. Also specializing in incentive tours for groups. Web: [numberone.is](http://numberone.is), Email: [info@numberone.is](mailto:info@numberone.is) Phone: (+354) 8215308

### \* Akureyri Riding tours

Akureyri Riding tours is based about 10 km from Akureyri (about 10 min drive). They offer short tours (1 hour), suitable for all ages. Web: [www.akureyriridingtours.is](http://www.akureyriridingtours.is), E-mail: [esteranna@internet.is](mailto:esteranna@internet.is), Phone (+354) 897 5756

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One hour guided walk in the Botanical gardens with focus on the hidden people and elves that dwell in the garden. Web: [visitakureyri.is](http://visitakureyri.is), E-mail: [bryndis@bryndis.is](mailto:bryndis@bryndis.is), Phone: (+354) 8970670



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## Accommodation

\* **Hótel Hálönd** - A new self-service hotel just opened, autumn 2022. Offering 24 double rooms with a sofa bed and private facilities. Each room is 26 m<sup>2</sup>. No breakfast/restaurant service but each room has a fridge, coffee machine, table and 4 chairs.

One hall seating 40 persons is available on site for groups. A closed drying cabinet is on the ground floor for each room, ski/bike storage, and a laundry room. Hot tubs are available for guest outside the hotel.

An additional new hotel adjacent to this one is planned to open in 2023 with 30 rooms.

Web: [www.hotelhalond.is](http://www.hotelhalond.is), Instagram: hotelhalond, Email: [info@hotelhalond.is](mailto:info@hotelhalond.is), Phone: 571-8030

### \* **Hotel Akureyri – Hafnarstræti 67**

The hotel is operating in 2 buildings. Skjaldborg 19 rooms and Dynheimar 16 rooms, also offering apartments in nearby buildings. The hotel offers contactless and fast check-in and check-out. Room and pin number is sent to the guest on the day of arrival. The hotel operates a hydroponic farm inside one of the hotel buildings, Urban Farm Akureyri. There they produce fresh and tasty products year-round using clean water and 100% renewable energy.

Guests are invited to visit the farm and enjoy its product at the hotel's bistro. Web: [hotelakureyri.is](http://hotelakureyri.is), Email: [hotelakureyri@hotelakureyri.is](mailto:hotelakureyri@hotelakureyri.is), Phone: +354 462 5600

\* **Lyklaskipti Apartments** – a real estate company offering 6 apartments in Akureyri fitting for 2 up to 10 persons centrally in Akureyri.

Web: [lyklaskipti.is/Akureyri/](http://lyklaskipti.is/Akureyri/) Email: [gudni@skyggna.is](mailto:gudni@skyggna.is), Phone: (+354) 6635790

### \* **Centrum Hotel - Hafnarstræti 102**

14 double rooms with private facilities and 5 studios (of which three are for 1x3 and two for 1x4). Shared kitchen and laundry facilities available for guests. Also running Apótek Guesthouse which has one 1x1 and eleven 1x2 with shared bathrooms, five 1x2 with private facilities, and one apartment for up to 7 persons. Also running Laugar hotel in Reykjadalur (10 years contract).

Web: [Centrum-hotel.is](http://Centrum-hotel.is), Email: [reception@centrum-hotel.is](mailto:reception@centrum-hotel.is), Phone: (+354) 773 6600

### \* **Hotel Kaldi in Árskógssandur**

Aprox 35 km from Akureyri. Hotel Kaldi offers 4 double & 1 single room with a shared lounge. Rooms have private bathroom, a desk, a flat-screen TV. Breakfast room with a continental breakfast.

FB: Hótel Kaldi, Email: [boka@hotelkaldi.is](mailto:boka@hotelkaldi.is), Phone: 4602550

### \* **Höfði Lodge**

Aprox 40 km from Akureyri. Opens late 2023. A luxury hotel with 40 rooms, of which 4 are suites, as well as a restaurant, spa and wellness facilities, lounge areas, bar, meeting, and conference rooms.

Web: [Hofdilodge.com](http://Hofdilodge.com), Email: [info@hofdilodge.com](mailto:info@hofdilodge.com), Phone: 8461674

### \* **Accommodation in Hrísey**

#### - **Syðstibær Guesthouse**

A new guesthouse located in one of the notable old buildings in Hrísey – standing on the hill above the church. The guesthouse was recently opened and offers accommodation in 5 double rooms and 1 single room, on the second floor of the building. Shared bathrooms, living room and kitchen.

FB: Syðstibær Guesthouse, Email: [booking@sydstibaer.is](mailto:booking@sydstibaer.is), Phone: (+354) 867 5655

#### - **Guesthouse Brekka**

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#### - Sæluhús

A cottage for 8 persons. Beds for six and a couch in the living room.

Web: [hrisey.is/is/thjonusta/saeluhus](http://hrisey.is/is/thjonusta/saeluhus)

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A small restaurant in the oldest house in Akureyri, Laxdalshús. It is a family run with art on display by one of the owners. The restaurant is specialising in sushi and Asian inspired food. Opening hours are sporadically, with a calendar for two months at a time. Groups from 14 to max 34 persons can request special openings. Web: [www.majoiceland.com](http://www.majoiceland.com), Email: [majoiceland@gmail.com](mailto:majoiceland@gmail.com), Phone: +354 7920925

### \* Ketilkaffi

Café with pastries, light meals, soups, cocktails & wines in Akureyri Art Museum. Seating max 40.

Also catering for events and groups both within the Art Museum and outside. Open all year.

Web: [www.ketilkaffi.is](http://www.ketilkaffi.is), Email: [Ketilkaffi@ketilkaffi.is](mailto:Ketilkaffi@ketilkaffi.is), Phone: +354 869-8447, Facebook: [@ketilkaffi](https://www.facebook.com/ketilkaffi)

### \* LYST - coffee | food | wine | chocolate

In the Botanical Gardens (A new company which took over when Café Laut closed)

Breakfast, lunch, coffee, croissants, cakes, snacks, cheeses, nature wine and Icelandic beer etc.

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### \* Eyja vínstofa & bistro

New wine bar and bistro opened in one of the old historical buildings in the centre of town spring 2022. The restaurant has focus on bistro food with Icelandic ingredients as well as nature wines, classical wines, cocktails, Icelandic beers etc. Seating 50.

Web: [eyjaak.is](http://eyjaak.is), Email: [eyja@eyjaak.is](mailto:eyja@eyjaak.is) Phone +354 8538002

### \* Hof Cultural & Conference house

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FB: Hótel Kaldi, Email: [boka@hotelkaldi.is](mailto:boka@hotelkaldi.is), Phone: 4602550

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### \* LYST - coffee | food | wine | chocolate

In the Botanical Gardens (A new company which took over when Café Laut closed)

Breakfast, lunch, coffee, croissants, cakes, snacks, cheeses, nature wine and Icelandic beer etc.

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Has reopened with new owners and is now run all year. Café + cakes, breakfast, lunch weekdays & brunch during weekends. Open daily 8.00-18.00

Hafnarstræti 107b, Web: [www.kaffiilmur.is](http://www.kaffiilmur.is), Email: [kaffi@kaffiilmur.is](mailto:kaffi@kaffiilmur.is), Phone +354 680 5851

### \* Kvíkkí

Salatsjoppa has changed name and owners. Has now the name Kvíkkí and is offering salads and sandwiches. Web: [kvikki.is](http://kvikki.is), Email: [kvikki@kvikki.is](mailto:kvikki@kvikki.is), Phone: +354 4622245

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### \* North

A restaurant located in Hotel Akureyri, seating 20. Open for breakfast daily 7.00-11.00 and dinner Wed-Sat from 18.00 – 00.00. Web: northrestaurant.is, Email: north@northrestaurant.is, Phone: +354 454 5070

### \* Jaðar Bistró

Located at the Golf course, 5 min from the town centre. The restaurant opened this spring and is open to public during summer and for groups, meetings, and events during winter. Email: jadar@jadarbistro.is, Phone 846 2485

### \* Backpackers

New owners have taken over and plan on enlarging the restaurant to seat up to 80 persons.

### \* Bryggjan

Has changed its concept and is now divided in two different restaurant

**EYR restaurant:** A international cuisine with focus on local ingredients. Seating up to 70 persons.

**Austur PizzaBar:** A pizza restaurant with sourdough pizzas. Seating up to 40 persons.

Email: bryggjan@bryggjan.is, Phone 440 6600 FB: EYR Restaurant & FB: Austur PizzaBar

## Akureyri Town and Infrastructure:

### \* Niceair

A new airline based in Akureyri, launched June 2022. To begin with, flights are offered between Akureyri and Copenhagen & Tenerife. In April, Tenerife will be replaced with another sunny destination which will be announced soon. In May 2023 Niceair will start weekly flights between Akureyri and Düsseldorf.

Flights are with Airbus A319 a long-range aircraft, seating 150 passengers.

Website: www.niceair.is, Email: niceair@niceair.is, Phone: +354 560 2100

### \* Direct international flights from Holland

The Dutch tour-operator Voigt Travel has offered flights between Holland and Akureyri since 2019. Schedule 2023:

Amsterdam – Akureyri: Fridays and Mondays, 10th February – 13th March.

Rotterdam – Akureyri: Mondays, 5th June - 4th September.

For more information visit: <https://www.voigt-travel.nl/ijisland/akureyri>

### \* Direct international flights from Germany

The Airline Condor will begin a new route to Akureyri and Egilsstaðir in 2023

Frankfurt – Akureyri: Saturdays, 13th May – 28th October

Frankfurt – Egilsstaðir: Tuesdays, 16th May – 24th October

For more information visit: [condor.com](http://condor.com)

### \* Direct international flights from Swiss

The Airline Edelweiss Air will begin a new route to Akureyri from Zurich in Switzerland next summer.

Flying once a week Zurich – Akureyri - Zurich: Fridays, 7<sup>th</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

For more information visit: [flyedelweiss.com](http://flyedelweiss.com)

\***Akureyri Airport** – The terminal building is being increased by 1100 m<sup>2</sup> and a new apron is under construction, significantly improving the airport capacity. The new terminal building will have a duty-free shop, a restaurant and customs and police facilities.

## Akureyri Town and Infrastructure cont.:

\* **Parking** – the clock system with free parking has been changed. Now there are two parking zones in the centre of Akureyri, P1 and P2. Charge for each hour is **ISK 200** in parking zone **P1** and **ISK 100** in parking zone **P2**. The charging hours are the same in both parking zones, Monday-Friday 10:00 - 16:00. Payable through mobile apps like Easypark and Parka and credit cards on 3 pay stations. For more details visit <https://www.akureyri.is/en/services/transportation/parking>

### \* **Hlíðarfjall Ski lifts**

A new chairlift was added last winter. Adding 1100 meters further up the mountain. By now the area has 8 lifts in total, 2 chairlifts, 1 T-lift, 4 disk-lifts and one Conveyor belt.

The main chairlift is also operated during summer (July – beg. September) as previous summers for hikers and bikers.

\* **Camping site “Þórunnarstræti”** in centre of town has been closed permanently. The Camping Hamrar by Kjarnaskógur forest (5-10 min drive from town centre) has been enlarged and improved to service all camping visitors in town, also during winter.

\* **Akureyri for conferences, meetings, and incentives** – a new webpage with all the info you need – regarding events for groups in one place is under construction and will soon be completed.

Web: [www.radstefna.is](http://www.radstefna.is)

### \* **The Vaðlaheiði Tunnel**

Opened in 2019 through the mountain opposite Akureyri. Making the driving between Akureyri and the East of Iceland to e.g., Húsavík, Mývatn and Egilsstaðir much safer and approx. 15 km shorter. The limit for paying the toll has been increased from 3 hours to 24 hours. For further information and payment visit [www.toll.is](http://www.toll.is)

### \* **Hiking and Biking trails**

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### \* **Grocery store Krónan**

The first in Akureyri opened 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Low price store also including two takeaway restaurants: Rub23 sushi offering sushi dishes and Wok on, with rice and noodle dishes. Also three Bonus stores, Hagkaup, two Netto stores, and three 24 hours stores (Krambúð and Extra).

### \* **Grímsey island**

– A new church has been built where the old burned autumn 2021. The new church is planned to be fully completed by spring 2023. The building will be open, host an exhibition, be available for church services and events.

- A new permanent exhibition telling the story of Willard Fiske and displaying some items of his gift to the islanders in Grímsey airport terminal – viewable at arrival and departure times of flights.

- Campsite (by the Grímsey pool) has been improved with better facilities for guests such as a grill house, benches etc.

### \* **Hrísey island**

– A new grill house for everyone to use in center of the village.

- House of Shark-Jörundur – the exhibition about the history of the island and shark fishing has been renovated and reopened autumn 2022 and a new information board added outside the house telling its history.

## Other:

### \* Companies that have closed their business:

- Kaffi Kú – in Eyjafjarðarsveit.
- Skaldarvík Guesthouse and horse rental.
- Akureyri Fish and chips
- Café Laut in the Botanical Gardens (LYST has opened instead)
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## Activities

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A new geothermal spa, was opened spring 2022 at the opposite side of the fjord, in Vaðlaskógur forest approx. 3 km from Akureyri Town Centre. The facility consists of 1.300 square-meter complex that includes a bistro, two infinity pools with two swim-up bars, a cold tub, and a sauna. The facility can accommodate up to 200 visitors at a time and will be open daily from 10:00 in the morning until 24:00 in the evening. Single admission ISK 5800

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The company takes you on an adventurous ride through a stunning river canyon in the middle of Akureyri town. Five ziplines over a rustling river and steep cliff walls with a mix of light hiking and storytelling. This is a guided tour in small groups and takes under 2 hours. The tour starts and ends at the Zipline Akureyri headquarters in Glerárgil by Hlíðarbraut. Closed winter. Web: [ziplineakureyri.is](http://ziplineakureyri.is), Email: [hallo@ziplineakureyri.is](mailto:hallo@ziplineakureyri.is)

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Hafnarstræti 107b, Web: [www.kaffiilmur.is](http://www.kaffiilmur.is), Email: [kaffi@kaffiilmur.is](mailto:kaffi@kaffiilmur.is), Phone +354 680 5851

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Travel agency and tour operator based in Akureyri, offering guided tours on local food, nature, folklore, customs. Some of the tours offered are Arctic Coastline Sigló, Local food and gourmet tour, Local food walk in Akureyri and Ultimate Lake Mývatn – all included. Also specializing in incentive tours for groups. Web: [numberone.is](http://numberone.is), Email: [info@numberone.is](mailto:info@numberone.is) Phone: (+354) 8215308

### \* Akureyri Riding tours

Akureyri Riding tours is based about 10 km from Akureyri (about 10 min drive). They offer short tours (1 hour), suitable for all ages. Web: [www.akureyriridingtours.is](http://www.akureyriridingtours.is), E-mail: [esteranna@internet.is](mailto:esteranna@internet.is), Phone (+354) 897 5756

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One hour guided walk in the Botanical gardens with focus on the hidden people and elves that dwell in the garden. Web: [visitakureyri.is](http://visitakureyri.is), E-mail: [bryndis@bryndis.is](mailto:bryndis@bryndis.is), Phone: (+354) 8970670



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## Accommodation

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One hall seating 40 persons is available on site for groups. A closed drying cabinet is on the ground floor for each room, ski/bike storage, and a laundry room. Hot tubs are available for guest outside the hotel.

An additional new hotel adjacent to this one is planned to open in 2023 with 30 rooms.

Web: [www.hotelhalond.is](http://www.hotelhalond.is), Instagram: hotelhalond, Email: [info@hotelhalond.is](mailto:info@hotelhalond.is), Phone: 571-8030

### \* **Hotel Akureyri – Hafnarstræti 67**

The hotel is operating in 2 buildings. Skjaldborg 19 rooms and Dynheimar 16 rooms, also offering apartments in nearby buildings. The hotel offers contactless and fast check-in and check-out. Room and pin number is sent to the guest on the day of arrival. The hotel operates a hydroponic farm inside one of the hotel buildings, Urban Farm Akureyri. There they produce fresh and tasty products year-round using clean water and 100% renewable energy.

Guests are invited to visit the farm and enjoy its product at the hotel's bistro. Web: [hotelakureyri.is](http://hotelakureyri.is), Email: [hotelakureyri@hotelakureyri.is](mailto:hotelakureyri@hotelakureyri.is), Phone: +354 462 5600

\* **Lyklaskipti Apartments** – a real estate company offering 6 apartments in Akureyri fitting for 2 up to 10 persons centrally in Akureyri.

Web: [lyklaskipti.is/Akureyri/](http://lyklaskipti.is/Akureyri/) Email: [gudni@skyggna.is](mailto:gudni@skyggna.is), Phone: (+354) 6635790

### \* **Centrum Hotel - Hafnarstræti 102**

14 double rooms with private facilities and 5 studios (of which three are for 1x3 and two for 1x4). Shared kitchen and laundry facilities available for guests. Also running Apótek Guesthouse which has one 1x1 and eleven 1x2 with shared bathrooms, five 1x2 with private facilities, and one apartment for up to 7 persons. Also running Laugar hotel in Reykjadalur (10 years contract).

Web: [Centrum-hotel.is](http://Centrum-hotel.is), Email: [reception@centrum-hotel.is](mailto:reception@centrum-hotel.is), Phone: (+354) 773 6600

### \* **Hotel Kaldi in Árskógssandur**

Aprox 35 km from Akureyri. Hotel Kaldi offers 4 double & 1 single room with a shared lounge. Rooms have private bathroom, a desk, a flat-screen TV. Breakfast room with a continental breakfast.

FB: Hótel Kaldi, Email: [boka@hotelkaldi.is](mailto:boka@hotelkaldi.is), Phone: 4602550

### \* **Höfði Lodge**

Aprox 40 km from Akureyri. Opens late 2023. A luxury hotel with 40 rooms, of which 4 are suites, as well as a restaurant, spa and wellness facilities, lounge areas, bar, meeting, and conference rooms.

Web: [Hofdilodge.com](http://Hofdilodge.com), Email: [info@hofdilodge.com](mailto:info@hofdilodge.com), Phone: 8461674

### \* **Accommodation in Hrísey**

#### - **Syðstibær Guesthouse**

A new guesthouse located in one of the notable old buildings in Hrísey – standing on the hill above the church. The guesthouse was recently opened and offers accommodation in 5 double rooms and 1 single room, on the second floor of the building. Shared bathrooms, living room and kitchen.

FB: Syðstibær Guesthouse, Email: [booking@sydstibaer.is](mailto:booking@sydstibaer.is), Phone: (+354) 867 5655

#### - **Guesthouse Brekka**

New owner have taken over this old establishment which has been closed for a while and reopened it spring 2022. The Guesthouse has 4 double rooms with shared bathroom.

Website: [www.brekkahrisey.is](http://www.brekkahrisey.is) Email: [brekka@brekkahrisey.is](mailto:brekka@brekkahrisey.is)



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#### - Sæluhús

A cottage for 8 persons. Beds for six and a couch in the living room.

Web: [hrisey.is/is/thjonusta/saeluhus](http://hrisey.is/is/thjonusta/saeluhus)

## Restaurants & Cafés:

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A small restaurant in the oldest house in Akureyri, Laxdalshús. It is a family run with art on display by one of the owners. The restaurant is specialising in sushi and Asian inspired food. Opening hours are sporadically, with a calendar for two months at a time. Groups from 14 to max 34 persons can request special openings. Web: [www.majoiceland.com](http://www.majoiceland.com), Email: [majoiceland@gmail.com](mailto:majoiceland@gmail.com), Phone: +354 7920925

### \* Ketilkaffi

Café with pastries, light meals, soups, cocktails & wines in Akureyri Art Museum. Seating max 40.

Also catering for events and groups both within the Art Museum and outside. Open all year.

Web: [www.ketilkaffi.is](http://www.ketilkaffi.is), Email: [Ketilkaffi@ketilkaffi.is](mailto:Ketilkaffi@ketilkaffi.is), Phone: +354 869-8447, Facebook: @ketilkaffi

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In the Botanical Gardens (A new company which took over when Café Laut closed)

Breakfast, lunch, coffee, croissants, cakes, snacks, cheeses, nature wine and Icelandic beer etc.

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### \* Eyja vínstofa & bistro

New wine bar and bistro opened in one of the old historical buildings in the centre of town spring 2022. The restaurant has focus on bistro food with Icelandic ingredients as well as nature wines, classical wines, cocktails, Icelandic beers etc. Seating 50.

Web: [eyjaak.is](http://eyjaak.is), Email: [eyja@eyjaak.is](mailto:eyja@eyjaak.is) Phone +354 8538002

### \* Hof Cultural & Conference house

Catering and bar service in connection to meetings, conferences, events in the building.

Web: [mak.is](http://mak.is), Email: [mak@mak.is](mailto:mak@mak.is), Phone: (+354) 450 1000

### \* Restaurant Brekka – Hrísey island

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A restaurant located in Hotel Akureyri, seating 20. Open for breakfast daily 7.00-11.00 and dinner Wed-Sat from 18.00 – 00.00. Web: [northrestaurant.is](http://northrestaurant.is), Email: [north@northrestaurant.is](mailto:north@northrestaurant.is), Phone: +354 454 5070

### \* Jaðar Bistró

Located at the Golf course, 5 min from the town centre. The restaurant opened this spring and is open to public during summer and for groups, meetings, and events during winter. Email: [jadar@jadarbistro.is](mailto:jadar@jadarbistro.is), Phone 846 2485

### \* Backpackers

New owners have taken over and plan on enlarging the restaurant to seat up to 80 persons.

### \* Bryggjan

Has changed its concept and is now divided in two different restaurant

**EYR restaurant:** A international cuisine with focus on local ingredients. Seating up to 70 persons.

**Austur PizzaBar:** A pizza restaurant with sourdough pizzas. Seating up to 40 persons.

Email: [bryggjan@bryggjan.is](mailto:bryggjan@bryggjan.is), Phone 440 6600 FB: EYR Restaurant & FB: Austur PizzaBar

## Akureyri Town and Infrastructure:

### \* Niceair

A new airline based in Akureyri, launched June 2022. To begin with, flights are offered between Akureyri and Copenhagen & Tenerife. In April, Tenerife will be replaced with another sunny destination which will be announced soon. In May 2023 Niceair will start weekly flights between Akureyri and Düsseldorf.

Flights are with Airbus A319 a long-range aircraft, seating 150 passengers.

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### \* Direct international flights from Holland

The Dutch tour-operator Voigt Travel has offered flights between Holland and Akureyri since 2019. Schedule 2023:

Amsterdam – Akureyri: Fridays and Mondays, 10th February – 13th March.

Rotterdam – Akureyri: Mondays, 5th June - 4th September.

For more information visit: <https://www.voigt-travel.nl/ijisland/akureyri>

### \* Direct international flights from Germany

The Airline Condor will begin a new route to Akureyri and Egilsstaðir in 2023

Frankfurt – Akureyri: Saturdays, 13th May – 28th October

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For more information visit: [condor.com](http://condor.com)

### \* Direct international flights from Swiss

The Airline Edelweiss Air will begin a new route to Akureyri from Zurich in Switzerland next summer.

Flying once a week Zurich – Akureyri - Zurich: Fridays, 7<sup>th</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

For more information visit: [flyedelweiss.com](http://flyedelweiss.com)

\***Akureyri Airport** – The terminal building is being increased by 1100 m<sup>2</sup> and a new apron is under construction, significantly improving the airport capacity. The new terminal building will have a duty-free shop, a restaurant and customs and police facilities.

## Akureyri Town and Infrastructure cont.:

\* **Parking** – the clock system with free parking has been changed. Now there are two parking zones in the centre of Akureyri, P1 and P2. Charge for each hour is **ISK 200** in parking zone **P1** and **ISK 100** in parking zone **P2**. The charging hours are the same in both parking zones, Monday-Friday 10:00 - 16:00. Payable through mobile apps like Easypark and Parka and credit cards on 3 pay stations. For more details visit <https://www.akureyri.is/en/services/transportation/parking>

### \* **Hlíðarfjall Ski lifts**

A new chairlift was added last winter. Adding 1100 meters further up the mountain. By now the area has 8 lifts in total, 2 chairlifts, 1 T-lift, 4 disk-lifts and one Conveyor belt.

The main chairlift is also operated during summer (July – beg. September) as previous summers for hikers and bikers.

\* **Camping site “Þórunnarstræti”** in centre of town has been closed permanently. The Camping Hamrar by Kjarnaskógur forest (5-10 min drive from town centre) has been enlarged and improved to service all camping visitors in town, also during winter.

\* **Akureyri for conferences, meetings, and incentives** – a new webpage with all the info you need – regarding events for groups in one place is under construction and will soon be completed.

Web: [www.radstefna.is](http://www.radstefna.is)

### \* **The Vaðlaheiði Tunnel**

Opened in 2019 through the mountain opposite Akureyri. Making the driving between Akureyri and the East of Iceland to e.g., Húsavík, Mývatn and Egilsstaðir much safer and approx. 15 km shorter. The limit for paying the toll has been increased from 3 hours to 24 hours. For further information and payment visit [www.toll.is](http://www.toll.is)

### \* **Hiking and Biking trails**

Overview of all hiking and biking trails in Akureyri and surrounding area can be found on the web [www.visitakureyri.is](http://www.visitakureyri.is) with descriptions, photos and maps.

### \* **Grocery store Krónan**

The first in Akureyri opened 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Low price store also including two takeaway restaurants: Rub23 sushi offering sushi dishes and Wok on, with rice and noodle dishes. Also three Bonus stores, Hagkaup, two Netto stores, and three 24 hours stores (Krambúð and Extra).

### \* **Grímsey island**

– A new church has been built where the old burned autumn 2021. The new church is planned to be fully completed by spring 2023. The building will be open, host an exhibition, be available for church services and events.

- A new permanent exhibition telling the story of Willard Fiske and displaying some items of his gift to the islanders in Grímsey airport terminal – viewable at arrival and departure times of flights.

- Campsite (by the Grímsey pool) has been improved with better facilities for guests such as a grill house, benches etc.

### \* **Hrísey island**

– A new grill house for everyone to use in center of the village.

- House of Shark-Jörundur – the exhibition about the history of the island and shark fishing has been renovated and reopened autumn 2022 and a new information board added outside the house telling its history.

## Other:

### \* Companies that have closed their business:

- Kaffi Kú – in Eyjafjarðarsveit.
- Skaldarvík Guesthouse and horse rental.
- Akureyri Fish and chips
- Café Laut in the Botanical Gardens (LYST has opened instead)
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# What's New in Akureyri & surrounding areas 2022-23



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## Activities

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A new geothermal spa, was opened spring 2022 at the opposite side of the fjord, in Vaðlaskógur forest approx. 3 km from Akureyri Town Centre. The facility consists of 1.300 square-meter complex that includes a bistro, two infinity pools with two swim-up bars, a cold tub, and a sauna. The facility can accommodate up to 200 visitors at a time and will be open daily from 10:00 in the morning until 24:00 in the evening. Single admission ISK 5800

Web: [www.forestlagoon.is](http://www.forestlagoon.is), Email: [info@skogarbad.is](mailto:info@skogarbad.is), Phone (+354) 585 0090

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The company takes you on an adventurous ride through a stunning river canyon in the middle of Akureyri town. Five ziplines over a rustling river and steep cliff walls with a mix of light hiking and storytelling. This is a guided tour in small groups and takes under 2 hours. The tour starts and ends at the Zipline Akureyri headquarters in Glerárgil by Hlíðarbraut. Closed winter. Web: [ziplineakureyri.is](http://ziplineakureyri.is), Email: [hallo@ziplineakureyri.is](mailto:hallo@ziplineakureyri.is)

\* **SBA Norðurleið Bus Company:** Based in Akureyri providing busses to requests, also offering guided day tours in Icelandic to popular/interesting areas in the North and East such as Stuðlagil, Drangey, Merkgil and more. Note! They have stopped driving the Kjölur route – across the highlands. Web: [www.sba.is](http://www.sba.is), Email: [mailto:sba@sba.is](mailto:mailto:sba@sba.is), Phone (+354) 550 0700

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### \* Akureyri Riding tours

Akureyri Riding tours is based about 10 km from Akureyri (about 10 min drive). They offer short tours (1 hour), suitable for all ages. Web: [www.akureyriridingtours.is](http://www.akureyriridingtours.is), E-mail: [esteranna@internet.is](mailto:esteranna@internet.is), Phone (+354) 897 5756

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One hour guided walk in the Botanical gardens with focus on the hidden people and elves that dwell in the garden. Web: [visitakureyri.is](http://visitakureyri.is), E-mail: [bryndis@bryndis.is](mailto:bryndis@bryndis.is), Phone: (+354) 8970670



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One hall seating 40 persons is available on site for groups. A closed drying cabinet is on the ground floor for each room, ski/bike storage, and a laundry room. Hot tubs are available for guest outside the hotel.

An additional new hotel adjacent to this one is planned to open in 2023 with 30 rooms.

Web: [www.hotelhalond.is](http://www.hotelhalond.is), Instagram: hotelhalond, Email: [info@hotelhalond.is](mailto:info@hotelhalond.is), Phone: 571-8030

### \* **Hotel Akureyri – Hafnarstræti 67**

The hotel is operating in 2 buildings. Skjaldborg 19 rooms and Dynheimar 16 rooms, also offering apartments in nearby buildings. The hotel offers contactless and fast check-in and check-out. Room and pin number is sent to the guest on the day of arrival. The hotel operates a hydroponic farm inside one of the hotel buildings, Urban Farm Akureyri. There they produce fresh and tasty products year-round using clean water and 100% renewable energy.

Guests are invited to visit the farm and enjoy its product at the hotel's bistro. Web: [hotelakureyri.is](http://hotelakureyri.is), Email: [hotelakureyri@hotelakureyri.is](mailto:hotelakureyri@hotelakureyri.is), Phone: +354 462 5600

\* **Lyklaskipti Apartments** – a real estate company offering 6 apartments in Akureyri fitting for 2 up to 10 persons centrally in Akureyri.

Web: [lyklaskipti.is/Akureyri/](http://lyklaskipti.is/Akureyri/) Email: [gudni@skyggna.is](mailto:gudni@skyggna.is), Phone: (+354) 6635790

### \* **Centrum Hotel - Hafnarstræti 102**

14 double rooms with private facilities and 5 studios (of which three are for 1x3 and two for 1x4). Shared kitchen and laundry facilities available for guests. Also running Apótek Guesthouse which has one 1x1 and eleven 1x2 with shared bathrooms, five 1x2 with private facilities, and one apartment for up to 7 persons. Also running Laugar hotel in Reykjadalur (10 years contract).

Web: [Centrum-hotel.is](http://Centrum-hotel.is), Email: [reception@centrum-hotel.is](mailto:reception@centrum-hotel.is), Phone: (+354) 773 6600

### \* **Hotel Kaldi in Árskógssandur**

Aprox 35 km from Akureyri. Hotel Kaldi offers 4 double & 1 single room with a shared lounge. Rooms have private bathroom, a desk, a flat-screen TV. Breakfast room with a continental breakfast.

FB: Hótel Kaldi, Email: [boka@hotelkaldi.is](mailto:boka@hotelkaldi.is), Phone: 4602550

### \* **Höfði Lodge**

Aprox 40 km from Akureyri. Opens late 2023. A luxury hotel with 40 rooms, of which 4 are suites, as well as a restaurant, spa and wellness facilities, lounge areas, bar, meeting, and conference rooms.

Web. [hofdilodge.com](http://hofdilodge.com), Email: [info@hofdilodge.com](mailto:info@hofdilodge.com), Phone: 8461674

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#### - **Syðstibær Guesthouse**

A new guesthouse located in one of the notable old buildings in Hrísey – standing on the hill above the church. The guesthouse was recently opened and offers accommodation in 5 double rooms and 1 single room, on the second floor of the building. Shared bathrooms, living room and kitchen.

FB: Syðstibær Guesthouse, Email: [booking@sydstibaer.is](mailto:booking@sydstibaer.is), Phone: (+354) 867 5655

#### - **Guesthouse Brekka**

New owner have taken over this old establishment which has been closed for a while and reopened it spring 2022. The Guesthouse has 4 double rooms with shared bathroom.

Website: [www.brekkahrisey.is](http://www.brekkahrisey.is) Email: [brekka@brekkahrisey.is](mailto:brekka@brekkahrisey.is)



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#### - Sæluhús

A cottage for 8 persons. Beds for six and a couch in the living room.

Web: [hrisey.is/is/thjonusta/saeluhus](http://hrisey.is/is/thjonusta/saeluhus)

## Restaurants & Cafés:

### \* Majó

A small restaurant in the oldest house in Akureyri, Laxdalshús. It is a family run with art on display by one of the owners. The restaurant is specialising in sushi and Asian inspired food. Opening hours are sporadically, with a calendar for two months at a time. Groups from 14 to max 34 persons can request special openings. Web: [www.majoiceland.com](http://www.majoiceland.com), Email: [majoiceland@gmail.com](mailto:majoiceland@gmail.com), Phone: +354 7920925

### \* Ketilkaffi

Café with pastries, light meals, soups, cocktails & wines in Akureyri Art Museum. Seating max 40.

Also catering for events and groups both within the Art Museum and outside. Open all year.

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In the Botanical Gardens (A new company which took over when Café Laut closed)

Breakfast, lunch, coffee, croissants, cakes, snacks, cheeses, nature wine and Icelandic beer etc.

Seating 50. Open all year. FB: LYST – Lystigarðurinn, Email: [lyst@lystak.is](mailto:lyst@lystak.is), Phone +354 8691369

### \* Eyja vínstofa & bistro

New wine bar and bistro opened in one of the old historical buildings in the centre of town spring 2022. The restaurant has focus on bistro food with Icelandic ingredients as well as nature wines, classical wines, cocktails, Icelandic beers etc. Seating 50.

Web: [eyjaak.is](http://eyjaak.is), Email: [eyja@eyjaak.is](mailto:eyja@eyjaak.is) Phone +354 8538002

### \* Hof Cultural & Conference house

Catering and bar service in connection to meetings, conferences, events in the building.

Web: [mak.is](http://mak.is), Email: [mak@mak.is](mailto:mak@mak.is), Phone: (+354) 450 1000

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Has reopened with new owners and is now run all year. Café + cakes, breakfast, lunch weekdays & brunch during weekends. Open daily 8.00-18.00

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A restaurant located in Hotel Akureyri, seating 20. Open for breakfast daily 7.00-11.00 and dinner Wed-Sat from 18.00 – 00.00. Web: northrestaurant.is, Email: north@northrestaurant.is, Phone: +354 454 5070

### \* Jaðar Bistró

Located at the Golf course, 5 min from the town centre. The restaurant opened this spring and is open to public during summer and for groups, meetings, and events during winter. Email: jadar@jadarbistro.is, Phone 846 2485

### \* Backpackers

New owners have taken over and plan on enlarging the restaurant to seat up to 80 persons.

### \* Bryggjan

Has changed its concept and is now divided in two different restaurant

**EYR restaurant:** A international cuisine with focus on local ingredients. Seating up to 70 persons.

**Austur PizzaBar:** A pizza restaurant with sourdough pizzas. Seating up to 40 persons.

Email: bryggjan@bryggjan.is, Phone 440 6600 FB: EYR Restaurant & FB: Austur PizzaBar

## Akureyri Town and Infrastructure:

### \* Niceair

A new airline based in Akureyri, launched June 2022. To begin with, flights are offered between Akureyri and Copenhagen & Tenerife. In April, Tenerife will be replaced with another sunny destination which will be announced soon. In May 2023 Niceair will start weekly flights between Akureyri and Düsseldorf.

Flights are with Airbus A319 a long-range aircraft, seating 150 passengers.

Website: [www.niceair.is](http://www.niceair.is), Email: niceair@niceair.is, Phone: +354 560 2100

### \* Direct international flights from Holland

The Dutch tour-operator Voigt Travel has offered flights between Holland and Akureyri since 2019. Schedule 2023:

Amsterdam – Akureyri: Fridays and Mondays, 10th February – 13th March.

Rotterdam – Akureyri: Mondays, 5th June - 4th September.

For more information visit: <https://www.voigt-travel.nl/ijisland/akureyri>

### \* Direct international flights from Germany

The Airline Condor will begin a new route to Akureyri and Egilsstaðir in 2023

Frankfurt – Akureyri: Saturdays, 13th May – 28th October

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For more information visit: [condor.com](http://condor.com)

### \* Direct international flights from Swiss

The Airline Edelweiss Air will begin a new route to Akureyri from Zurich in Switzerland next summer.

Flying once a week Zurich – Akureyri - Zurich: Fridays, 7<sup>th</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

For more information visit: [flyedelweiss.com](http://flyedelweiss.com)

\***Akureyri Airport** – The terminal building is being increased by 1100 m<sup>2</sup> and a new apron is under construction, significantly improving the airport capacity. The new terminal building will have a duty-free shop, a restaurant and customs and police facilities.

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\* **Parking** – the clock system with free parking has been changed. Now there are two parking zones in the centre of Akureyri, P1 and P2. Charge for each hour is **ISK 200** in parking zone **P1** and **ISK 100** in parking zone **P2**. The charging hours are the same in both parking zones, Monday-Friday 10:00 - 16:00. Payable through mobile apps like Easypark and Parka and credit cards on 3 pay stations. For more details visit <https://www.akureyri.is/en/services/transportation/parking>

### \* **Hlíðarfjall Ski lifts**

A new chairlift was added last winter. Adding 1100 meters further up the mountain. By now the area has 8 lifts in total, 2 chairlifts, 1 T-lift, 4 disk-lifts and one Conveyor belt.

The main chairlift is also operated during summer (July – beg. September) as previous summers for hikers and bikers.

\* **Camping site “Þórunnarstræti”** in centre of town has been closed permanently. The Camping Hamrar by Kjarnaskógur forest (5-10 min drive from town centre) has been enlarged and improved to service all camping visitors in town, also during winter.

\* **Akureyri for conferences, meetings, and incentives** – a new webpage with all the info you need – regarding events for groups in one place is under construction and will soon be completed.

Web: [www.radstefna.is](http://www.radstefna.is)

### \* **The Vaðlaheiði Tunnel**

Opened in 2019 through the mountain opposite Akureyri. Making the driving between Akureyri and the East of Iceland to e.g., Húsavík, Mývatn and Egilsstaðir much safer and approx. 15 km shorter. The limit for paying the toll has been increased from 3 hours to 24 hours. For further information and payment visit [www.toll.is](http://www.toll.is)

### \* **Hiking and Biking trails**

Overview of all hiking and biking trails in Akureyri and surrounding area can be found on the web [www.visitakureyri.is](http://www.visitakureyri.is) with descriptions, photos and maps.

### \* **Grocery store Krónan**

The first in Akureyri opened 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Low price store also including two takeaway restaurants: Rub23 sushi offering sushi dishes and Wok on, with rice and noodle dishes. Also three Bonus stores, Hagkaup, two Netto stores, and three 24 hours stores (Krambúð and Extra).

### \* **Grímsey island**

– A new church has been built where the old burned autumn 2021. The new church is planned to be fully completed by spring 2023. The building will be open, host an exhibition, be available for church services and events.

- A new permanent exhibition telling the story of Willard Fiske and displaying some items of his gift to the islanders in Grímsey airport terminal – viewable at arrival and departure times of flights.

- Campsite (by the Grímsey pool) has been improved with better facilities for guests such as a grill house, benches etc.

### \* **Hrísey island**

– A new grill house for everyone to use in center of the village.

- House of Shark-Jörundur – the exhibition about the history of the island and shark fishing has been renovated and reopened autumn 2022 and a new information board added outside the house telling its history.

## Other:

### \* Companies that have closed their business:

- Kaffi Kú – in Eyjafjarðarsveit.
- Skaldarvík Guesthouse and horse rental.
- Akureyri Fish and chips
- Café Laut in the Botanical Gardens (LYST has opened instead)
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# What's New in Akureyri & surrounding areas 2022-23



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Web: [www.forestlagoon.is](http://www.forestlagoon.is), Email: [info@skogarbad.is](mailto:info@skogarbad.is), Phone (+354) 585 0090

### \* Zipline Akureyri

The company takes you on an adventurous ride through a stunning river canyon in the middle of Akureyri town. Five ziplines over a rustling river and steep cliff walls with a mix of light hiking and storytelling. This is a guided tour in small groups and takes under 2 hours. The tour starts and ends at the Zipline Akureyri headquarters in Glerárgil by Hlíðarbraut. Closed winter. Web: [ziplineakureyri.is](http://ziplineakureyri.is), Email: [hallo@ziplineakureyri.is](mailto:hallo@ziplineakureyri.is)

\* **SBA Norðurleið Bus Company:** Based in Akureyri providing busses to requests, also offering guided day tours in Icelandic to popular/interesting areas in the North and East such as Stuðlagil, Drangey, Merkgil and more. Note! They have stopped driving the Kjölur route – across the highlands. Web: [www.sba.is](http://www.sba.is), Email: [mailto:sba@sba.is](mailto:mailto:sba@sba.is), Phone (+354) 550 0700

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One hour guided walk in the Botanical gardens with focus on the hidden people and elves that dwell in the garden. Web: [visitakureyri.is](http://visitakureyri.is), E-mail: [bryndis@bryndis.is](mailto:bryndis@bryndis.is), Phone: (+354) 8970670



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One hall seating 40 persons is available on site for groups. A closed drying cabinet is on the ground floor for each room, ski/bike storage, and a laundry room. Hot tubs are available for guest outside the hotel.

An additional new hotel adjacent to this one is planned to open in 2023 with 30 rooms.

Web: [www.hotelhalond.is](http://www.hotelhalond.is), Instagram: hotelhalond, Email: [info@hotelhalond.is](mailto:info@hotelhalond.is), Phone: 571-8030

### \* **Hotel Akureyri – Hafnarstræti 67**

The hotel is operating in 2 buildings. Skjaldborg 19 rooms and Dynheimar 16 rooms, also offering apartments in nearby buildings. The hotel offers contactless and fast check-in and check-out. Room and pin number is sent to the guest on the day of arrival. The hotel operates a hydroponic farm inside one of the hotel buildings, Urban Farm Akureyri. There they produce fresh and tasty products year-round using clean water and 100% renewable energy.

Guests are invited to visit the farm and enjoy its product at the hotel's bistro. Web: [hotelakureyri.is](http://hotelakureyri.is), Email: [hotelakureyri@hotelakureyri.is](mailto:hotelakureyri@hotelakureyri.is), Phone: +354 462 5600

\* **Lyklaskipti Apartments** – a real estate company offering 6 apartments in Akureyri fitting for 2 up to 10 persons centrally in Akureyri.

Web: [lyklaskipti.is/Akureyri/](http://lyklaskipti.is/Akureyri/) Email: [gudni@skyggna.is](mailto:gudni@skyggna.is), Phone: (+354) 6635790

### \* **Centrum Hotel - Hafnarstræti 102**

14 double rooms with private facilities and 5 studios (of which three are for 1x3 and two for 1x4). Shared kitchen and laundry facilities available for guests. Also running Apótek Guesthouse which has one 1x1 and eleven 1x2 with shared bathrooms, five 1x2 with private facilities, and one apartment for up to 7 persons. Also running Laugar hotel in Reykjadalur (10 years contract).

Web: [Centrum-hotel.is](http://Centrum-hotel.is), Email: [reception@centrum-hotel.is](mailto:reception@centrum-hotel.is), Phone: (+354) 773 6600

### \* **Hotel Kaldi in Árskógssandur**

Aprox 35 km from Akureyri. Hotel Kaldi offers 4 double & 1 single room with a shared lounge. Rooms have private bathroom, a desk, a flat-screen TV. Breakfast room with a continental breakfast.

FB: Hótel Kaldi, Email: [boka@hotelkaldi.is](mailto:boka@hotelkaldi.is), Phone: 4602550

### \* **Höfði Lodge**

Aprox 40 km from Akureyri. Opens late 2023. A luxury hotel with 40 rooms, of which 4 are suites, as well as a restaurant, spa and wellness facilities, lounge areas, bar, meeting, and conference rooms.

Web: [hofdilodge.com](http://hofdilodge.com), Email: [info@hofdilodge.com](mailto:info@hofdilodge.com), Phone: 8461674

### \* **Accommodation in Hrísey**

#### - **Syðstibær Guesthouse**

A new guesthouse located in one of the notable old buildings in Hrísey – standing on the hill above the church. The guesthouse was recently opened and offers accommodation in 5 double rooms and 1 single room, on the second floor of the building. Shared bathrooms, living room and kitchen.

FB: Syðstibær Guesthouse, Email: [booking@sydstibaer.is](mailto:booking@sydstibaer.is), Phone: (+354) 867 5655

#### - **Guesthouse Brekka**

New owner have taken over this old establishment which has been closed for a while and reopened it spring 2022. The Guesthouse has 4 double rooms with shared bathroom.

Website: [www.brekkahrisey.is](http://www.brekkahrisey.is) Email: [brekka@brekkahrisey.is](mailto:brekka@brekkahrisey.is)



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#### - Sæluhús

A cottage for 8 persons. Beds for six and a couch in the living room.

Web: [hrisey.is/is/thjonusta/saeluhus](http://hrisey.is/is/thjonusta/saeluhus)

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A small restaurant in the oldest house in Akureyri, Laxdalshús. It is a family run with art on display by one of the owners. The restaurant is specialising in sushi and Asian inspired food. Opening hours are sporadically, with a calendar for two months at a time. Groups from 14 to max 34 persons can request special openings. Web: [www.majoiceland.com](http://www.majoiceland.com), Email: [majoiceland@gmail.com](mailto:majoiceland@gmail.com), Phone: +354 7920925

### \* Ketilkaffi

Café with pastries, light meals, soups, cocktails & wines in Akureyri Art Museum. Seating max 40.

Also catering for events and groups both within the Art Museum and outside. Open all year.

Web: [www.ketilkaffi.is](http://www.ketilkaffi.is), Email: [Ketilkaffi@ketilkaffi.is](mailto:Ketilkaffi@ketilkaffi.is), Phone: +354 869-8447, Facebook: @ketilkaffi

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In the Botanical Gardens (A new company which took over when Café Laut closed)

Breakfast, lunch, coffee, croissants, cakes, snacks, cheeses, nature wine and Icelandic beer etc.

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### \* Eyja vínstofa & bistro

New wine bar and bistro opened in one of the old historical buildings in the centre of town spring 2022. The restaurant has focus on bistro food with Icelandic ingredients as well as nature wines, classical wines, cocktails, Icelandic beers etc. Seating 50.

Web: [eyjaak.is](http://eyjaak.is), Email: [eyja@eyjaak.is](mailto:eyja@eyjaak.is) Phone +354 8538002

### \* Hof Cultural & Conference house

Catering and bar service in connection to meetings, conferences, events in the building.

Web: [mak.is](http://mak.is), Email: [mak@mak.is](mailto:mak@mak.is), Phone: (+354) 450 1000

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Has reopened with new owners and is now run all year. Café + cakes, breakfast, lunch weekdays & brunch during weekends. Open daily 8.00-18.00

Hafnarstræti 107b, Web: [www.kaffiilmur.is](http://www.kaffiilmur.is), Email: [kaffi@kaffiilmur.is](mailto:kaffi@kaffiilmur.is), Phone +354 680 5851

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A new airline based in Akureyri, launched June 2022. To begin with, flights are offered between Akureyri and Copenhagen & Tenerife. In April, Tenerife will be replaced with another sunny destination which will be announced soon. In May 2023 Niceair will start weekly flights between Akureyri and Düsseldorf.

Flights are with Airbus A319 a long-range aircraft, seating 150 passengers.

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### \* Direct international flights from Holland

The Dutch tour-operator Voigt Travel has offered flights between Holland and Akureyri since 2019. Schedule 2023:

Amsterdam – Akureyri: Fridays and Mondays, 10th February – 13th March.

Rotterdam – Akureyri: Mondays, 5th June - 4th September.

For more information visit: <https://www.voigt-travel.nl/ijisland/akureyri>

### \* Direct international flights from Germany

The Airline Condor will begin a new route to Akureyri and Egilsstaðir in 2023

Frankfurt – Akureyri: Saturdays, 13th May – 28th October

Frankfurt – Egilsstaðir: Tuesdays, 16th May – 24th October

For more information visit: [condor.com](http://condor.com)

### \* Direct international flights from Swiss

The Airline Edelweiss Air will begin a new route to Akureyri from Zurich in Switzerland next summer.

Flying once a week Zurich – Akureyri - Zurich: Fridays, 7<sup>th</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

For more information visit: [flyedelweiss.com](http://flyedelweiss.com)

\***Akureyri Airport** – The terminal building is being increased by 1100 m<sup>2</sup> and a new apron is under construction, significantly improving the airport capacity. The new terminal building will have a duty-free shop, a restaurant and customs and police facilities.

## Akureyri Town and Infrastructure cont.:

\* **Parking** – the clock system with free parking has been changed. Now there are two parking zones in the centre of Akureyri, P1 and P2. Charge for each hour is **ISK 200** in parking zone **P1** and **ISK 100** in parking zone **P2**. The charging hours are the same in both parking zones, Monday-Friday 10:00 - 16:00. Payable through mobile apps like Easypark and Parka and credit cards on 3 pay stations. For more details visit <https://www.akureyri.is/en/services/transportation/parking>

### \* **Hlíðarfjall Ski lifts**

A new chairlift was added last winter. Adding 1100 meters further up the mountain. By now the area has 8 lifts in total, 2 chairlifts, 1 T-lift, 4 disk-lifts and one Conveyor belt.

The main chairlift is also operated during summer (July – beg. September) as previous summers for hikers and bikers.

\* **Camping site “Þórunnarstræti”** in centre of town has been closed permanently. The Camping Hamrar by Kjarnaskógur forest (5-10 min drive from town centre) has been enlarged and improved to service all camping visitors in town, also during winter.

\* **Akureyri for conferences, meetings, and incentives** – a new webpage with all the info you need – regarding events for groups in one place is under construction and will soon be completed.

Web: [www.radstefna.is](http://www.radstefna.is)

### \* **The Vaðlaheiði Tunnel**

Opened in 2019 through the mountain opposite Akureyri. Making the driving between Akureyri and the East of Iceland to e.g., Húsavík, Mývatn and Egilsstaðir much safer and approx. 15 km shorter. The limit for paying the toll has been increased from 3 hours to 24 hours. For further information and payment visit [www.toll.is](http://www.toll.is)

### \* **Hiking and Biking trails**

Overview of all hiking and biking trails in Akureyri and surrounding area can be found on the web [www.visitakureyri.is](http://www.visitakureyri.is) with descriptions, photos and maps.

### \* **Grocery store Krónan**

The first in Akureyri opened 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Low price store also including two takeaway restaurants: Rub23 sushi offering sushi dishes and Wok on, with rice and noodle dishes. Also three Bonus stores, Hagkaup, two Netto stores, and three 24 hours stores (Krambúð and Extra).

### \* **Grímsey island**

– A new church has been built where the old burned autumn 2021. The new church is planned to be fully completed by spring 2023. The building will be open, host an exhibition, be available for church services and events.

- A new permanent exhibition telling the story of Willard Fiske and displaying some items of his gift to the islanders in Grímsey airport terminal – viewable at arrival and departure times of flights.

- Campsite (by the Grímsey pool) has been improved with better facilities for guests such as a grill house, benches etc.

### \* **Hrísey island**

– A new grill house for everyone to use in center of the village.

- House of Shark-Jörundur – the exhibition about the history of the island and shark fishing has been renovated and reopened autumn 2022 and a new information board added outside the house telling its history.

## Other:

### \* Companies that have closed their business:

- Kaffi Kú – in Eyjafjarðarsveit.
- Skaldarvík Guesthouse and horse rental.
- Akureyri Fish and chips
- Café Laut in the Botanical Gardens (LYST has opened instead)
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# What's New in Akureyri & surrounding areas 2022-23



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## Activities

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A new geothermal spa, was opened spring 2022 at the opposite side of the fjord, in Vaðlaskógur forest approx. 3 km from Akureyri Town Centre. The facility consists of 1.300 square-meter complex that includes a bistro, two infinity pools with two swim-up bars, a cold tub, and a sauna. The facility can accommodate up to 200 visitors at a time and will be open daily from 10:00 in the morning until 24:00 in the evening. Single admission ISK 5800

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### \* Zipline Akureyri

The company takes you on an adventurous ride through a stunning river canyon in the middle of Akureyri town. Five ziplines over a rustling river and steep cliff walls with a mix of light hiking and storytelling. This is a guided tour in small groups and takes under 2 hours. The tour starts and ends at the Zipline Akureyri headquarters in Glerárgil by Hlíðarbraut. Closed winter. Web: [ziplineakureyri.is](http://ziplineakureyri.is), Email: [hallo@ziplineakureyri.is](mailto:hallo@ziplineakureyri.is)

\* **SBA Norðurleið Bus Company:** Based in Akureyri providing busses to requests, also offering guided day tours in Icelandic to popular/interesting areas in the North and East such as Stuðlagil, Drangey, Merkgil and more. Note! They have stopped driving the Kjölur route – across the highlands. Web: [www.sba.is](http://www.sba.is), Email: [mailto:sba@sba.is](mailto:mailto:sba@sba.is), Phone (+354) 550 0700

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### \* Number One Tours

Travel agency and tour operator based in Akureyri, offering guided tours on local food, nature, folklore, customs. Some of the tours offered are Arctic Coastline Sigló, Local food and gourmet tour, Local food walk in Akureyri and Ultimate Lake Mývatn – all included. Also specializing in incentive tours for groups. Web: [numberone.is](http://numberone.is), Email: [info@numberone.is](mailto:info@numberone.is) Phone: (+354) 8215308

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**EYR restaurant:** A international cuisine with focus on local ingredients. Seating up to 70 persons.

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Email: [bryggjan@bryggjan.is](mailto:bryggjan@bryggjan.is), Phone 440 6600 FB: EYR Restaurant & FB: Austur PizzaBar

## Akureyri Town and Infrastructure:

### \* Niceair

A new airline based in Akureyri, launched June 2022. To begin with, flights are offered between Akureyri and Copenhagen & Tenerife. In April, Tenerife will be replaced with another sunny destination which will be announced soon. In May 2023 Niceair will start weekly flights between Akureyri and Düsseldorf.

Flights are with Airbus A319 a long-range aircraft, seating 150 passengers.

Website: [www.niceair.is](http://www.niceair.is), Email: [niceair@niceair.is](mailto:niceair@niceair.is), Phone: +354 560 2100

### \* Direct international flights from Holland

The Dutch tour-operator Voigt Travel has offered flights between Holland and Akureyri since 2019. Schedule 2023:

Amsterdam – Akureyri: Fridays and Mondays, 10th February – 13th March.

Rotterdam – Akureyri: Mondays, 5th June - 4th September.

For more information visit: <https://www.voigt-travel.nl/ijisland/akureyri>

### \* Direct international flights from Germany

The Airline Condor will begin a new route to Akureyri and Egilsstaðir in 2023

Frankfurt – Akureyri: Saturdays, 13th May – 28th October

Frankfurt – Egilsstaðir: Tuesdays, 16th May – 24th October

For more information visit: [condor.com](http://condor.com)

### \* Direct international flights from Swiss

The Airline Edelweiss Air will begin a new route to Akureyri from Zurich in Switzerland next summer.

Flying once a week Zurich – Akureyri - Zurich: Fridays, 7<sup>th</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

For more information visit: [flyedelweiss.com](http://flyedelweiss.com)

\***Akureyri Airport** – The terminal building is being increased by 1100 m<sup>2</sup> and a new apron is under construction, significantly improving the airport capacity. The new terminal building will have a duty-free shop, a restaurant and customs and police facilities.

## Akureyri Town and Infrastructure cont.:

\* **Parking** – the clock system with free parking has been changed. Now there are two parking zones in the centre of Akureyri, P1 and P2. Charge for each hour is **ISK 200** in parking zone **P1** and **ISK 100** in parking zone **P2**. The charging hours are the same in both parking zones, Monday-Friday 10:00 - 16:00. Payable through mobile apps like Easypark and Parka and credit cards on 3 pay stations. For more details visit <https://www.akureyri.is/en/services/transportation/parking>

### \* **Hlíðarfjall Ski lifts**

A new chairlift was added last winter. Adding 1100 meters further up the mountain. By now the area has 8 lifts in total, 2 chairlifts, 1 T-lift, 4 disk-lifts and one Conveyor belt.

The main chairlift is also operated during summer (July – beg. September) as previous summers for hikers and bikers.

\* **Camping site “Þórunnarstræti”** in centre of town has been closed permanently. The Camping Hamrar by Kjarnaskógur forest (5-10 min drive from town centre) has been enlarged and improved to service all camping visitors in town, also during winter.

\* **Akureyri for conferences, meetings, and incentives** – a new webpage with all the info you need – regarding events for groups in one place is under construction and will soon be completed.

Web: [www.radstefna.is](http://www.radstefna.is)

### \* **The Vaðlaheiði Tunnel**

Opened in 2019 through the mountain opposite Akureyri. Making the driving between Akureyri and the East of Iceland to e.g., Húsavík, Mývatn and Egilsstaðir much safer and approx. 15 km shorter. The limit for paying the toll has been increased from 3 hours to 24 hours. For further information and payment visit [www.toll.is](http://www.toll.is)

### \* **Hiking and Biking trails**

Overview of all hiking and biking trails in Akureyri and surrounding area can be found on the web [www.visitakureyri.is](http://www.visitakureyri.is) with descriptions, photos and maps.

### \* **Grocery store Krónan**

The first in Akureyri opened 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Low price store also including two takeaway restaurants: Rub23 sushi offering sushi dishes and Wok on, with rice and noodle dishes. Also three Bonus stores, Hagkaup, two Netto stores, and three 24 hours stores (Krambúð and Extra).

### \* **Grímsey island**

– A new church has been built where the old burned autumn 2021. The new church is planned to be fully completed by spring 2023. The building will be open, host an exhibition, be available for church services and events.

- A new permanent exhibition telling the story of Willard Fiske and displaying some items of his gift to the islanders in Grímsey airport terminal – viewable at arrival and departure times of flights.

- Campsite (by the Grímsey pool) has been improved with better facilities for guests such as a grill house, benches etc.

### \* **Hrísey island**

– A new grill house for everyone to use in center of the village.

- House of Shark-Jörundur – the exhibition about the history of the island and shark fishing has been renovated and reopened autumn 2022 and a new information board added outside the house telling its history.

## Other:

### \* Companies that have closed their business:

- Kaffi Kú – in Eyjafjarðarsveit.
- Skaldarvík Guesthouse and horse rental.
- Akureyri Fish and chips
- Café Laut in the Botanical Gardens (LYST has opened instead)
- Garún/Bistro Bar in Hof has closed (a new restaurant is expected to open soon)
- Salatsjoppa has new owners and a new name “Kvikki” with new addition on the menu.
- Bryggjan Restaurant has same owners that have changed the concept – opening two restaurant in the same building – EYR restaurant and Austur PizzaBar
- Orðakaffi in the Library has closed but a new café bistro has opened – Lestur Bistro.