

PATREKSFJÖRÐUR

A laid-back base for exploring the Westfjords' southern peninsulas: crowded bird cliffs at Látrabjarg, beaches like rosy Rauðasandur and the bike-friendly Þingeyri Peninsula.

ÍSAFJÖRÐUR

Stay in or around the Westfjords' largest town to access Hornstrandir, the kayak-friendly fjords of Ísafjarðardjúp and the rugged central peninsulas.

AKUREYRI

Iceland's second city is a gateway for tours all over the north, plus whale watching, horse riding and unique scuba diving. The ski fields wintertime magnet.

SEYÐISFJÖRÐUR

A cool, arty base for short and long hikes in waterfall-lined mountains, kayaking on calm fjord waters or mountain biking to remote bird cliffs.

SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA

A gorgeous sampler of all that Iceland has to offer: hiking trails, horse riding, hot springs, boat trips, puffins and whales, plus the peninsula's namesake glacier.

MÝVATN

Check out prolific birdlife and a cycle-friendly lakeshore, plus trails through lava fields to geological wonders. Bonus: easy highlands access via super-Jeep tours.

KERLINGARFJÖLL

The highlands region is all about 4WD trails to remote hiking; this mountain range is a hiker's paradise of geothermal wonder and multihued rhyolite mountains.

SKAFTAFELL

The national-park headliner has trails aplenty, plus it's a stone's throw to Vatnajökull's icy treasures: glacier hikes, boat trips in ice-filled lagoons, snowmobiling and ice caves.

REYKJAVÍK

The hub of countless tours and adventure trips into the hinterlands, with a focus on the south and west, and of course, the Golden Circle.

SKÓGAR

The area from Hella to Skógar is tops for horse riding, waterfalls and forays to Hekla or the famous Laugavegurinn trail, connecting Landmannalaugar and Þórsmörk.

