



1 1X6 GUESTHOUSE

Attractively rustic, expressive, cosy with each room an original creation. This small accommodation is uniquely designed and run by a local wood sculptor offering the discerning traveller a rough-hewn and truly innovative environment. Natural hot pot always ready. Vesturbraut 3, Keflavík 421 2282 / 777 6166 / 1x6.is

2 ENSKU HÚSIN

If you are interested in staying in a place which breathes history, family tradition and great hospitality, this is the place. Accommodation is available in a renovated old house, "Lambalækur," or the charming old fishing lodge, which in the early 20th century was the first such lodge in Iceland. The family that own this place pride themselves in providing homemade meals from their own local produce such as fresh fish or lamb. We recommend eating in! Við Langá, Borgarnes 437 1826 / 865 3899 / enskuhusin.is

3 HÚSAFELL Í HÁLSAVEIT – THE OLD FARM

This traditional Icelandic house has, to a large extent, maintained its original look primarily because renovation work has respected the history and character of the house. It's pleasing appearance harks back to olden days and is filled with history while offering a cosy and pleasant stay. The surrounding glaciers, waterfalls and lava offer many amazing photo opportunities. Húsafell í Hálsaveit, Reykholt, Borgarfjörður / 895 1342 / husafell.is

4 HOTEL BÚDIR

One of the most stunning countryside hotels in Iceland, it sits in a lava field on the western tip of the Snaefellsnes peninsula. Guests have an impressive view of the famous Snaefellsjökull glacier. Apart from luxurious rooms, the restaurant has been referred to as "The Mecca of Icelandic cooking," due to its unique and delightful cuisine. Snaefellsnes / 435 6700 / budir.is

5 HOTEL EGILSSEN

This cosy little hotel is set in a newly converted historic house in the heart of Stykkishólmur. The rooms are small but ingenious and feature the luxury of organic, coconut-based mattresses. Owner Greta is famous for her most delicious healthy breakfast (not included in the price) which you don't want to miss. And if you're lucky

you might get a story or two from the locals in the Guest Lounge. Aðalgaata 2, Stykkishólmur 554 7700 / egilsen.is

6 HEYDALUR Í MJÓAFIRÐI

Heydalur is paradise – with its beautiful nature and friendly inhabitants! Simple accommodation but great people and delicious food emphasising local and organic origin. During your stay you can occupy yourself with hiking, kayaking, horseback riding and fishing or just relaxing in one of three natural thermal springs. Ísafjarðardjúp, Súðavík (rural) 456 4824 / 892 0809 / heydalur.is

7 SVEITASETRÍÐ GAUKSMÝRI

With a friendly staff that loves nature and horses it's not surprising the equestrian theme is strongly present. This rather pleasant lodge has small but cosy rooms with stunning views. Highly recommended is a horseback ride followed by a visit to the restaurant where home-grown vegetables and home-baked bread are both sources of local pride. Gauksmýri, Hvammstangi (rural) 451 2927 / 869 7992 / gauksmyri.is

8 LÓNKOT

In a magnetic setting in Skagafjörður, Lónkot is a family owned hotel offering rooms in a retro/eclectic style. This boutique hotel also has an amazing restaurant that is a must try (see Hand Picked - Eat). A visit to the bathhouse, with its large hot tub, is the perfect way to unwind or you can enjoy a drink at the top of the sightseeing tower enchanted by the setting sun. Breakfast is included and should not be missed! Hofsóss (rural) / 453 7432 / lonkot.com

9 VEGMÓT – THE OLD HOUSE

This small, charming century-old house, dating back to 1914, has been refurbished by its owners, creating a unique atmosphere from traditional decor and objects from the past. The house is perfect for a family or newlyweds on a honeymoon! We recommend the hot tub in the beautiful garden late at night listening to the waves lap the shore. Magical! Vegmót also offers alternative accommodation options. Vegmótum, Dalvík 466 1060 / 865 8391 / dalvikhostel.com

10 SKEIÐ GUESTHOUSE

Hidden at the end of an enchanting valley "Svarfaðardalur", this small cosy lodge is ideal for people wishing to enjoy Icelandic nature in a remote setting. It's a great place to hike, birdwatch, go horseback riding or simply to enjoy the peace and quiet with a sauna bath. The welcoming and creative spirit of the host and inspirational culinary art also guarantee a memorable experience! Svarfaðardalur, Dalvík (rural) 466 1636 / thule-tours.com

11 SKJALDARVÍK GUESTHOUSE

Accommodation with each room offering its own style and charm created by the friendly owners. Enjoy a refreshing soak in the outdoor hot tub with views of the Eyjafjörður fjord or relax in the guest library-lounge. An unhurried environment where you can enjoy a calming horseback ride followed by a great meal in the restaurant. Skjaldarvík, Akureyri (rural) 552 5200 / skjaldarvik.is

12 KALDBAKSKOT COTTAGES

Small and cosy cottages located in the midst of spectacular nature with abundant bird-life and breathtaking views over the bay. Located just outside Húsavík, the whale-watching capital of the north, you'll often be rewarded with the mesmerising sight of a humpback whale while standing on the terrace. At a nearby pond you can catch a fish and have it cooked for dinner. And the breakfast in the old stable is a must. Kaldbakur, Húsavík (rural) 892 1744 / cottages.is

13 HÓTEL REYKJAHLLÍÐ

Located on the shores of Lake Myvatn with amazing views and abundant natural beauty. Make sure you ask for a room upstairs with a lake view (no elevator, mind). The rooms are spacious and unpretentious, the breakfast is excellent and served by friendly staff. There are great opportunities for hiking and other outdoor fun-filled activities. Reynihlið, Myvatn 464 4142 / myvatnhotel.is

14 HÚSEY

This cute farm is located in the far east of the country by the sea. You feel like you have arrived at the end of the world! It is surrounded by beautiful, untouched nature that is best explored on horseback – and is especially memorable during the bright,

summer nights. Seals are common visitors to the nearby beaches. This small and basic accommodation is great for nature lovers! Húsey, Egilsstaðir (rural) 471 3010 / 695 8823 / husey.de

15 BLÁBJÖRG

Located in a meticulously renovated fish factory, Blábjörg is situated on the seashore with a perfect view of the fjord and an excellent location for bird watching and hiking. The rooms are minimalist but very comfortable. On the first floor you'll find a hot tub and sauna. Directly outside you can jump into and swim in the ice cold sea. It's a perfect place to relax and get ready for the next adventure. Brautarholt, Borgarfjörður Eystri 861 1792 / blabjorg.is

16 SKÁLANES

A truly unique place that doesn't just serve as a guesthouse but also a place of learning. It is attractively remote and working towards self-sufficiency, from picking wild herbs to brewing their own beer. If you want something different from your vacation, this is the place to go, located within its own 1,250 hectare nature reserve. And they make their own eider down duvets. Hafnargata 42, Seyðisfjörður 861 7008 / skalanes.com

17 ALDAN HOTEL

A quaint little hotel full of character with white wooden furniture that looks as if it could have come from an antique dolls house. In reality it is the old bank house! Yet, the hotel has all modern amenities and it is a must to eat at their restaurant (see Hand Picked - Eat). The same owner also runs Hotel Snaefell which is a bit smaller but also full of charm. Norðurgata 2, Seyðisfjörður 472 1277 / hotelaldan.com

18 EGILSSTAÐIR GUESTHOUSE

An exceptional old and restored farmhouse overflowing with traditional charm and offering attractively decorated rooms. The building is situated near a picturesque lake and within walking distance from Egilsstaðir. It is a working farm so you might spot local animals such as sheep helping themselves to the hotel's grass. We highly recommend the fabulous food in the cosy dining room (see Hand Picked - Eat). Egilsstaðir 1, Egilsstaðir 471 1114 / lakehotel.is

19 HOUSEHOLD SCHOOL HALLORMSTAD

If you don't mind skipping luxury this old and charming schoolhouse for girls is great for those seeking a little privacy and want to experience an 80-year-old environment. With no staff during nights and only two rooms with private bathrooms it's a quiet place, unsurprisingly. Breakfast is served in Hotel Hallormsstaður, a three-minute walk away. The school is surrounded by a beautiful forest – not so common in Iceland! Hallormsstaður, Egilsstaðir 471 2400 / 471 1763 / hushall.is

20 MJÓEYRI COTTAGES

In a location like no other, these small, cosy cottages sit on the beautiful shore of the Eskifjörður fjord. Each house is well equipped with their own porch offering an astonishing view. Outside there is a newly built bath house with showers, sauna and a hot tub – sitting in the hot tub is almost like sailing on the fjord without the sea-sick part! Strandgata 120, Eskifjörður 477 1247 / 696 0809 / mjoeyri.is

21 TÆRGESEN

Tærgeesen is situated in the old part of Reyðarfjörður, close to the harbour. Fittingly, really, as the house was built around 1870. The architecture is therefore unique and they have preserved it so the rooms remain quite small giving the guesthouse a special charm. They also offer a great variety of food and it's a real pleasure to dine in the beautiful restaurant. Búðargata 4, Reyðarfjörður 470 5555 / 892 9136 / taeragesen.com

22 HRIFUNES GUESTHOUSE

A super-cosy bed and breakfast in the south of Iceland. This old community house has been remade in a cool, country style and is ideally located for visiting many of Iceland's beautiful, natural wonders. The food is homemade and we thoroughly recommend eating there. It boasts a very personal and unique atmosphere making it a pleasure to relax in front of the fire after an eventful day. Skaftártunga, Kirkjubæjarklaustur 863 5540 / hrifunesguesthouse.is

23 ÞAKGIL

You'll be blown away by the magnificent nature on your way to this beautiful valley 20km from Vík. Surrounded by mountains,

you'll appreciate the small and simple cottages (or campsites) and hiking trails that are in close proximity to Mýrdalsjökull glacier. The common dining room is set in a natural cave lit by torches – great for sitting and enjoying a barbecue in the evenings. Höfðabrekkuafrétti, Vík í Mýrdal (Road 214) / 893 4889 / thakgil.is

24 VATNSHOLT – COUNTRY LODGE

A country lodge in a beautiful setting above a lake, with magnificent views all the way to the famous Eyjafjallajökull glacier. The rooms are excellent although the cottages are quite small. Hosts provide excellent service and great food in the restaurant (see Hand Picked - Eat). A variety of animals at a local farm will certainly attract the interest of the children, making this place a desirable option for the entire family. Vatnsholt 2, Selfoss (rural) 899 7748 / stayiniceland.is

25 HJARDARBÓL GUESTHOUSE

An old farmhouse converted into basic but very homely accommodation close to Hveragerði. Owner Helga is very competitive when it comes to homemade jams. At breakfast you can sample the fruits of her labour and choose from one of her many winning varieties to go with her equally renowned homemade bread! Hjardarból, Ólfus (rural) 567 0045 / 840 1574 / hjardarboli.is

26 HOTEL GRÍMSBORGIR

If you like a touch of elegance and romance "away from it all," this is the place. The apartments and rooms are bright and stylish and vary in size – and are perfectly situated for travelling the "Golden Circle" and visiting Thingvellir national park. The gourmet Restaurant Grímsborgir serves local food guaranteed to not disappoint. Ásborgir 30, Selfoss (rural) 555 7878 / grimsborgir.com

