

# ICELAND

## INFORMATIVE SHEET



  
**CAPITAL**  
Reykjavik

  
**TIME CHANGE**  
GMT +0

Iceland is the perfect destination for people looking for the unexpected, something out of the ordinary. Iceland is a unique destination that offers pristine nature, breathtaking landscapes and vibrant culture. The people of Iceland are warm and welcoming. The nature is rugged and beautiful. The culture is rich and appealing. Nothing is quite what you expected. Come on an expedition of discovery to find out what makes Iceland special.



## Language

Icelandic, English and Danish

## Currency

Icelandic króna

## Electricity

The electricity is 220 volts; therefore, an adapter and/or converter will be required.

## Entry requirements

Kindly make sure to have the proper documents required to enter the countries you are visiting. Please refer to [www.travel.gc.ca](http://www.travel.gc.ca) for updated information. Regarding visas, you can refer to the link: [www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp).

Failure to obtain these documents prior to travel can result in being denied entry or exit from the country.

## How to call in Iceland

International access code (exit code in Europe): 00

International dialing code: 354

If you are calling from any other European country, the international dialing code 354 is only required to call Iceland from abroad.

So it will be: 00 354 and local phone number.

Concerning national calls made in Iceland, it is not necessary to dial the 354 country code.

If you are calling from Canada, please dial 011, then 354 and finally the local phone number in Iceland.



# CITIES

## Reykjavík

The world's most northerly capital combines colorful buildings, quirky people and a wild nightlife. Most visitors fall helplessly in love, returning home already saving to come back.

The city's charm lies in its many peculiar contrasts, which, like tectonic plates clashing against one another, create an earthquake of energy. Reykjavík offers a bewitching combination of village innocence and big-city zeal. It's populated by darkly cynical citizens (a quality brought very much to the fore by the country's recent near-bankruptcy) who are, in spite of everything, filled with unstoppable creativity and enduring spirit. In summer the streets are washed by 22 hours of daylight; in winter they're scoured by blizzards and doused in never-ending night. Reykjavík is a city that treasures its Viking past but wants the future – the very best of it, now!

You'll find all the cultural trappings of a large 21<sup>st</sup>-century European city here: cozy cafés, world-class restaurants, fine museums and galleries, and state-of-the-art geothermal pools. Reykjavík has also become famous for its kicking music scene and its excessive Friday-night "runtur", a wild pub crawl round the small, super stylish clubs and bars.

Add to this a backdrop of snow-topped mountains, an ocean that wets the very toes of the town, air as cold and clean as frozen diamonds and incredible volcanic surroundings, and you'll agree that there's no better city in the world.

## Akureyri

Akureyri stands strong as Iceland's second city, but a Melbourne, Manchester or Montreal it is not. And how could it be? There are only just over 17,000 residents! It's a wonder the city (which would be a 'town' in any other country) generates this much buzz.

Expect cool cafes, gourmet restaurants and something of a late-night bustle – a far cry from other towns in rural Iceland.

Akureyri nestles at the head of Iceland's greatest fjord, at the base of snowcapped peaks, and across the city flowerboxes, trees and well-tended gardens belie the location, just a stone's throw from the Arctic Circle. With a lively summer festival season, some of Iceland's best winter skiing, and a relaxed and easy attitude, it's the natural base for exploring Eyjafjörður.



For further information, visit the official tourist board website: [www.visiticeland.com](http://www.visiticeland.com)