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Why Go?

As far as you can get (some 650km) from Reykjavík, Iceland's east doesn't announce itself as loudly as other parts of the country, preferring subtle charms over big-ticket attractions. The Eastfjords is the area's most wondrous destination – the scenery is spectacular around the northern fjord villages, backed by sheer-sided mountains etched with waterfalls. If the weather's fine, several days spent hiking here may be some of your most memorable in Iceland.

Away from the convoluted coast, the country's longest lake stretches southwest from Egilsstaðir, its shores lined with perfect diversions. Further inland are the forgotten farms, fells and reindeer-roamed heathlands of the empty east, and Snæfell, one of Iceland's prime peaks.

Don't simply overnight in Egilsstaðir then speed away. The east's spectacular fjords, scenic hiking trails, fascinating geology and friendly villages are some of Iceland's unsung treasures.

Road Distances (km)

Reykjavík	552					
Egilsstaðir	85	698				
Borgarfjörður Eystri	155	702	70			
Seyðisfjörður	111	660	27	92		
Neskaupstaður	164	703	72	140	96	
Breiðdalsvík	64	612	84	153	109	100
	Djúpivogur	Reykjavík	Egilsstaðir	Borgarfjörður Eystri	Seyðisfjörður	Neskaupstaður

East Iceland Highlights

• Seyðisfjörður (p297) Arriving in Iceland in style by sailing up a lovely, long fjord to this bohemian village.

2 Borgarfjörður Eystri (p295) Hiking magical trails, chatting with the hidden people and snapping photos of puffin posses in this tiny hamlet.

3 Lagarfljót (p292) Touring Lagarfljót's forested lake shores while looking for sea monsters.

Mjóifjörður (p302) Learning the definition of tranquil isolation in this ruinstrewn fjord.

5 Stöðvarfjörður (p306) Marvelling over the magnificent mineral collection in this tiny town.

6 Wilderness Center (p293) Exploring highland life and ace walking trails at this remote, unique farm.

7 Húsey Horse Farm (p300) Watching birds, seals and spectacular scenery on horseback.

8 Havarí (p309) Checking out live music and vegetarian food at this fabulous venue on Berufjörður.

