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AKUREYRI



Akureyri - the conference town

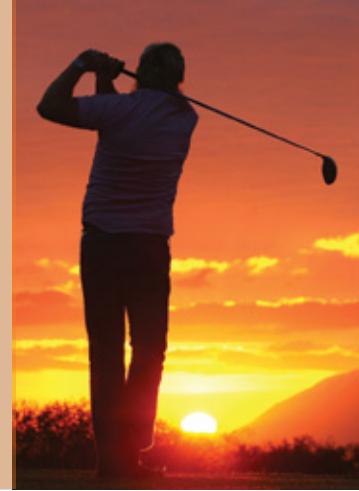
More and more organisations are looking to Akureyri when they need conference facilities.

One of the advantages the town offers is its neighbourliness: short, convenient walking distances between the main conference halls, restaurants and hotels—short distances to many of Iceland’s most significant natural attractions—unlimited opportunities for recreation.

Easy to keep a group together during and after work while the conference is in progress.

Main conference halls in Akureyri, with seating capacities:

	Hall 1	Hall 2	Other halls
Cultural and Conference Centre Hof	500	200	60
University of Akureyri	500	2 x 70	20 x 20-50
KEA Hotel	150	120	60-90
Greifinn Restaurant	140	60	



Enjoy yourself between meetings

As a regional centre, Akureyri provides a comprehensive range of services and facilities. All-year-round cultural activities include a wide range of events, performances and entertainments. The town centre is the hub of this bustling artistic scene, so the distance between venues is short. There is no stress involved in getting to the place you need to be—just a gentle, relaxed stroll from one location to the next.

Akureyri's main recreational opportunities include a theatre, skiing centre, museums, skating rink, water sports centre, sailing, Kjarnaskógur forest, sea angling, golf, equestrian centres and gardens.

You will find plenty of attractions within easy reach, such as Lake Mývatn, Goðafoss waterfall, white water rafting in Skagafjörður, whale watching, Ásbyrgi canyon, the islands of Hrísey and Grímsey (the latter is actually located on the Arctic Circle), farms providing traditional rural meals, a breweries, Gásir medieval trading post, Vaglaskógur forest and much more.

Accommodation and restaurants

As a tourist centre, Akureyri provides accommodation of all types, and most hotels and guesthouses are a short distance from the town centre.

When you visit the town you will find accommodation ranging from simple, friendly guesthouses to first-class hotels.

Akureyri also has a large number of restaurants, bars and cafés. Select restaurants offer gourmet dishes prepared using local delicacies.

If you are looking for speedy service, you will find outlets providing internationally recognised fast food.

Busy cafés are part of the local culture, adding colour and a delicate aroma to the streets all around town. The same applies to the bars and nightclubs, some of which have been immortalised in song lyrics—they provide entertainment for all ages.

Akureyri: Interesting Places & Activities Nearby



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| 1 |  | The Christmas Garden | 7 |  | Snow Cat Trips | 13 |  | Grímsey Island |
| 2 |  | Hrísey Island | 8 |  | Goðafoss Water Fall | 14 |  | River Rafting |
| 3 |  | The old Rectory at Laufás | 9 |  | Lake Mývatn | 15 |  | The Icelandic Emigration Centre |
| 4 |  | Boat Excursions | 10 |  | Nature Baths | 16 |  | The Krafla Area and Víti Crater |
| 5 |  | Fishing Village | 11 |  | Museums and Whale Watching | 17 |  | National Park: Dettifoss |
| 6 |  | Horse Rentals | 12 |  | The Herring Era Museum | 18 |  | National Park: Ásbyrgi |



Fly or drive

During summer Iceland Express offers regular flights directly to Akureyri from places in Europe. You will also find it just as easy to fly to Iceland's international airport in Keflavik then transfer to Reykjavik for a short domestic flight to North Iceland. Flugfélag Íslands offers up to nine scheduled flights every day between Akureyri and Reykjavik. The flight takes around 45 minutes.

If you choose to drive to Akureyri from south-west Iceland, you should expect the trip to take 4–5 hours. The daily scheduled coach service takes around six hours.

For more information, see www.visitakureyri.is/en

Flight distances



Why Akureyri?

- Largest urban centre outside the Reykjavík area
- Ideal location for conferences, conventions and meetings
- Regional centre for commerce, services and culture
- Many outstanding natural landmarks within easy reach
- Whale watching, white water rafting, bathing in natural hot springs and much more
- Popular tourist destination
- 24-hour daylight in summer with midnight golf
- Winter skiing on the best slopes in Iceland



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