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1. Geographical location

Located in south Western Island on the southern shore of Faxa Bay, Reykjavik is the capital and largest city of Iceland. The area is covered in 105 sq mi and is covered by peninsula, islands and straits while many parts constitute of sea water. The city of Reykjavik is mostly located on the Seltjarnarnes peninsula. The average elevation of the town is 40 ft. The city is known for its volcanic landscape and literature.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The Nearest Town To Reykjavik Is Seltjarnarnes Which Is 5.3km Away. Following That Is Gardabear (10km Away), Alftanes (12.7km Away), Molfellsbaer (15.1km Away) And Akranes (47.6km Away). Nearest Cities To Reykjavik Are Kopavogue Which Is 11km Away And Hafnarfjordur Which Is 16.8km Away.



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3. Significance

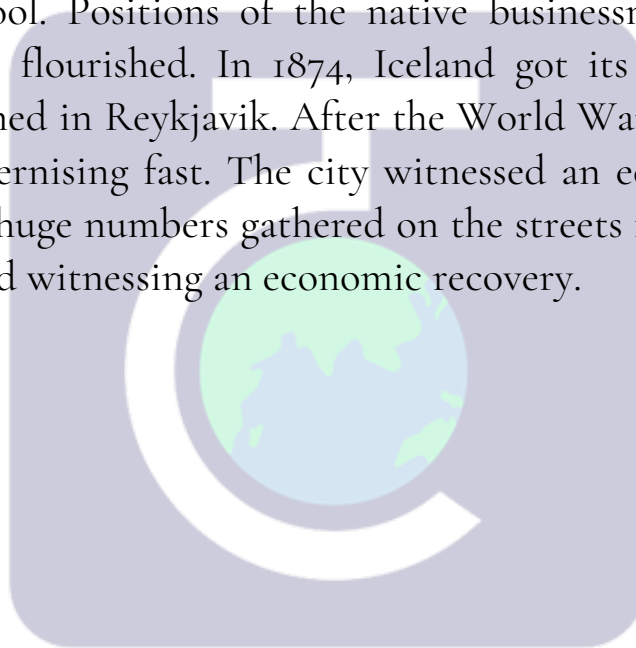
With a population of 3,000 Reykjavik is believed to be the first permanent settlement in Iceland. Found in 1786, the town is a centre for all the trade activities and is among the cleanest, greenest and safest cities in the world. The name 'Reykjavik' originally mean smoky bay and the reason for the same is its boiling natural geysers and geothermal springs. Reykjavik is a treat to cat lovers. Having dogs banned in the city, cat rule all over. Having a huge site of architecture and literature, this city becomes a popular tourist visit.



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4. History

Ingolfur Arnarson who arrived from Norway around AD 870 was the first permanent Nordic settler in Iceland. Later he established his home in Reykjavík. The 18th century started seeing rise of Reykjavík as an urban area. Danish monopoly which was discovered a century before was later abolished during 1786. This saw rise in industries such as fishers, sulphur mining, agriculture, shipbuilding and wool. Positions of the native businessmen of Iceland grew stronger when trade flourished. In 1874, Iceland got its constitution and its minister was positioned in Reykjavík. After the World War 2, Reykjavík started developing and modernising fast. The city witnessed an economic crash in the year 2008. People in huge numbers gathered on the streets for protests and from that Reykjavík started witnessing an economic recovery.



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5. Cultural identity

For those who are inclined towards arts and culture, Reykjavik is one destination to be inclined towards. Reykjavik is designated as a UNESCO city of literature. All of Iceland's rich culture and literary work is found here. Local music is one of the major representations of Reykjavik's cultural life. Reykjavik is known for its nightlife which starts late at night and is continued till morning. People living in Reykjavik get busy with many galleries, museums, theatres and cafes. Reykjavik is a blend of both cosmopolitan and small town.



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6. Natural resources

The major natural resource in Reykjavík is fishing. Some of the richest grounds of fishing are situated in Reykjavík. Reykjavík is also known for hydroelectric power and geothermal energy. The geothermal steam is used for many industrial uses. Water in Reykjavík is pure hence one safely relies on the tap water for drinking purpose.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Hallgrimskirkja

A Lutheran Parish church in the city, Hallgrimskirkja stands as a major spectacle, thanks to its stunning tower that can be viewed from anywhere in the city. The major highlight is the gargantuan pipe organ that rises to a height of 15 meters and is driven by 4 manuals, 102 ranks, 72 stops and 5,275 pipes that are designed to reproduce powerful notes. A fine example of quintessential northern European church with beautiful architectural lines, the view that it offers from the top is breathtaking.

Address : Hallgrímstorg 101, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.1417149, -21.926637

Contact : +354 510 1000

Website : <http://www.hallgrimskirkja.is>

Nearest Public Transport : Þjóðleikhúsið (National Theatre) Bus Station BSÍ Bus Station

Entry Fee : Entry to the tower: Adults: ISK 900 Children 7-14 years old: ISK 100

Open & Close Timing : Winter (October to May): 09:00hrs–17:00hrs Summer (June to September): 09:00hrs–21:00hrs Services: Sundays at 11:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. National Museum of Iceland

Visiting this museum will aid you to acquire some knowledge about the formation of the Icelandic domain and its history. A trip to the museum will expose you to the main exhibition that has more than 2,000 artefacts uncovered in different parts of the country and a permanent display that shows the history of Iceland's past and well as Icelandic culture. Don't miss out on the Valhjófsstaður door, a major highlight of the museum, that promotes medieval engravings.

Address : Sudurgata 41, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.1420389, -21.9477415999999

Contact : +354 530 2200

Website : <http://www.thjodminjasafn.is/>

Nearest Public Transport : Haskoli Islands Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: ISK 1500 Senior citizens (67+) and students: ISK 750 Groups of 10+: ISK 1000 per person Children under 18, ICOM, FISOS: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Summer (1st May 1 to 15th September): Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Winter (16th September to 30th April): Tuesday to Sunday: 11:00hrs-17:00hrs Closed on Mondays

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Vikin Maritime Museum

Sited a stroll away from the city center, Vikin Maritime Museum displays miscellaneous exhibitions showcasing the expansion of the Icelandic fish industry and the coast culture over the years. Spot the Coast Guard Ship, Óðinn, Iceland's largest antique docked right next to the museum.

Address : Grandagarður 8, 101 Reykjavik, Iceland

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.153255, -21.9488269999999

Contact : +354 411 6300

Website : <http://borgarsogusafn.is/is/sjominjasafnid-i-reykjavik/>

Nearest Public Transport : Grandagarður Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults ISK: ISK 1,500 Senior citizens, disabled and students: ISK 700 Groups of 10 or more: ISK 820 Children 18 and younger, FÍSOS, ICOM: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. The National Gallery of Iceland / Listasafn Íslands

If you have a deep-rooted love for painting and art, the National Gallery of Iceland throws open a treasure of 19th and 20th-century Icelandic art along with international art. The major highlight is the rotation of artwork instead of a single permanent exhibition. Guided tours in sign language and interpretation are offered by arrangement.

Address : Fríkirkjuvegur 7, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.1441423, -21.9393582

Contact : +354 515 9600

Website : <http://www listasafn.is/>

Nearest Public Transport : Fríkirkjuvegur Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: ISK 1,200 67 years and older: ISK 600 Disabled: ISK 600

Groups 10+: ISK 600 Ásgrímur Jónsson collection: ISK 800 Children under 18 as well as ICOM, SÍM, FÍSOS: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Summer (15th May to 15th September): Daily 10:00hrs–17:00hrs Winter (16th September to 14th May): Tuesday to Sunday: 11:00hrs–17:00hrs Closed Monday

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Reykjavik Art Museum

Considered as the biggest art museum in Iceland, the Reykjavik Art Museum exhibits works by 3 of Iceland's most renowned artists: Erró, Kjarval, and Ásmundur Sveinsson. Famed as 'Modern Art Museum', it is accommodated in 3 buildings and is an abode to modern and contemporary art, sculptures, paintings, and works in various media by celebrated local and international artists.

Address : 17, Trygkvagata, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.1491511, -21.940954799999

Contact : +354 411 6400

Website : <http://artmuseum.is/>

Nearest Public Transport : Lækjartorg Bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: ISK 1,200 Groups 10+: ISK 700 Students under 25: ISK 600

Children under 18, local senior citizens, disabled visitors: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : May to September: 10:00hrs-16:00hrs October to April:
13:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Perlan

A beautiful dome-shaped structure, Perlan stands as one of the Reykjavik's greatest buildings and is an abode to the viewing platform that proffers breathtaking landscapes of the city and the surroundings. Supported by 6 gigantic hot-water tanks, it rises to a height of 26 meters and was designed by Ingimundur Sveinsson standing out from others as a sparkling jewel. Don't miss out on the revolving restaurant at the top floor.

Address : Öskjuhlíð, 105 Reykjavík, Iceland

Zipcode : 105

Location : 64.1292126, -21.9190507

Contact : +354 562 0200

Website : <http://www.perlan.is/>

Nearest Public Transport : Perlan Bus Stop(Bus station)

Entry Fee : ISK 9350

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 30 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.7. Videy

Situated just off the coast of Reykjavik, the bewildering island of Videy is a small journey away from the city. Architecture and history aficionados have a lot to discover here. The other attractions comprise of works of art by Yoko Ono and Richard Serra. Stop by the Church of Videy that is one of the oldest in the country and the Videy House which stands as the first building to be constructed with stone across the entire country.

Address : Kollfjordur, Reykjavik capital area, 104, Reykjavik

Zipcode : 104

Location : 64.164301, -21.8529022

Contact : +354 533 5055

Website : <http://borgarsogusafn.is/en/videy-island>

Entry Fee : ISK 500, ISK 1200, ISK 1000

Open & Close Timing : 10:15hrs–18:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. The Settlement Exhibition

Head to the Settlement Exhibition where the establishment of the Viking Age edifices is elucidated using multimedia technology. The hall and a wall fragment unearthed during the 10th century, now form a major part of the museum and invites visitors from far and wide. Browse through the exhibits also comprising of artefacts excavated from central Reykjavík and get an insight of what life was like at the time of first settlers.

Address : Aðalstræti 16, 101 Reykjavík

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.147294, -21.942686999999

Contact : +354 411 6370

Website : <http://borgarsogusafn.is/en/the-settlement-exhibition>

Nearest Public Transport : Radhusid Bus Station

Entry Fee : ISK 1500

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.9. Whales of Iceland

Inaugurated in the heart of the city's old harbor area, visit Whales of Iceland to dive into the world of whales. Largest of its kind in the world, you will spot 23 life-size models of the species found in the Icelandic waters varying from the smallest marine mammals to the enormous blue whale. Browse and learn about each model supported with audio in ambient lighting giving you a feel of being underwater with them.

Address : Fiskislóð 23-25 – Reykjavík 101

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.155393, -21.9483189

Contact : +354 571 0077

Website : <http://whalesoficeland.is/>

Nearest Public Transport : Grunnslod Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: ISK 2900 Children: ISK 1500 Senior citizens: ISK 2000

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. The Einar Jónsson Museum

Housing the works of Iceland's first sculptor, Einar Jónsson, the museum is perched on a desolate hill and stands as the country's first art museum. You can explore an entire range of his artworks, including the 26 bronze casts in the sculpture garden at the back. If time permits, drop by the former apartment of the artist to get an insight into his life and working methods.

Address : Eiríksgata 3, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.1418932, -21.928893099999

Contact : +354 551 3797

Website : <http://www.lej.is/en/>

Entry Fee : Adults: ISK 1,000 Under 18: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Monday closed

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.11. Volcano House

Inquisitive about volcanoes? Head to the Volcano House in Reykjavik where a succinct abstract of Iceland's geological background and volcanic system are showcased. You will also find stunning photographs of the volcanic eruptions and various other mysterious aspects of the beautiful Icelandic nature. Hold samples

of ash, pumice, and lava, and browse through a massive collection of semi-precious rocks and minerals from the country.

Address : Tryggvagata 11, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.149998, -21.942702

Contact : +354 555 1900

Website : <http://www.volcanohouse.is/>

Nearest Public Transport : Myrargata Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: ISK 1990 Children: ISK 1000

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.12. Saga Museum

Saga Museum is renowned for reviving memories of Icelandic history and giving an insight into the Icelandic way of life for over thousand years. Soak in the history in an educational and interactive way as you admire the lifelike replicas of historical Icelandic figures. You can opt for an audio guide that will help you immerse in the experience and gain a better perspective.

Address : Grandagarður, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.152743, -21.9513271

Contact : +354 511 1517

Website : <http://www.sagamuseum.is/information>

Nearest Public Transport : Grandagardur Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: ISK2100 Children: ISK 800 Students: ISK 1600

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.13. Omnom Chocolate

People at Omnom Chocolate have been delighting Icelanders and foreigners with

their unique brand of luscious artisan chocolates in varied flavors like Milk of Madagascar and Dark Milk of Tanzania. See how a chocolate is made right from the cocoa pod until the final product and discover the process behind bean to bar chocolate making while tasting a few.

Address : Hólmaslóð 4, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.1572609999999, -21.9406559999999

Contact : +354 519 5959

Website : <http://www.omnomchocolate.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Grandi Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: ISK 3,000 Children: ISK 1,500 Children below 7: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 11:00hrs-18:00hrs Saturday: 12:00hrs-16:00hrs Sunday closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.14. Northern Lights

One of nature's most mysterious and beautiful phenomena, Northern Lights can be witnessed while visiting Reykjavík. Caused by an interaction of particles from the sun with the upper atmosphere, you can enjoy this natural marvel from September to April. Renowned as Aurora Borealis, spot these lights on crisp clear winter nights either whirling in shades of milky green or sporadically dazzling in a multicolored dance across the silent sky.

Address : Vatnsmýrarvegur, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.1376543, -21.934418

Contact : +354 580 5400

Website : <https://www.re.is/>

Nearest Public Transport : BSI Reykjavík Bus Station

Entry Fee : Northern Lights Tour: ISK 6,900 Northern Lights By Boat: ISK 12,990 Warm Baths and Cool Lights Tour: ISK 16,900 Northern Lights and Lobster Tour: ISK 39,900

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.15. Golden Circle

With dreamlike scenery and an out-of-this-world feel, the Golden Circle trip is something you should surely embark upon while visiting Iceland. This 300-kilometer road is an abode to a Viking heritage site, stunning geysers, lagoons, waterfalls, and more. You will also come across the historical and geological wonder, Thingvellir National Park which allows you to visit the Geysir geothermal area.

Address : Vatnsmyrárvegur, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.1376866, -21.934434399999

Contact : +354 580 5400

Website : <https://www.re.is/>

Nearest Public Transport : BSI Reykjavik Bus Station

Entry Fee : Ranges from ISK 6,500 to ISK 30,900

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 8

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.16. The Icelandic Phallological Museum

The only museum in the world to house phallic specimens, the Icelandic Phallological Museum comprises of a collection of more than 215 penises and penile parts belonging to almost all the land and sea mammals found in Iceland. You will also come across 23 folklore specimens and over 40 foreign ones. Browse through the collection of over 350 oddments and utensils related to museum's theme.

Address : Laugavegur 116, 105 Reykjavik, Iceland

Zipcode : 105

Location : 64.1430334, -21.9156433

Contact : +354 561 6663

Website : <http://phallus.is/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : Hlemmur Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: ISK 1500

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Sólfarið - Sun Voyager

Facing Reykjavík's alluring waterfront, Sun Voyager is a renowned steel model sculpted by Jon Gunnar Arnason. The voyager is said to resemble a Viking ship but is actually a dreamboat that pays its respects the sun. Get yourself clicked at this spot which adds to the charm of the area.

Address : Sculpture & Shore Walk, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.14761, -21.9222879

Nearest Public Transport : Baronsstigur Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Tjörnin

A natural pond and an abode to ducks, swans, and geese, Tjörnin is a place where you can spend time away from the bustle of the city amidst the peace and calmness. Get innumerable photographs at this scenic place where you can also serve bread to the birds.

Address : Tjörnin, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.14362, -21.9420184

Nearest Public Transport : Fríkirkjuvegur Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Parliament House

The Parliament House, Althingishus, was built around 1881 and this 19th-century building is made out of dolerite and stands as one of the oldest stone buildings in Iceland. While you are here, you can also visit the alluring and peaceful garden situated right behind the house which is accessible by the public. You may also opt for a free guided tour, but you need to make reservations in advance.

Address : Kirkjutorg, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.1467368, -21.9401841

Contact : +354 563 0500

Website : <http://www.althingi.is/>

Nearest Public Transport : Radhusid Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 08:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Imagine Peace Tower

A brilliant work of art devised by Yoko Ono, the Imagine Peace Tower exudes wisdom, healing, and joy and spreads awareness that peace and love connect all lives on earth. It comprises of numerous individual lights that unite together to form a single beam out of which 6 lights travel through the corridor encircling the well and are reflected upwards to the sky with mirrors. The words 'Imagine Peace' have been engraved on the well in 24 different languages.

Address : Imagine Peace Tower, PO Box 1009, 121 Reykjavik, Iceland

Zipcode : 121

Location : 64.1632881, -21.8593141

Website : <http://imaginepeacetower.com/>

Open & Close Timing : Daily 20:00hrs-00:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Reykjavik Botanical Garden

Founded in 1961, the Reykjavik Botanical Garden comprises of an outdoor collection of living plants and is an abode to over 5,000 species in 8 plant types. The collection helps you gain an insight of the massive diversity of vegetation in the northern temperate zone. Head to this renowned recreational area which is one of the hidden treasures of the city.

Address : Hverfisgata 105, Hverfisgata 105, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.1403034, -21.870015599999

Contact : +354 411 8650

Website : <http://www.grasagardur.is/>

Nearest Public Transport : Laugardarsholl Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Kringlan

A famous shopping destination in Reykjavik, Kringlan stands as the second largest in the country and is an abode to over 180 shops and restaurants. Name it and you will find it here. The mall even offers a free shuttle bus from downtown. Give your credit card an exercise or pander to your taste buds while shopping at this mall.

Address : 4-12, 103 Reykjavík, Iceland

Zipcode : 103

Location : 64.13002999999999, -21.89487239999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. KronKron

If you looking for some fresh, funky, and unique clothing, then KronKron is where you should head first. Situated in Laugavegur, that offers a wide and branded range of dresses, bags, sunglasses, shoes and much more especially for women. The owners of Kronkron Store are also the designer duo behind Icelandic label KRON by KRONKRON. Take back home some Icelandic fashion and design from this store.

Address : Laugavegur, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland

Zipcode : 101

Location : 64.14450029999999, -21.9218336

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

8. Time Zone

The time zone is Reykjavik is Greenwich Mean Time Zone UTC+00:00



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