



REYKJAVIK, ICELAND

The colourful capital of Iceland is a vibrant hub, with a buzzing café culture, fun second-hand clothes stores, a fascinating range of architecture from kitsch to concrete brutalism, and the world's largest collection of mammal penises... as you do.

KEY INFO

Currency: Icelandic Krona (1 USD = 138.88 ISK) **Languages:** Icelandic (98% speak English)
Population: 139,880 (377,533 Iceland) **Drive on the:** Right
Emergency #: 112 **Pharmacy:** Lyfja Hafnarstræti, Hafnarstræti 19 
Drinking water: Tap water is drinkable **Protection:** Standard health precautions
Time Zone: GMT **Wi-Fi:** Cruise Terminal, Harpa Concert Hall, Hotels, Cafés
ID Requirements: Photo ID/Passport (non-EU) **Post Office:** Pósthús Síðumúla, Síðumúli 3-5 

PORT LOCATION

Most cruise ships dock at Skarfabakki Terminal, which is 3.5km from the city centre. It is possible to walk to town, there is also a complimentary shuttle provided by the port to Harpa Concert Hall (also Bus 16)

Getting Around: Once in the city centre, Reykjavik is best enjoyed on foot, though some roads are quite hilly. The public bus system (Strætó) provides a convenient alternative (single: 630 kr). To purchase ticket on the bus, you must have exact cash, or use the Klappið App ([Apple](#) | [Android](#))

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Taxis: Taxis are available in the terminal and in town (base rate: 695 kr + 280 kr/km).  

Tourist Bus: There is a [HO HO Sightseeing Bus](#) (16 stops | 8:30a-4:30p | 5,500 ISK | stops at port | [map](#))

Tourist Information: Situated in the terminal



Port Facilities: Tourist Information, Toilet, Wi-Fi, Shuttles, Taxis



Port Address: Skarfabakki Cruise Terminal, Skarfagarðar 8, 104 Reykjavík, Iceland 

MAINSTREAM REYKJAVIK HIGHLIGHTS

Hallgrímskirkja: Bleakly striking, this imposing church towers over the city, reminiscent of Iceland's salt stacks. This national church of Iceland was consecrated in 1986, with a 73m tower.

9a-8p | Free | 4.5km from port (10-min drive) |  | 

National Museum of Iceland: Displaying objects that offer insight into Icelandic life and society from the Settlement Age to today. 10a-5p | 2,500 kr | 6km from port (13-min drive) |  | 

Whales of Iceland: An exhibition dedicated to the North Atlantic whales, with life-size models and interactive features. 10a-5p | 4,300 kr | 5.6km from port (12-min drive) |  | 


Perlan: South of the city, this futuristic natural history museum is home to a unique glacier experience, as well as panoramic views and a revolving fine dining restaurant.


9a-10p | 4,690 kr | 5.3km from port (10-min drive) |  | 

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UNIQUELY REYKJAVIK HIGHLIGHTS

The Icelandic Punk Museum: Tiny museum jammed into a former underground public toilet, telling the story of Icelandic Punk is a decidedly offbeat setting.

10a-6p | Price Unknown | 4.5km from port (10-min drive) | [🌐](#) | [📄](#)

The Icelandic Phallogical Museum: Discover the world's largest collection of mammal penises at this more-than-bizarre museum. More than 200 penises of all shapes and sizes are on display, along with serious biological information... and some less serious touches.

10a-7p | 3,300 kr | 5km from port (11-min drive) | [🌐](#) | [📄](#)

BEST OF THE GEOTHERMAL BATHS

As the land of ice and fire, Iceland has copious geothermal energy, which is utilised to create electricity. It's also commonly enjoyed in the form of geothermal spas. The most famous is **Blue Lagoon**, where the naturally occurring silica in the water has turned the water milky white. The closest geothermal spa to the port is **Sky Lagoon**, which offers great views over the sea. At the far side of Reykjavik (adjacent to the end of the airport runway) is **Nauthólsvík Geothermal Beach** for a geothermal bath experience right on the beach.

SOMETHING TO EAT OR DRINK

Plökkfiskur: Fish stew made of boiled cod or haddock with potatoes, very typical of the region.

Hangikjöt: Smoked lamb dish, very typical in Iceland given the high quality of the lamb.

Brennivín: Caraway-infused Icelandic schnapps, nicknamed 'black death' is Iceland's national drink.

LOCAL SOUVENIRS

Lopapeysa (Icelandic wool sweaters) are a popular keepsake from Iceland, made with local wool and distinctively Icelandic designs. For edible souvenirs, **Omnom Chocolate** is Iceland's favourite chocolate brand, and **Lava Salt by Saltverk** is a fun way to take home the taste of the volcano.





TOP TIP: REYKJAVIK CITY CARD

The Reykjavik City Card is a cost-effective way to explore the city with free entry to a wide range of museums and galleries, as well as all the swimming pools in the city. The card grants unlimited use of the bus in the Reykjavik Capital Area (except #55 to the airport). Purchase in advance online to pick up at the City Hall, or buy it on the day. 24-hour card: 5,040 kr | [click for brochure](#) | [📄](#)

LOCAL LINGO

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