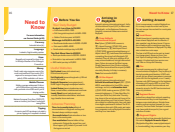


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QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city and its surrounds – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know
Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods & Regions
What's where

Explore Reykjavík

The best things to see and do, by neighbourhood and by region



Top Experiences
Make the most of your visit



Local Life
The insider's city

The Best of Reykjavík

Highlights of the city and its surrounds in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks
See the city on foot



Reykjavík's Best...
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Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



Getting Around
Travel like a local



Essential Information
Including where to stay

Our selection of the city and region's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Experiences**

















 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

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|  Telephone Numbers |  Family-Friendly |
|  Opening Hours |  Pet-Friendly |
|  Parking |  Bus |
|  Nonsmoking |  Ferry |
|  Internet Access |  Metro |
|  Wi-Fi Access |  Subway |
|  Vegetarian Selection |  Tram |
|  English-Language Menu |  Train |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood and region:



Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in Reykjavik. The showpiece is a gift from Papa Hemingway to the town. Dress code: smart casual. Website: hemingwaybar.com; Hôtel Ritvík; 6.30pm-2am

Lonely Planet's Reykjavík

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and regions, and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Reykjavík.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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Welcome to Reykjavík

The world's most northerly capital combines colourful buildings, wild nightlife and a capricious soul to brilliant effect. Imaginative Reykjavickers embrace their sense of community and bring a joy to life, creating captivating museums, cool music, and offbeat cafes and bars. Reykjavík is a superb base for touring Iceland's natural wonders: glacier-topped volcanoes, shimmering falls and black-sand beaches.

Yacht marina and Harpa concert hall (p55)

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The Settlement Exhibition (p26)

The modern era meets the Viking longhouse at this exhibition centred around Reykjavík's oldest ruins, and souped up with fun, fascinating space-age displays.

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Hallgrímskirkja (p50)

The capital's iconic church perches atop the city centre and is visible for miles around. From the heights of its modernist steeple survey the broad sweep of the city, ocean and snow-capped mountains.



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Gullfoss (p82)

Thundering layers of icy water cascade over tiered rockfaces and down a narrow gorge at Iceland's iconic Gullfoss. Meaning 'Golden Falls', they live up to their name when they sparkle in sunset light.



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Pingvellir (p78)

The continental plates part at historic Pingvellir, the site of the original (outdoor!) Icelandic parliament. Waterfalls gush off the rift and ancient stones mark the earliest eras of Iceland's history.



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Blue Lagoon (p72)

Wash away your cares at the ethereal Blue Lagoon, the flashiest version of Icelandic hot-potting. Set in otherworldly lava fields, with its vibrant geothermal turquoise waters, there's really nothing else like it.