

Hrísey

The Pearl of Eyjafjörður
www.hrisey.net



Hrísey – The Pearl of Eyjafjörður

Hrísey is truly unique – the Pearl of Eyjafjörður. It is the second largest island in Iceland after Heimaey (the largest of Vestmannaeyjar). The island can pride itself of a flourishing community, magnificent panoramic views of the fjord and a vibrant birdlife. It is believed that up to 40 bird species lay eggs on the island and of which the ptarmigan (*Lagopus mutus*) is the most prominent.



Hrísey is 7,5 kms long and 2,5 kms at its widest point in the south. It is populated by 200 inhabitants and is a part of the Municipality of Akureyri.



There are interesting marked walkways all over the island but it is also enjoyable to simply wonder through the small seaside village where the ferry *Sævar* docks.

The streets are all paved, the traffic minimal and the local gardens flourish. The ferry ride to the island only takes about 15 minutes and leaves *Árskógssandur* on a regular basis.

What do you want to do?

There is a variety of things to do in Hrísey. There are interesting museums to visit or you can stroll around the island on one of the many marked walkways.

Guided tractor rides in haywagons are very popular and during the summer, daily trips are available with each trip taking about 40 minutes. Trips to the lighthouse, where the view is optimal and the sunset truly amazing, are also available by prior arrangement.

In the oldest house on the island "The House of Shark Jörundur" a museum has been set up where you can learn about the history of shark fishing in Iceland. The house was recently renovated and brought to its original state and as well as the museum, it also houses the Tourist Information which is open 10 am – 4 pm from the start of June until the end of August.



Outside these dates prior arrangements must be made. "Holt" the house of Alda Halldórsdóttir is a memorial museum. A typical working class home of that era where the new and the old meet.

Boat trips are available for groups where you can sail around the island, look at mussel farming, go fishing, bird watching, or sail towards the midnight sun.

Further information about the schedule, prices and where to book are given at the Tourist Information, tel. 695 0077 and www.hrisey.net.

A Beautiful Island

Walkways

There are various marked walkways, with information in English, where you can find information about the flora and fauna, geology and the islands history.

Green route: Approx. 2,3 km's. Yellow route: Approx. 4,5 km's. Red route: Approx 5,0 km's. During these walks it's a good idea to stop and recharge the batteries by stopping at Orkulindin (the Energy Spot).

Swimming

After an invigorating walk around the island it is ideal to stop at the local, newly renovated, geothermal swimming pool.

Bird Watching House

A bird watching house was built by "Lambhagatjörn" where you will find a wide variety of ducks and wading birds. The main reason for this unusually large concentration of birds is that all hunting of birds and gathering of eggs is banned on the island and there are no predators such as foxes, minks, mice or rats.

For further information go to: www.hrisey.net.



HRÍSEY

The Pearl
of Eyjafjörður

Músarhóll Laugarkambur

Viti

Ystibær

Borgarbrikk

Miðbær

Stóri boli

Litli boli

Háeyjar-
steinn

Quarantine

Háabörð

Langamýri

Lambhagatjörn

Beinalág

Energy Spot

Hrísey Village

Sýðstibær

Dalvík

Hrísey

15 min

Árskógsströnd

Hrísey

Akureyri



Good to know

Visitors in Hrísey can go for a swim in the geothermally heated pool, dine-out and if you wish to stay overnight, accommodation is available. Below you will find a variety of information for those visiting the island.



Gallery and workshop of Sigurður Högnason

Open by prior arrangement. Tel.: 848 1377.

The Pearl Gallery – Handicraft Centre Open every day from June 17th – August 15th, 1 pm – 6 pm or by prior arrangement. Tel.: 847 6918.

The Ferry Sævar All year. See www.hrisey.net
Tel.: 695 5544/696 2544.

Hrísiðn - Tool Work Shop and Souvenirs

Open by prior arrangement. Tel.: 821 8318.

Tourist Information in the House of Shark Jörundur Open daily from June 1st to August 31st. Or by prior arrangement. Information about departure times, prices and bookings for guided tractor trips around the island, boat trips and the museums. Tel.: 695 0077.

Summerhouse(s) in Hrísey Information www.hrisey.net.

Swimming Pool Weekdays: 8.30 am – 6.30 pm. Weekends during summer 10.30 am – 5 pm. Tel.: 461 2255

Bank and Post Office Opposite the House of Shark Jörundur. Weekdays: 12 pm – 4 pm. ATM available 24/7. Tel.: 460 1800

Campsite Located right next door to the swimming pool. Open June to August or by prior arrangement. Tel.: 461 2255.

Brekka Restaurant/Café/Gusethouse

Open everyday from May 15th – September 15th from 11.30 am. Service can be ordered outside opening hours by prior arrangement. Licensed restaurant. Accommodation available. Tel.: 466 1751/695 3737

Eyjabúðin (convenience store/lunch)

Open weekdays 11 am – 6 pm, weekends 12 am – 5 pm (June – August). Tel.: 466 1213.

Photographers:
Bjarni Ómar Guðmundsson, Emil Örn Ásgeirsson,
Jón Ingi Cæsarsson og Þorgeir Jónsson.

Fresh mussels from Iceland



Delight of the Arctic

Premium grade fresh mussels from Iceland

Highly nutritious – from clean waters – perfect flavour

These premium live mussels are cultivated on a mussel farm 30 miles from the Arctic Circle, rope grown in unpolluted waters of the North Atlantic guarantee the result of top quality clean tasting mussels. Our premium grade product combined with our environmental policy makes our mussels an excellent choice for consumers.

Ferskur kræklingur frá Íslandi

Frábær kræklingur – hreinn – holdmikill – frábær næring – bragðgóður

Kræklingurinn er ræktaður við bestu skilyrði sem hugsast getur. Ræktunarsvæði er aðeins 30 mílur frá heimskaupsbaug og tryggir þar með einstaklega hreinan og ferskan sjó þar sem framboð næringar er mjög gott og sjórinn er mjög hreinn. Vottað sjálfbært samfélag í Hrísey þar sem kræklingurinn er unninn er einnig til þess fallið að kræklingurinn okkar er einn sá náttúruvænsti sem býðst í dag. Því er kræklingur frá Norðurskel einn sá besti sem hugsast getur.

Sölustaðir: Nóatúnsbúðirnar, Hagkaup í Reykjavík og á Akureyri, Melabúðin, Fjarðarkaup, Hólshrauni Hafnarfirði, Frú Lauga – bændamarkaður Laugalækur 6 Reykjavík

Norðurskel - Sandhorn - 630 Hrísey - Tel.: +354 462 7168 - www.skel.is - skel@skel.is