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Why Go?

Iceland's mammoth and magnificent north is a geologist's heaven. A wonderland of moonlike lava fields, belching mudpots, epic waterfalls, snowcapped peaks and whale-filled bays - this is Iceland at its best. The region's top sights are variations on one theme: a grumbling, volcanically active earth.

There are endless treats to uncover: little Akureyri, with its surprising moments of big-city living; windy fjordside pastures full of stout Viking horses; fishing villages clinging tenaciously to life at the end of unsealed roads.

Prepare to be enticed by offshore islands populated by colonies of seabirds and a few hardy locals; lonely peninsulas stretching out towards the Arctic Circle; white-water rapids ready to deliver an adrenalin kick; national-park walking trails to reach unparalleled views; unhyped and underpopulated ski fields; and underwater marvels that woo divers into frigid depths.

Road Distances (km)

Akureyri	389		
Siglufjörður	384	76	
Húsavík	476	92	168
Reykjahlíð (Mývatn)	478	100	176
Pórshöfn	613	235	311
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Arctic Circle

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North Iceland Highlights

- Discover northern Iceland's version of city living in **Akureyri** (p222)
- Cross Iceland's only true slice of the Arctic Circle – the

tern-filled and troll-infested island of **Grímsey** (p226)

Wander around lava castles, pseudocraters and hidden fissures at otherworldly **Mývatn** (p235)

- Hold your breath as gentle giants emerge from the deep on a whale-watching trip from **Húsavík** (p244)
- Step gingerly through the rust-coloured world at