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1. Geographical location

Akureyri is small city in northern Iceland which is also known as the unofficial Capital of North Iceland. Also considered as Iceland's second largest city, Akureyri sits on the shores of the north coast's Eyjafjörður Fjord. The area is 53sq mi with a population of 18,191 thousand and the density 131.18/km² (339.8/sq mi). The entire city is surrounded by mountains. Akureyri is cantered on Raohustorg near the northwest corner of Polluting. The area in Akureyri mostly remains warm even though it is just 60km (north) away from the Arctic Circle.



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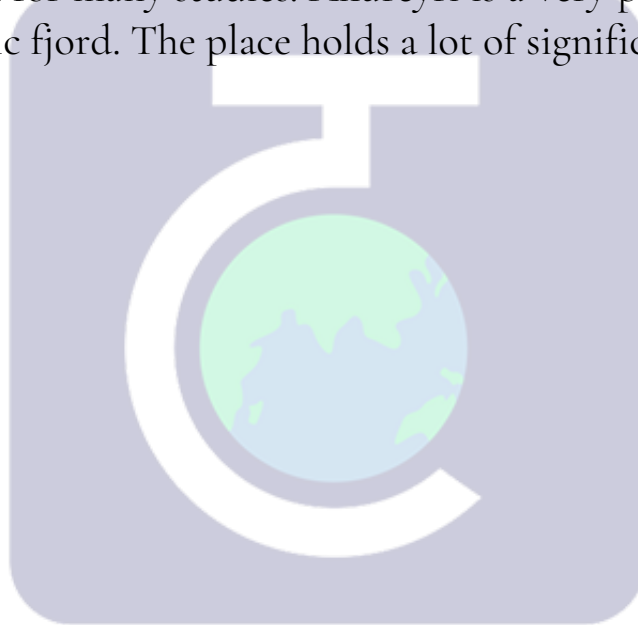
2. Neighbouring cities/countries

The Nearest Town Is Laugar Which Is 65.1 Km Away. Following That Is Dalvik Which Is 42.3 Km Away, Hussavik 93.6 Km Away And Siglufjordur 76.4 Km Away. The Nearest City To Akureyri Is Kopavogur Which Is 385 Km Away. Following That Is Reykjavik 386 Km Away And Hafnarfjordur 398 Km Away.



3. Significance

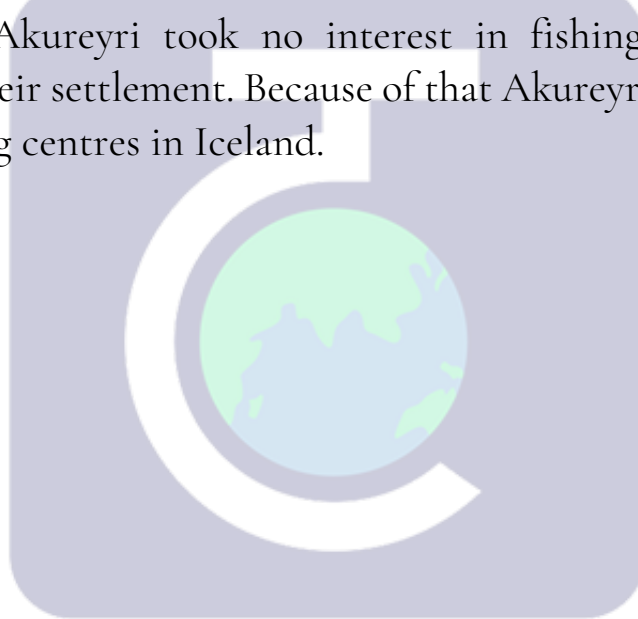
Situated in northeast Iceland, Akureyri is a town of culture and education. Akureyri is a popular tourist destination that offers a wide range of notable museums, botanic gardens and swimming facilities. Many of Iceland's waterfalls, rafting, fishing and horse riding can be witnessed in Akureyri. Many universities in Akureyri are home to Nordic Studies and Law. The University of Akureyri is a renowned institution for many studies. Akureyri is a very picturesque town with its location by a scenic fjord. The place holds a lot of significance in context of its artistic culture.



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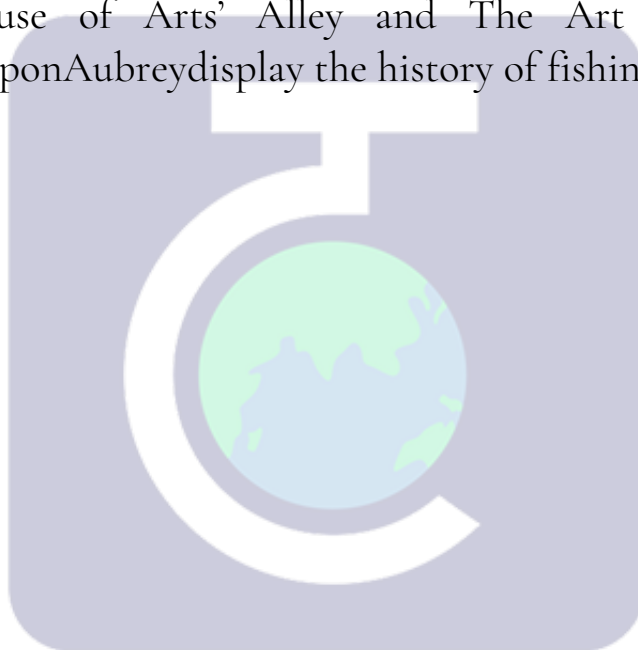
4. History

The name Akureyri first came into knowledge when a woman in 1562 was sentenced there for adultery. It was after then that Danish merchants based their camps at Akureyri. But Akureyri got its permanent settlement in 1778 when the King of Denmark improved the living conditions in Akureyri. In 1990's, Commerce and device industries were the primary employers and recently in the 21st century, fishing industries flourished. The Danish merchants who run their business earlier in Akureyri took no interest in fishing. It was then when Norwegians began their settlement. Because of that Akureyri is now known as the largest fish processing centres in Iceland.



5. Cultural identity

Home to almost 20,000 inhabitants Akureyri is known for trade, culture and services for the north of Iceland. Many cultural events and educational institutions are home to Akureyri. The city is known for museums, theatres and many more. The Akureyri Art Museum and the Akureyri Theatre Company are one of the leading institutions that promote culture in Iceland. Akureyri is a treat to art lovers because of Arts' Alley and The Art and Design Walk. Various galleries set upon Aðalstræti display the history of fishing and the tradesmen.



Index**6. Natural resources**

Akureyri has extensive resources of hydroelectric power and geothermal energy. Fishing is considered as the major natural resource which is also considered as a traditional and growing sector of its economy. Akureyri is surrounded by some of the richest fishing grounds and they have been inexhaustible from many years. Akureyri water is becoming popular all over the world. The water in Akureyri flowing from rivers is considered fresh and consumable.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Akureyri Art Museum

Dating back to 1993, Akureyri Art Museum plays a prominent role in the cultural life of the city and is one of the youngest art museums across Iceland. Located amidst the town center, this museum is a treat to all visual art lovers and comprises of numerous exhibitions and works of the highest artistic standard. The museum welcomes ingenious new talent, both domestic and foreign.

Address : Akureyri Art Museum, Kaupvangsstræti 8-12 IS-600, Akureyri

Zipcode : 600

Location : 65.6803122, -18.091929100000001

Contact : +354 461 2610

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

Entry Fee : June to August: 1000 ISK September to May: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : September to May: 12:00hrs-17:00hrs June to August: 10:00hrs -17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Northern Lights

When in Akureyri, don't miss out on the most spectacular natural shows that take place on our planet. Occurring due to the solar winds and earth's magnetic field, this beguiling light show takes over the skies from September to April. Having the dominant colors as white and green, there are beautiful color variations to be captured through your lenses.

Address : Brekkugata, 602 Akureyri, Iceland

Zipcode : 602

Location : 65.6844066, -18.095495000000002

Contact : +354 461 1841 or +354 461 1841

Website : <http://www.nonnittravel.is/en/iceland/off-season-travel/a-night-with-northern-lights>

Entry Fee : ISK 9,000 including transportation and refreshment

Open & Close Timing : Opens at 21:30hrs

Time Required : 4

Expected Wait Time : 30 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Nonnahús

Former abode of children's book author, Jón Sveinsson, Nonnahús is one of the oldest buildings in the city of Akureyri built in 1850. Serving as a tribute to the writer, the museum houses his books in several languages like Chinese and Esperanto. Visitors can also browse through the only known moving pictures of Nonni (pen name), taken in Valkenburg in the Netherlands in 1942.

Address : Nonnahús, 54 Main Street, 600 Akureyri, Iceland

Zipcode : 600

Location : 65.6691567, -18.086301499999999

Contact : +354 462-3555

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

Entry Fee : Adults: ISK 1200 Free admission for children below the age of 17 Day Pass is available for ISK 2000

Open & Close Timing : 1st June to 1st September: Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Akureyri Museum

If you wish to get a glimpse of the lifestyle of the people who stayed in Akureyri, head to the Akureyri Museum. The exhibitions revolve around the history of the area from ancient settlement to modern time. Many artistic facts related to the Viking Period and Middle Ages are unveiled here. Don't miss out on the 19th-century church and the encircling garden which stands as a beautiful spot to visit.

Address : Aðalstræti 58, IS-600, Akureyri

Zipcode : 600

Location : 65.6666472, -18.0862578

Contact : +354 462 4162

Website : <http://www.minjasafnid.is/?m=page&f=viewPage&id=38>

Entry Fee : Adults: ISK 1200 Free admission for children below 18 years
Open & Close Timing : 1st June to 15th September: Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs
Time Required : 1.5
Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes
Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Industry Museum

As the name suggests, this museum is a commemoration of the industrial prowess of Akureyri with a special stress on the branches of industry and companies involved. Browse through the exhibits that comprise of a wide array of machinery, tools and manufactured products.

Address : Krókeyri, IS-600, Akureyri

Zipcode : 600

Location : 65.6616789, -18.08201510000003

Contact : +354 462 3600

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

Entry Fee : Adults: ISK 1000 Pensioners and disabled, Groups (10 or more): ISK 800 Free admission for children below 17 years

Open & Close Timing : Summer (1st June to 14th September): Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Winter (15th September to 31st May): Saturday: 14:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Hlíðarfjall

One of the best places in Iceland for cross-country and downhill skiing, Hlíðarfjall welcomes visitors from the beginning of December to the end of April. The elevation on the ski slopes ranges from 500 to 1,000 meters and is majestically clad with snow during winters. Enjoy the beautiful views of the fjord and participate in numerous activities.

Address : Hlíðarfjall, Iceland

Location : 65.6633006, -18.24605940000003

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

Entry Fee : 1 hour ticket: Adult - ISK 2.950; Children - ISK 1.150
2 hour tickets: Adult - ISK 3.250; Children - ISK 1.150
3. hour tickets: Adult - ISK 4.150; Children - ISK 1.250
Day pass: Adult - ISK 4.900; Children - ISK 1.400

Open & Close Timing : Hours of operations vary depending on the day of the week/month. The resort usually opens from December to April at 07:00hrs and closes anywhere between 16:00hrs-19:00hrs depending on the day of the week. It is advisable to check the same once you finalize the day of visit.

Time Required : 12

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Icelandic Aviation Museum

Travel back in time to gain an insight on the aviation in Iceland at this captivating museum. Browse through the texts and photographs that give a detailed account of pilots along with the display of different models of aircraft including Iceland's most ancient ambulance aircraft.

Address : Flugvallarvegur, 600 Akureyri, Iceland

Zipcode : 600

Location : 65.6514767, -18.07556750000003

Contact : +354 863 2835

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

Open & Close Timing : 1st June to 30th September: Daily 13:00hrs-17:00hrs by arrangement
1st October to 30th June: Open Saturdays from 13:00hrs-17:00hrs by arrangement

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Motorcycle Museum of Iceland

Covering the history of motorcycles across a century, Motorcycle Museum is a frequented tourist attraction in Akureyri. Spanning an area of 800 square meters, motorcycles from across the world and the facts, texts, pictures and history related to them are on display here. Explore a thrilling life behind the handlebar at this museum.

Address : Krókeyri 2, IS- 600 Akureyri

Zipcode : 600

Location : 65.6612636, -18.080346899999999

Contact : +354-466-3510 or +354-8663500

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

Open & Close Timing : Summer (1st June to 31st August): Daily 12:00hrs-18:00hrs
Winter (1st September to 31st May): Saturday 15:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. The Municipal Library of Akureyri

Labeled as one of the largest libraries in Iceland, find yourself lost in a myriad of books, magazines, audiobooks, DVDs, and CDs at the Municipal Library of Akureyri. Explore the different sections and marvel at its breathtaking architecture.

Address : Brekkugata 17, IS-600 Akureyri

Zipcode : 600

Location : 65.68372959999999, -18.094698800000006

Contact : +354 460 1250

Website : <http://www.akureyri.is/amtsbokasafn/english>

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-19:00hrs Saturday: 11:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Akureyrarkirkja

Being the symbol of the city, the Akureyri Church is well-renowned for its architecture and majorly for the suspended ship hanging from its ceiling which reflects an old Nordic tradition of votive offerings for the protection of loved ones at sea. Head to this Lutheran spiritual abode perched high on a hill overlooking the town while in Akureyri.

Address : Eyrarlandsvegur, 600 Akureyri, Iceland

Zipcode : 600

Location : 65.6798749, -18.090766600000005

Contact : +354462 7700

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

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Gásir

Situated 11 kilometers away from Akureyri, Gásir displays the only remains from

its trading post days in Middle Ages, making it a very interesting and unique site to explore. Visit this place to know more about the archaeological diggings and explore the dramatic trail of history.

Address : Dagverðareyrarvegur, Iceland

Location : 65.7827863, -18.165979399999997

Contact : +354 896 7399

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

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Botanical Garden Akureyri

Known as the northernmost botanical gardens in the world, this garden is a well-renowned site thronged by tourists and locals alike. Established in 1912, explore a wide variety of Icelandic as well as foreign flora and also 6,000 alien taxa and 430 species of native taxa growing here. With a scenery of local and foreign flora, the garden is indeed a very relaxing stopover.

Address : Eyarlandsholt, IS-600, Akureyri

Zipcode : 600

Location : 65.6751043, -18.093398799999993

Contact : +354 462 7487

Website : <http://www.lystigardur.akureyri.is/>

Open & Close Timing : 1st June to 30th September: Monday to Friday 08:00hrs-22:00hrs Saturday and Sunday 09:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Lofthellir Lava Cave

Enter a mystical world of ice formations and darkness at the Lofthellir Lava Cave, a natural cave boasting of the best ice carvings currently renowned in Iceland. With a total length of about 370 meters with a ceiling of about 15 meters, you are surely going to be left awestruck while exploring this unique cave. Some of the other fantastic sceneries in the same area, such as Dimmuborgir (Dark Castles),

are one of Iceland's most popular natural tourist attractions.

Address : Lofthellier Lava Cake, 660 Myvatn, Iceland

Zipcode : 660

Location : 65.5823461, -16.818414899999999

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Christmas House

A quick drive from the center of the town of Akureyri, the Jólagarðurinn or Christmas Garden brings the festivities to life with its colorful decor and construction. Experience the gleaming fireplace and the melodies and aroma in the air, Christmas decorations, Icelandic items, and diverse range of handicrafts. The garden encircling the cookie-like house has benches and tables and makes for an excellent picnic spot.

Address : The Christmas Garden, IS-601, Akureyri

Zipcode : 601

Location : 65.5800127, -18.091987300000002

Contact : +354 4631433

Open & Close Timing : June to August: 10.00hrs-21.00hrs September to December: 14.00hrs-21.00hrs January to May: 14.00hrs-18.00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Icelandic Folk & Outsider Art Museum

The Icelandic Folk & Outsider Art Museum is an intriguing space popular for its vast collection of art and is highly visited by locals and tourists. Spanning across 3,000 artworks by outsider folk artists and 200 works by modern artists, the museum also conducts several exhibitions every year and also provides an accommodation for travelers.

Address : Safnasafnið , Svalbarðsströnd , 601 Akureyri

Zipcode : 601

Location : 65.7490755, -18.075754400000005

Contact : +354 461 4066

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

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Glerártorg

Have some time to spare? Head to Glerártorg Shopping Mall, a one-stop destination to browse through apparel and fashion products, groceries, health and beauty, electronics, jewelry, watches and explore the entertainment options.

Address : Gleráreyrar 1, 600 Akureyri, Iceland

Zipcode : 600

Location : 65.68775870000002, -18.102839300000002

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Many famous stadiums and clubs are situated in Akureyri. These stadiums have a huge sitting capacity and are mostly used for football matches purpose.

- **Akureyrarvöllur:**

Address : Glerárgata, 600 Akureyri, Iceland

Location : 65.6859502,-18.0956012000000033

Contact No : +354 462 1588



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9. Spas and relaxation

When you want to relax, take your holiday to the next level and book Akureyri accommodation with a spa. Peace of mind starts with gorgeous scenery and an easy-going environment. Get the best of both with Akureyri day spas in top neighbourhoods or tucked away from the fray. Each one of the Akureyri hotel spas offers its own menu of amenities and signature treats.

- **Sundlaug Akureyrar:**

Address : Thinvallastraeti 21, Akureyri 600, Iceland

Location : 65.6791491,-18.097615200000064

Contact No : +354 461 4455

Website : <http://www.sundlaug.is/nordurland-eystra-sundlaugar/109-sundlaug-akureyrar>

10. Events calendar

Month

Events

Twelfth Night (January 6th)

January 6th (Twelfth Night) is celebrated as the last day of Christmas in Iceland. This day is celebrated in a similar way to New Year's Eve, but on a smaller scale with festive dinners, bonfires and fire-works.

Easter Adventure (24 March)

In this festival you can treat yourself with all the Easterdelicacies including food, drinks and events for kids.

Donald Duck Ski Competition (20 April)

This is the biggest ski event in Iceland and is intended for kids at the age of 6-15.

Art without borders (14 May)

Art Without Borders is an annual event where disabled and able-bodied artists meet with in their shared love of art.

Akureyri Town Festival (All weekend)

The Birthday of Akureyri is celebrated annually on the last weekend of August. The opening ceremony of the festival always takes place on Friday evening in the Botanical Garden.

Ladies Day (8 October)

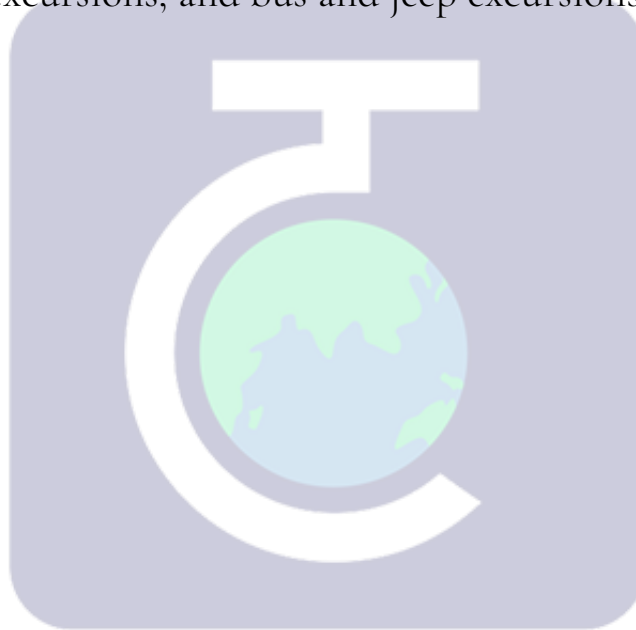
Concerts, exhibitions and everything that women love is held at this festival. There are many events that are held to draw the attention of the women.
New years eve(31st December)

In Akureyri, the New Year is celebrated in the traditional Icelandic way, which, of course, calls for an enormous bonfire, great music, dancing and a whole lot of fireworks.

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11. Key local guides and tours

Akureyri being a tourist destination, gives alternative of many guides who help in exploration of the city better. These local guides, from picking the tourist to waiting and then dropping back, complete their task. They carry good amount of knowledge which is a bonus in exploring the area. The travel guides in Akureyri get access to all means of tour and are a great help for the travellers. Sights like bird watching, boat excursions, and bus and jeep excursions are all done with the help of guided tours.



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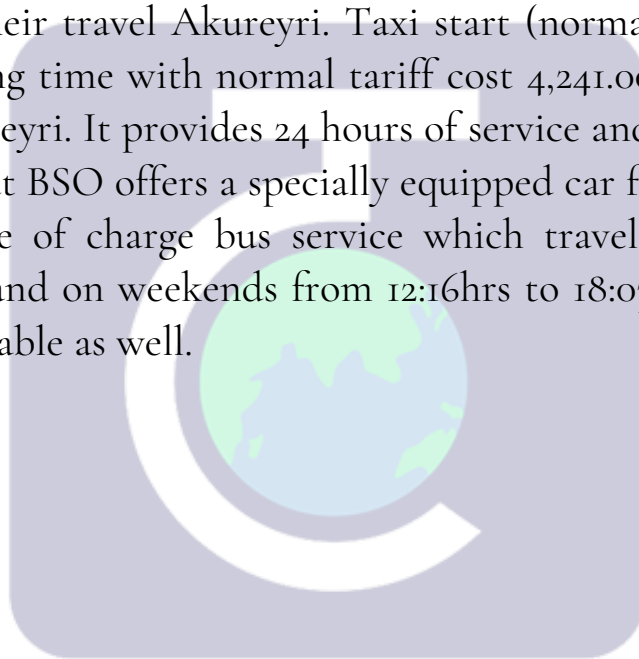
12. Transportation hubs

Akureyri International Airport is one of four international airports in Iceland. It is the only airport situated in North Iceland hence it acts as a good connection between other cities in North Iceland. Distance between the airport and the Akureyri city centre is 3km. There are taxis located at the airport which become an easy medium of travelling.



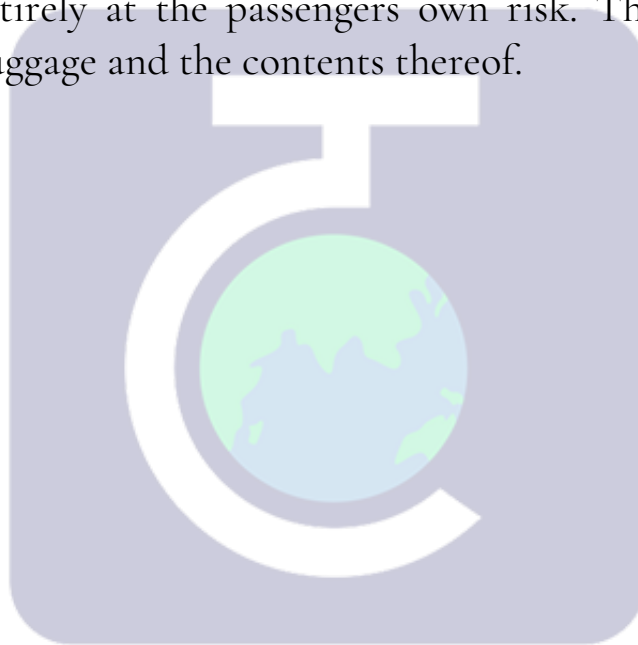
13. Transportation cost

The bus connection from Akureyri to Reykjavik takes approximately 6 hours and it costs around 7,000isk. Tickets can be bought on board the bus and cards are accepted. Even the price range for the same route in terms of flight connection may range from 6,800 isk to 21,000 isk. There are many car rentals which can be contacted directly via phone. All these cost and handling makes it easy for the travellers to enjoy their travel Akureyri. Taxi start (normal tariff) is 660.00 kr. Taxi one hour waiting time with normal tariff cost 4,241.00 kr. BSO is the only cab company in Akureyri. It provides 24 hours of service and can accommodate 8 persons. Taxi no. 17 at BSO offers a specially equipped car for disabled people. A local city bus is free of charge bus service which travels on weekdays from 06:25hrs to 23:03hrs and on weekends from 12:16hrs to 18:03hrs. There are many local car rentals available as well.



Index**14. Baggage allowance**

One small piece of luggage can be carried on board while travelling in Akureyri. Up to 20 kg luggage can be stored in the main luggage compartment. Akureyri buses do not allow bicycles or other equipments to be carried in the main luggage section. However, folded bicycles and equipments can be taken along. The transportation of animals on the coach is forbidden. All pieces of luggage or other items are carried entirely at the passengers own risk. The passenger is solely responsible for any luggage and the contents thereof.



Index**15. Must try food and local savouries**

From pub style hamburgers to sandwiches to light meals, Akureyri offers a varied speciality of food which is a must try when you visit this city. Kleina, Caramelised potatoes, hot dogs (pylsur), puffins, whale, Icelandic horses (horse steak) are some of the famous dishes.



16. Restaurant & Nightlife

Akureyri's restaurant scene is emerging with a unique palate all of its own, embracing the fresh ingredients Iceland offers at home. Akureyri' chefs are keen to bring different cultures and cuisines to the local table. Most of the restaurants and clubs are situated in the Hafnarstraeti area of Akureyi.

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- **Strikið:**

Address : Skipagata, 600 Akureyri, Iceland

Location : 65.6817442999999,-18.0891636999999

Contact No : +354 462 7100

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

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday: 11:30hrs-22:00hrs Friday and Saturday: 11:30hrs-23:00hrs Sunday: 17:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Bautinn Restaurant:**

Address : 92 600, Hafnarstræti, Akureyri, Iceland

Location : 65.6808347,-18.0890245000000

Contact No : +3544621818

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

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Akureyri Fish & Chips:**

Address : 12600, Skipagata, 600 Akureyri, Iceland

Location : 65.6819502,-18.0894100000000044

Contact No : +354 414 6050

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

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:30hrs-22:00hrs

- **Greifinn:**

Address : Eyrarvegur, 600 Akureyri, Iceland

Location : 65.6871725,-18.095185600000

Contact No : +3544601600

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

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 11:30-21:30hrs Saturday and Sunday: 11:30hrs-22:00hrs

- **Hamborgarafabrikan:**

Address : Hafnarstraeti, 600 Akureyri, Iceland

Location : 65.680661,-18.089353999999

Contact No : +355757575

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

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Thursday: 11:30hrs-21:00hrs Friday and Saturday: 11:30hrs-22:00hrs

- **Café Amour:**

Address : Raohustorg 9, 600 Akureyri, Iceland

Location : 65.6827149,-18.090551900000

Contact No : +3544613030

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday: 18:00hrs-01:00hrs Friday:
18:00hrs-04:00hrs Saturday: 11:00hrs-04:00hrs Sunday: 11:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Götubarinn:**

Address : Hafnarstræti 96, 600 Akureyri, Iceland

Location : 65.6811824,-18.0894613000000

Contact No : +354 462 4747

Open / Close Time : Thursday to Saturday: 17:00hrs-04:00hrs



Index**17. Average meal cost**

The average meal cost at an inexpensive restaurant in Akureyri is 2,050.00 kr. Meal for two people in a mid range restaurant cost around 6,200.00 kr. Average cost of a domestic beer is 1,000.00 kr and that of an imported one is 878.0 kr. For non vegetarians. Boneless chicken costs around 1711.59 kr and price for beef products is 900.00 kr.



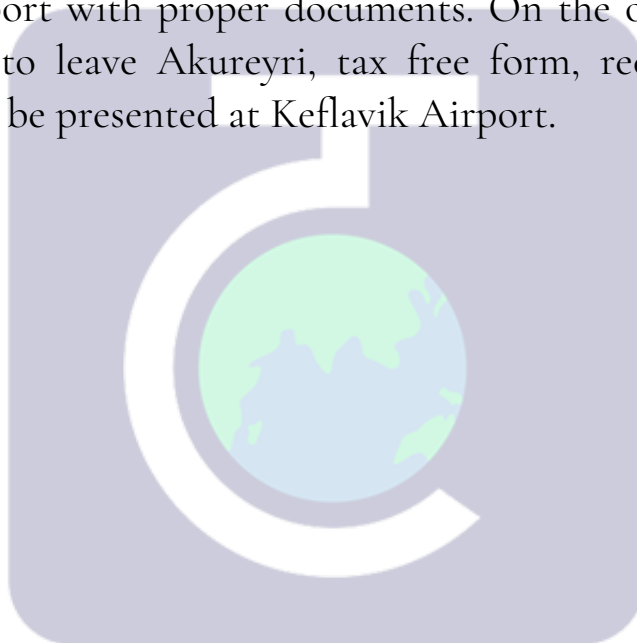
18. Shopping

From designer and branded clothes to local clothes, Akureyri offers good quality products. The range and price of branded clothes in Akureyri is comparatively less than in other cities. One bonus point about Akureyri is that it offers tax free shopping in some shops. Hafnarstaeti and Glerargata (Glerartorg shopping mall) are two major shopping hubs that the city offer.



19. Tourist benefits

The VAT rate in Iceland is 25.5%. VAT refund can only be given to non-citizens of Akureyri who purchased goods in the country. In order to be eligible for a refund, one must be able to show proof such as passport or any document that will prove that one is a citizen of another country. Condition for the same is that the goods should be equivalent to a minimum of ISK 4,000. All the goods have to be shown at the airport with proper documents. On the other hand, when the visitor is scheduled to leave Akureyri, tax free form, receipts and the other requirements have to be presented at Keflavik Airport.



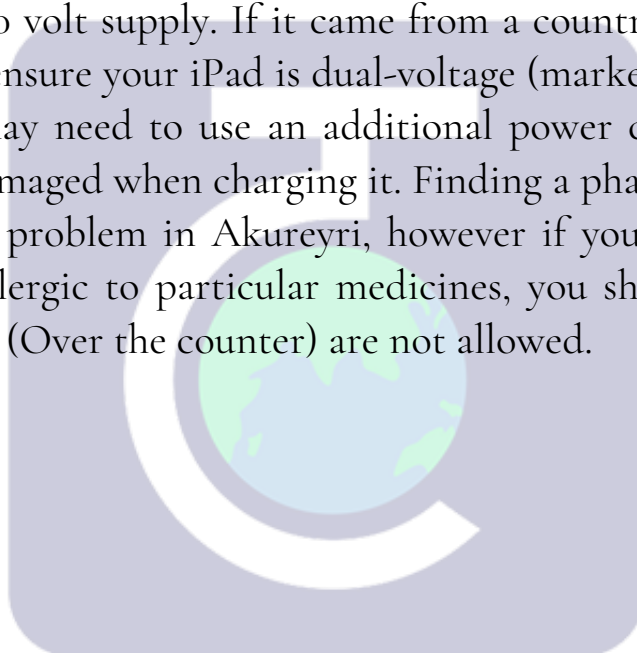
Index**20. Driving**

Since there are no trains available, cars and taxis are major modes of transportation/driving. Traffic jams are unheard of in Akureyri hence it becomes easy to drive. Off-road driving is illegal in Iceland and is punishable with high fines. Standard speed limits in Akureyri are 50km/h within the city. Driving on the left side of the road is prohibited. You must be 21 to rent a regular car whereas you need to be 23 to rent a 4WD vehicle. There is no need for an international driving permit in Akureyri.



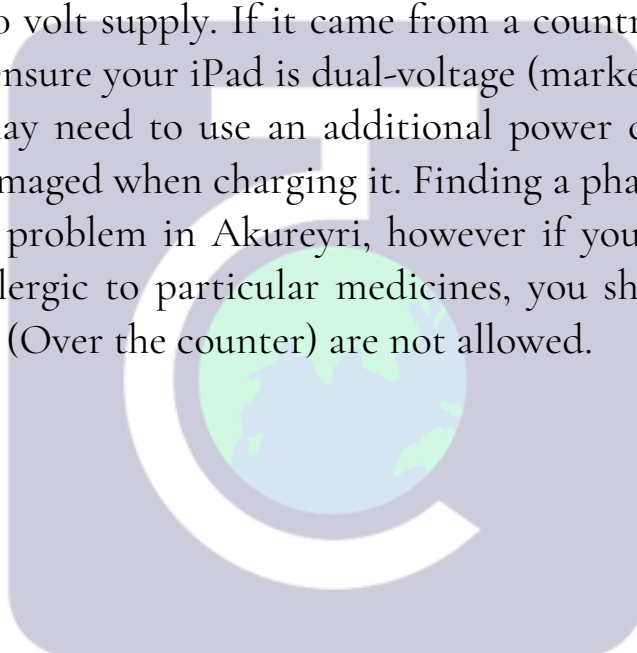
21. Travel essentials

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23. Local currency

In Akureyri, the local currency is Iceland Krona. 1 USD = 111.50kr



Index**24. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Banks in Akureyri are generally open from 9:15-16:00 and offer commission free exchange. Hotel KEA exchanges currency as well but charges 10% commission. Mostly airports and train stations offer better rates than in town hence recommended. The ATM at the Akureyri airport charges 1.5-5.0% as ATM withdrawal fees.



25. Staying connected

Cell phones and calling plans are available at Siminn and Vodafone. Siminn timings are Mon-Fri 10:00-18:00, Sat 11:00-16:00. Akureyri library gives the best internet access having multiple terminals and a café with price of 200kr/hour. Many cafes along with the Penninn bookstore are WI-FI spots. Public phones are available at the tourist information centre and Akureyri Hospital. No special documents are required while purchasing a new sim card and you can do that online as well.



26. Time Zone

The time zone is Akureyri is GMT (Greenwich Meantime) +00.00hrs.



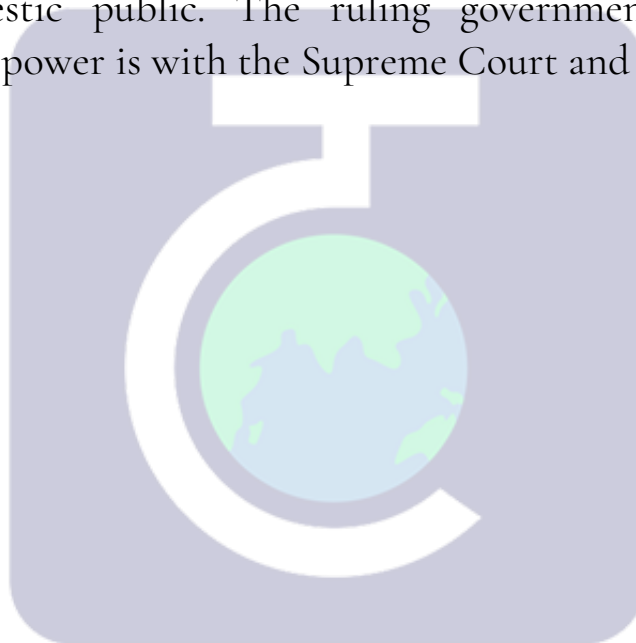
Index**27. Languages**

Icelandic is the most common language spoken here. English is widely spoken and understood.



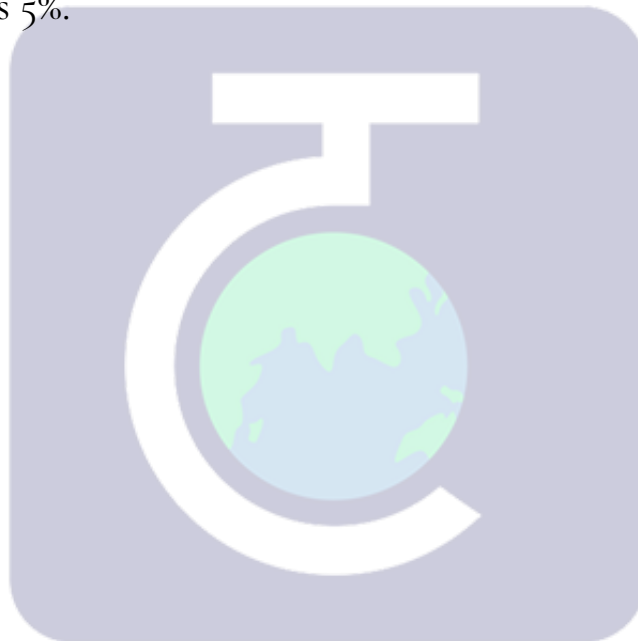
Index**28. Political Scenario**

The Nordic Information Office is situated in Kaupvangsstraeti 23 IA-600, Akureyri. This office works with various other associations and organizations. The manager of this office is Maria Jonnsdottir. Kristjan Por Juliusson is an Icelandic politician who is the leader of a renowned party. Politics in Akureyri has taken place within the framework of parliamentary representative domestic public. The ruling government is the left wing government. Judicial power is with the Supreme Court and district courts.



29. Economic Scenario

Since the fishing industry is very vast in Akureyri, it is a very crucial part of Akureyri's economy. Along with that education sector is becoming an integral part of the economy. Two large fishing industries are setup in Akureyri hence it raises the level of economy. Corporations pay a tax rate of 18% to the national government which is the lowest in the world. The GDP IS=\$14,5 billion and unemployment rate is 5%.



Index**30. Religious belief**

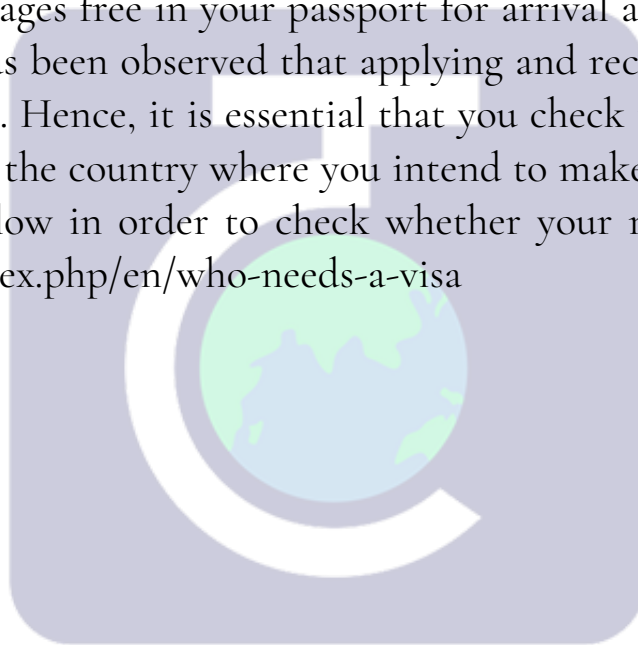
Many Catholics, Christians and Non-Christian minority groups exist in Akureyri. Most of the people are members of the Lutheran State Church.



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31. Visa requirements

All travellers/tourists in Akureyri must carry passport which is valid for three months beyond their intended stay. Nationals of many countries must obtain a visa before entering Akureyri. Canadian citizens are exempted from this rule as they can just carry their Canadian passport. Schengen visas are valid for a maximum of 90 days in each six-month period and the cost is €60/£48. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application. Visit the website below in order to check whether your nationality requires a Visa. <http://utl.is/index.php/en/who-needs-a-visa>



32. Essential vaccination

All the travellers travelling to Akureyri must get proper vaccination done. Routine vaccinations such as measles-mumps-rubella vaccine, vermicelli vaccine, polio vaccine are essential. From doctor's consultancy, if required, get the Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B and Rabies.



33. Theft and Safety

The crime ratings and crime thefts in Akureyri are low. The reason for the same is healthy standard of living and less population. Earlier few groups of Eastern European people were formed but the police later identified them.



Index**34. Embassy/Consulate**

There are many renowned embassies and consulates in Akureyri such as United Kingdom Honorary Consulate, Germany Honorary Consulate and Finland Honorary Consulate. For more info visit, <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/iceland>



35. Accessibility

Akureyri provides easily accessibility to travellers and people with disabilities. It becomes easy for people with disabilities to accommodate themselves in the desired transport. All the buses and ferries in Akureyri are wheelchair accessible.



36. Emergencies

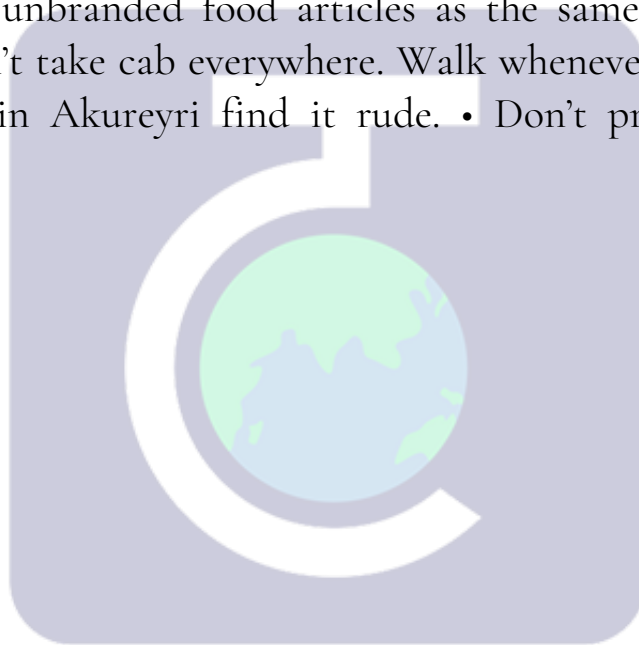
112 is the National Emergency Number in Akureyri for emergency services such as police, fire and ambulance. This number can be reached by telephone, SMS or voice note. Akureyri Hospital is the major hospital in Akureyri. Medical Insurance -- For travel overseas, most Akureyri health plans do not provide coverage, and the ones that do often reimburse you only after you return home.



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37. Do's and Don'ts

Do's • Drink tap water since the quality of water flowing from fresh rivers is exceptional. • Use Credit Cards everywhere. • Pack clothes for all seasons because of the weather being unpredictable. • Use sun blocks because of the high stroking sun in Daytime. • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. Don'ts • Don't take cab everywhere. Walk whenever possible. • Don't be loud. People living in Akureyri find it rude. • Don't pronounce heir words incorrectly.



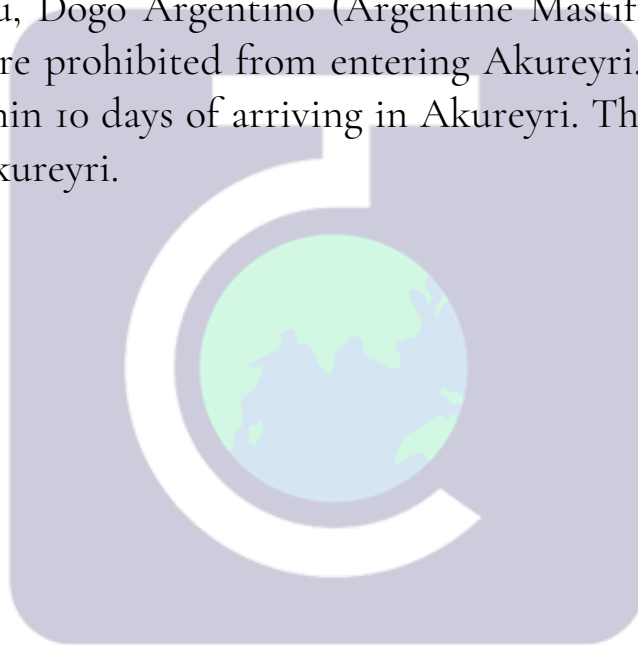
38.Tipping basics

Tipping is not expected in Akureyri. In case you find the service excellent in a restaurant, 10% amount of your bill can be given as a tip. Another way of giving the tip is by rounding of the bill with the precise amount. Even taxis in Akureyri do not consider taking tip. They do not expect people to tip them and the desired amount is already included in the bill.



39. Pet info

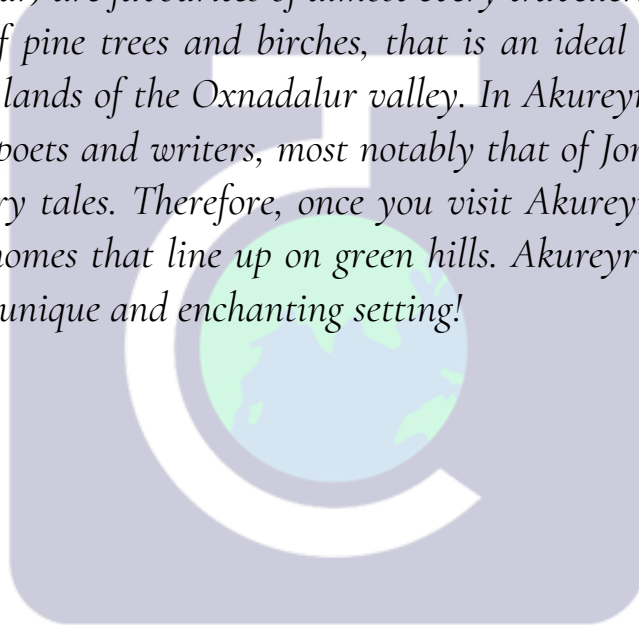
There are few regulations that are to be followed before taking your pet to Akureyri. A special Import Permit by the Ministry of Agriculture is required to enter Akureyri with a pet. This permit is valid for a period of one year. Your dog or cat must be micro chipped with a 15 digit ISO pet microchip and vaccinated at least 30 days prior to entering Reykjavik. Dangerous breeds like American Pitt Bull Terrier, Tosa Inu, Dogo Argentino (Argentine Mastiff) and Fila Brasileiro (Brazilian Mastiff) are prohibited from entering Akureyri. A Tapeworm test is required of dogs within 10 days of arriving in Akureyri. This completes your cat or dog passport to Akureyri.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Akureyri, the capital of the north is a bustling as well as Iceland's most young and happening city. Apart from sky touching mountains and ever flowing oceans, the city is a home to many universities. The city's botanical gardens and parks are blend of a refreshing and brushed up feel. You'll find lots of interesting museums to visit in Akureyri. The Museum of Art and the Minjasafnid History Museum (with a wonderful exhibit on the history of Eyjafjordur) are favourites of almost every traveller. On the edge of the city is a surprising forest of pine trees and birches, that is an ideal starting point for your exploration of the wild lands of the Oxndalur valley. In Akureyri you can also visit the old homes of Icelandic poets and writers, most notably that of Jon Sveinsson, the famous author of Icelandic fairy tales. Therefore, once you visit Akureyri, you'll appreciate the charm of its coloured homes that line up on green hills. Akureyri is on the banks of the Glera River which is a unique and enchanting setting!



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