



Reykjavík

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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)

Borgarnes	74					
Ísafjörður	457	384				
Akureyri	389	315	567			
Egilsstaðir	698	580	832	265		
Höfn	459	519	902	512	247	
Vík	187	246	630	561	511	273
Reykjavík						
Borgarnes						
Ísafjörður						
Akureyri						
Egilsstaðir						
Höfn						



Reykjavík Highlights

- 1 Explore lovely **Old Reykjavík** (p54) and shop **Laugavegur** (p87)
- 2 Peruse the fascinating **National Museum** (p65)
- 3 Join the cool cats sipping coffee at quirky cafes such as **Babalú** (p80)
- 4 Hit the museums or take

a whale-watching tour at the **Old Harbour** (p58)

- 5 Immerse yourself in art or archaeology at the **Reykjavik Art Museum** (p55) or **Reykjavik 871±2** (p54)
- 6 Enjoy a performance or simply explore **Harpa** (p59), the capital's twinkling concert hall

- 7 Join the *djammið* (p86), a wild pub crawl through tiny nightspots such as **Kaffibærinn** (p84)
- 8 Survey the city from the heights of the modernist steeple of **Hallgrímskirkja** (p59)
- 9 Enjoy a soak in the **Laugardalur** (p65) geothermal pool