



# Reykjavík

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## Best Places to Eat

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## Best Places to Stay

- ➡ Kvosin Downtown Hotel (p74)
- ➡ Black Pearl (p74)
- ➡ Reykjavík Residence (p77)
- ➡ Alda Hotel (p77)

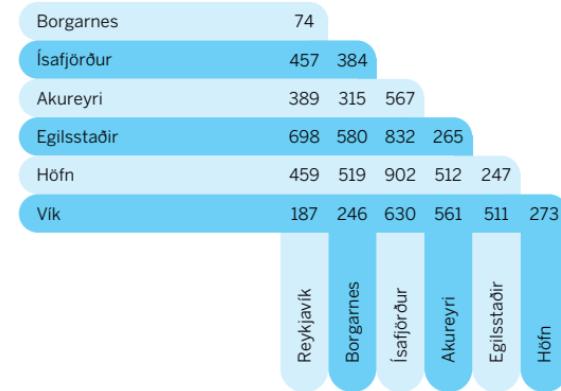
## Why Go?

The world's most northerly capital combines colourful buildings, quirky, creative people, eye-popping design, wild nightlife and a capricious soul to devastating effect.

In many ways Reykjavík is strikingly cosmopolitan for its size. After all, it's merely a town by international standards, and yet it's loaded with excellent museums, captivating art, rich culinary choices, and funky cafes and bars. When you slip behind the shiny tourist-centric veneer (*it is* a great base for tours to the countryside) you'll find a place and a populace that mix aesthetic-minded ingenuity with an almost quaint, know-your-neighbours sense of community.

Add a backdrop of snow-topped mountains, churning seas and crystal-clear air, and you, like many visitors, may fall helplessly in love, returning home already saving to come back.

## Road Distances (km)





## Reykjavík Highlights

- 1 Old Reykjavík** (p54) Exploring this historic quarter and shopping in Laugavegur.
- 2 National Museum** (p65) Learning about Iceland's fascinating history.
- 3 Old Harbour** (p58) Hitting the museums, microbrewery and restaurants.
- 4 Hallgrímskirkja** (p59) Scaling the heights of this landmark's modernist steeple.
- 5 Reykjavík Art Museum** (p55) Immersing yourself at these standout museums.
- 6 Settlement Exhibition** (p54) Perusing a Viking longhouse and artefacts from Reykjavík's first days.
- 7 Harpa** (p59) Enjoying a performance at the capital's twinkling concert hall.
- 8 Partying** (p87) Joining a wild pub crawl at nightspots, such as Kaffibarinn or Kiki.
- 9 Cafes** (p83) Sipping coffee at quirky cafes like Stofan Kaffihús.
- 10 Laugardalur** (p66) Soaking at the geothermal pool or strolling through botanical gardens.