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. Archaeologists 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 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.

Reykjarlens 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.

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.

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 distinctiveness. 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 Keflavik 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 doorsteps 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 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. Reykjaness Art Museum presents several new art exhibitions every year, including visual arts through diverse exhibitions, lectures and more. Reykjaness Heritage Museum displays an exhibition which addresses the local history of the region and somewhat the whole country. Reykjaness 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 Herdis Egidísdóttir, 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 one 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, Emiliana Torrini and countless others.

For further information: rokkafn.is

The Settlement Zoo
The Zoo is situated by Viking World Museum, the home of the Viking ship Islandinger. The Zoo open 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.

The Icelandic Museum of Rock: ’n’ Roll
The museum is located in downtown Keflavík, near the marina. It is divided into three main exhibition areas: Rock and Roll, Icelandic Music and Nordic Music. The museum features a permanent exhibition and temporary exhibitions.

For further information: vikingworld.is

A fisherman’s cottage
Steikkjarkot 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.

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