

The settlement cabin in Hafnir

A recent archeological excavation in Hafnir revealed the remains of a long house (Icelandic: skáli) belonging to the settlement era. Archeologists are baffled by this settlement and some have stated that this was pre-settlement construction perhaps an outpost for explorers.



The bridge between continents

In a major fissure on Reykjanes the boundary between two continents lies. This is where the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates come together and continuously drift apart.

A bridge built over the fissure allows you to cross the continents in a symbolic way. You can buy your certificate at the Tourist Information Center.



Reykjanes lighthouse, Eldey and Gunnuhver

The **Reykjanes lighthouse** is the oldest lighthouse currently operated in Iceland, from 1908.

A lighthouse keeper and farmer used to live next to the lighthouse but now the operation is remotely controlled and now only keeps a memory of a way of life that used to be.

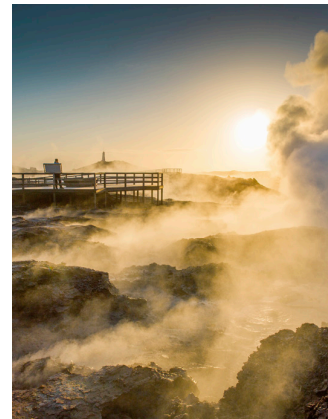
Close to Reykjanes lighthouse is **Eldey**, A-77-m-high rock made of layered palagonite tuff on top of the Reykjanes ridge, 15 km offshore, from a tephra eruption on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.



The area is large enough for up to 18,000 gannet (*Morus bassanus*) making it one of the largest colonies in the world.

Also close to Reykjanes lighthouse is **Ggunnuhver**, A group of vigorous mud pools and steam vents, which change with time. The group partly formed after earthquakes in 1967.

The name Gunnuhver stems from a story about the vicious ghost Gunna who was lured into a vent and never seen again.



Blue Lagoon

The Blue Lagoon is not just a great place for bathing. Among some of the things the lagoon has to offer are spa treatments, massages, steam baths, restaurants and a Clinic for treatment of psoriasis, not to mention the Blue Lagoon skin care products.



Reykjanes Geopark

UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, recognized Reykjanes as a UNESCO Global Geopark in 2015. The geological formations at Reykjanes are unique and the interesting interaction between nature and residential areas has shaped the way of life in the area.

Geothermal energy is abundant on the Reykjanes peninsula and the energy has been used to produce electricity, heat the homes, operating greenhouses and for health benefits such as the swimming pools in the area. Due to its closeness to rich fishing grounds, Reykjanes has always been an important place to settle in. There are few places in the world where it is possible to examine fissures that are as descriptive for the separation zones between tectonic plates and the Bridge Between Continents gives you an insight into a geological phenomena of the American and Eurasian tectonic plates.

For further information: www.reykjanesgeopark.is

Reykjanes Geopark visitor center

Reykjanes Global UNESCO Geopark's visitor center is located in **Duus Museum**. An exhibition on the local geology and the unique way the land has formed and is being shaped by natural erosion. There you can connect knowledge to your experience. The Tourist Information and and Visitor Center is open all year round.



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Reykjanesbær

A gateway to Reykjanes Global Unesco Geopark

Reykjanesbær is a young and vibrant rapidly growing town and consists of four districts, each with its own distinction. **Keflavík, Njarðvík, Ásbrú** and **Hafnir**. The districts used to be towns in their own rights that merged into one in the early 90's. They still hold some of their own identity whether it is shopping, culture, innovation or a gateway to the Reykjanes Global UNESCO Geopark.

Reykjanesbær profits by its closeness to the capital area and it is also located next to Keflavík airport, Iceland's borders to the rest of the world. At the same time other boundaries have vanished and now Ásbrú, the former US naval base has been transformed into an innovative and progressive educational community. The town boasts of diverse recreational options and just on the town's doorstep is the gateway to nature that is like no other. This family friendly town with a flair for cultural events welcomes you.



The old village of Keflavík

In the oldest part of Keflavík, situated in the vicinity of Duus museum, many of the oldest houses have been renovated in their original spirit. It is well worth the walk to get a sense of old times through simple architecture, beautiful houses and quiet surroundings.



Duus Museum

Duus Museum is the Art and Cultural Center of Reykjanesbær. It houses the exhibition halls for the local museums, concert halls and for mixed cultural activities. It also houses the **Tourist Information Center** for the region. Duus Museum is located near the marina in Gróf overlooking the Keflavík bay. **Reykjanes Art Museum** presents several new art exhibitions every year, including visual arts through diverse exhibitions, lectures and more. **Reykjanes Heritage Museum** displays an exhibition which addresses the local history of the region and somewhat the whole country. **Reykjanes Maritime Center** is



the home to a collection of over 100 models of boats built by the local skipper Grímur Karlsson and offers a fascinating insight into Iceland's maritime history. This and more is what Duus museum has to offer.

For further information: duusmuseum.is

Giganta's cave

The Giganta is well known among Icelandic children from the books of Herdís Egilsdóttir, the first of which was published in 1959. Giganta lived in a mountain and became friends with a young girl called Sigga. Children of all ages enjoy seeing her cave, her bed and having a look in the kitchen to watch Giganta sleep.



10km trail along the coastline

Behind Duus Museum begins 10 km long walking-, running- and bicycling trail, displaying a view of and access to the beautiful coastal area.

The eroding coastline of Reykjanesbær was cleaned up and is now protected from the sea by large rocks that have been placed along the coast.

Several signs have been put up along the trail, containing information on culture, history and wildlife.



Waterworld

Waterworld is an indoor/outdoor water park. The park includes a heated activity pool for the youngest generation, a 25 m long outdoor pool, a 50 m long indoor pool, 4 hot tubs, a steam bath and an ice tub. There you can bathe and relax with the local people in various hot tubs with geothermally heated water. Fun and relaxation for the whole family.



The Icelandic Museum of Rock'n'Roll

The Icelandic museum of Rock 'n' Roll opened its doors in 2014. Guests can walk through the history of Icelandic pop and rock music and read all about artists such as Björk, Sugarcubes, Sigur Rós, Of Monsters and Men, Emilíana Torrini and countless others.

For further information: rokksafn.is



A fisherman's cottage

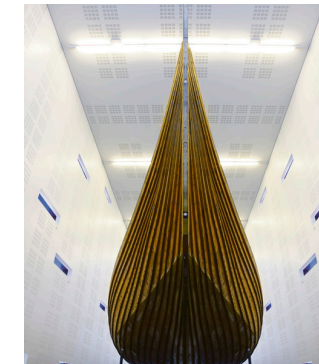
Stekkjarkot is a replica of an old turf house situated next to Viking world and the settlement zoo in Njarðvík. The house was inhabited for a total of thirty years during the period from 1857 until 1924. A very personal insight into the history of habitation in Iceland.

Viking World

Would you like to come on board a Viking ship and trace the footsteps of Leif the lucky to North America?

We invite you to learn about the navigation techniques of the era and the journeys made by the Vikings during the time of settlement. Exhibitions of Norse mythology and important archeological finds are also on display in the showroom.

For further information: vikingworld.is



The Settlement Zoo

The Zoo is situated by Viking World Museum, the home of the Viking ship Islingingur. The Zoo opens during the summer, giving children a chance to meet the domestic animals that Vikings may have had with them on their journey, such as lambs, goats, ducks, calves, rabbits, and hens. There is no admittance fee.



Cultural events

Reykjanesbær has much to offer when it comes to events spanning the whole year. The Children's art festival in the spring and the Night of Lights in early September when the lights on the cliff are lit up. The web visitreykjanes.is offers an event calendar spanning the year.

For further information: visitreykjanes.is/en/what-to-see-do/events/calendar

