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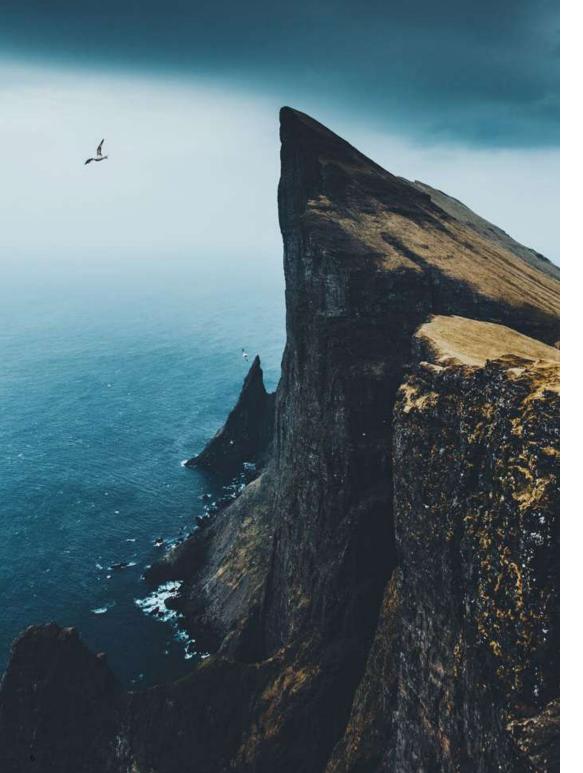
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#### WHO ARE THE FAROESE?

## Identity, heritage and stunning scenery

The Faroe Islands offer more than meets the eye. Here you'll find a unique political, economic, and industrial landscape, all while being captivated by stunning scenery and a vibrant culture. It's a place where tradition meets innovation, resulting in a distinctive and dynamic environment with a promising future. This future relies on both a strong traditional fishing-based economy and a growing presence in renewable energy, tourism, and creative sectors.

Despite the relatively small population of around 55,000 people, the Faroese have a strong sense of identity and take pride in their self-governance, language, traditions, rich cultural heritage, and the plentiful resources that surround them.

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Capital: Tórshavn Population: 54.503 (June 2023) Islands: 18 (16 inhabited) Land area: 1,399 sq km Maritime area: 274,000 sq km Contintental shelf area: 301,000 sq km Highest peak: Slættaratindur 880 m

Demonym: Faroese / Faroe Islanders Language: Faroese National anthem: Tú alfagra land mítt

Main industries: Fishing and aquaculture, shipping and maritime services and tourism GDP per capita: EUR 52,000 (2018) Currency: Danish crown / króna (DKK)

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Mýlingur on northern Streymoy. Photo: Adam Firman



The historic part of Tórshavn. Photo: Faroephoto

The country is self-governing within the Danish Kingdom, and the Faroese enjoy a high level of autonomy. They actively participate in shaping the political landscape, placing a strong emphasis on community engagement and local decision-making.

The government, known as Løgtingið, comprises 33 members elected by the people. The Prime Minister leads the government and is responsible for handling most affairs except defence and foreign affairs. Moreover, the Faroe Islands uphold an independent trade policy.



Trælanípan. Photo: Getty Images



The fishing industry has been the lifeblood of the islands. Photo: Getty Images

For centuries, the fishing industry has been the lifeblood of the islands, and it remains a vital sector today. Fishing continues to play a significant role in the economy, with high-quality seafood products such as salmon, mackerel, and cod being exported to international markets daily. The sector also provides employment for a significant portion of the population, contributing to the islands' economic stability.

While fishing and related industries form the backbone of the economy, the Faroe Islands strive for diversification and sustainable development. There is a focus on supporting innovation, entrepreneurship, and education to foster economic growth and create new opportunities for the people. In recent years, the Faroe Islands have also experienced growth in other sectors, including the culinary scene with a unique and exciting blend of traditional and modern influences, tourism, and other creative industries.

Tourism is especially on the rise, attracting visitors with the islands' natural beauty, outdoor activities, and unique cultural experiences. Additionally, the creative industries, encompassing design, music, arts, and film, have been flourishing, showcasing talent and creativity on a global scale.



The restaurant Katrina Christiansen in Tórshavn

#### Stay safe in the Faroe Islands

SAFE TRAVEL

## Safe Travel

Following these simple yet essential guidelines will help to ensure an enjoyable and unforgettable journey in the Faroe Islands.

#### Safety guidelines

## **PREPARATION IS KEY**

Safety isn't expensive, it's priceless.

- Notify your host about where you plan on hiking. We advise you to fill out the form on the back of the booklet "Safe Travel" and leave it with your host or inside the windscreen of your car.
- It is recommended to hike with a local hiking guide.
- Gather information about the hike before you difficulty level is suitable.
- Keep informed about seasonal farming and hunting activities.
- Be prepared for all types of weather.

- Do not go hiking if there is limited visibility due to fog, or if it is getting dark.
- It is recommended to hike with others.
- Stay on designated paths at all times.
- Refrain from walking too close to cliffs no picture is worth dving for.
- start. Be sure that the length of the hike and the If you are met with unexpected fog on a trip, it is particularly important to stick to cairns and paths. If you cannot see from one cairn to the next, wait by a cairn and keep warm.
  - Good weather conditions, sticking to designated paths and not walking in steep areas will increase the likelihood of getting emergency help, if needed.

#### Responsible travel

## **RESPECT** NATURE AND LOCALS

Nature is fragile. It should be protected and treated well for future generations.

- Always travel on designated paths to minimize disturbing sheep, wildlife and nature.
- Never build or take down ancient cairns they function as landmarks that help guide you so you don't get lost.
- Always bring your rubbish with you.
- Be thoughtful of the locals and respect their privacy.
- Camping is only permitted at designated campsites.
- Drones must NOT be flown within 150m of a village, town or city, within 150m of main roads that connect villages or within a 5km radius of Vágar Airport.

## **Please note!!**

In case of emergency: CALL 112

Are you in need of medical treatment? See page 110 for further information.

Remember! When you go hiking: Hiking routes may have restrictions regarding access and may require payment.

Always check visitfaroeislands.com and the local tourist information for updated hiking guidelines and restrictions.

Fill out page 130 and place somewhere visible inside the windscreen of your car.

#### Better safe than soaking

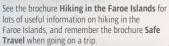
#### **CLOTHING AND EOUIPMENT**

Prepare to experience all four seasons in one day.

Dress in layers. Thermals and wool.

- Good hiking boots.
- Hiking trousers (preferably not jeans).
- Always bring a warm jacket.
- Wind- and waterproofs. Nylon clothing not recommended as it can be slippery.
- Hat and gloves are recommended.
- A fully charged mobile phone, food, drink, something sweet and a map of the route.







# What not to miss

Here are a few ideas of some of the most unforgettable experiences the Faroe Islands have to offer. Contact the nearest tourist office for details of the latest weather conditions and the rules on the right to roam. We've divided the islands into the six main areas.



#### STREYMOY

#### Historic Kirkjubøur

Kirkjubøur is the most important historical site in the Faroe Islands. The impressive ruins of the Saint Magnus Cathedral date from the 13th century whilst the church and the family home on the site, Roykstovan, both date from the Middle Ages. Roykstovan is one of the oldest inhabited houses built of logs in the world. For more on Kirkiubøur, see page 58.



Against a serene backdrop of a

sandy beach and a towering

mountain, the island of Koltur,

west of the capital, Tórshavn, is

the ideal place to experience the

Faroe Islands from days gone by.

See the exquisitely restored for-

mer stone dwellings and learn

how people used to live in this

remote corner of the islands. For

more on Koltur, see page 61.

STREYMOY

Koltur Island



STREYMOY

#### Tórshavn Old Town

Wander back in time among the old timber homes replete with unruly grass roofs, admire the coarsely-hewn wooden storehouses along the shoreline, which are now home to the Faroese government, and check out the Viking sundial carved into the flat rocks of the promontory here, Tinganes. Remember to respect the privacy of the local people who live here. See more about the area on page 46.



#### STREYMOY

#### Vestmanna Bird Cliffs This is a perfect opportunity to get

up close to many of the various species of birds that call the Faroe Islands home. Your boat will sail deftly into deep grottoes and through narrow straits, giving you stupendous views of the 700m high sheer cliffs, where thousands of puffins, guillemots and fulmars breed every summer. For more on the area, see page 65.



#### EYSTUROY

#### Elduvík – The Undisturbed Gem

A small and charming village by the sea that is surrounded by steep mountains. An ideal place to enjoy unspoiled nature and to witness the waves come crashing into the natural harbour. There is a wondrous gorge for swimmers and divers. The village legend about the merman Marmennilin was made into a statue by the artist Hans Pauli Olsen. For more on the area, see page 72.



## STREYMOY Tiørnuvík

It's hard to think of a more idyllically located village. Sitting snugly at the head of a narrow, sandy bay, backed by towering mountains, gorgeous Tjørnuvík is a handsome place to stroll and take in the stunning views and it's also a surfers' paradise. The challenging breakers which roll in off the North Atlantic here are fast becoming the stuff of legend. For more on the area, see page 68.



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#### EYSTUROY

#### Idyllic Funningur

One of the oldest villages in the Faroe Islands, Funningur is small with colourful houses. The tarred, wooden church is a masterly handicraft from 1847. From Funningur, you can hike to the tallest mountain in the Faroe Islands, Slættaratindur and the unique Gjáarskarð that has a view of the characteristic Funningsfjørður. Make sure to check the rules on the right to roam. For more on the area, see page 72.



#### NORĐOYGGJAR

#### Amazing Architecture in Klaksvík

It's known as Old Nordic Style and it's at its most impressive in the Faroe Islands' second largest town, Klaksvík. Here, the awe-inspiring Christian's Church is a fine example of Old Nordic Style and was one of the first churches in Scandinavia to be constructed using this distinctive approach. For more on the area, see page 80.



NORĐOYGGJAR

#### The Seal Woman of Mikladalur

Down by the sea in Mikladalur, Kalsoy, you'll find the eerily beautiful statue of the Seal Woman. At 3m tall, she towers over the chilly waters of the unforgiving sound, whence she came. She defies the wind and rain to catch a last glimpse of her beloved children whom she must abandon when forced to return to the sea. See page 82.



#### VÁGAR AND MYKINES

#### The Birds of Mykines

Thousands upon thousands of migratory seabirds breed on the enchanting island of Mykines, in the far west of the Faroe Islands, every summer. Puffin, guillemot, cormorant, razorbill and the mighty gannet, the king of all Faroese birds, can all be found here. Indeed, the gannet breeds nowhere else in the Faroe Islands. For more on the area, see page 86.



#### SANDOY

#### Abseiling Down Cliff Faces in Sandoy

Not for the faint-hearted, a visit to the Faroe Islands offers the opportunity to abseil 300m down a sheer cliff face – if you dare. The location for this extreme sport is Lonin on the western shores of Sandoy – check with the local tourist office for more information. For more on Sandoy, see page 92.



#### VÁGAR AND MYKINES

#### The Troll Woman's Finger

Trøllkonufingur is a 313 m tall monolith on the south-east side of Sandavágur. Only 11 people are known to have reached the top. Legend has it, that Trøllkonufingur is the finger of a witch that came to throw the Faroe Islands to Iceland. When she came to the sea south of Vágar, the sun came up and she was turned into stone and fell into the ocean. For more on Vagar, see page 89-90.



#### SUÐUROY

#### Hvannhagi in Suðuroy

It's for good reason that the Faroese name of this idyllic spot translates as the "field of the wild angelica". Hvannhagi is, indeed, a beautiful and unspoilt area of natural beauty. A well-signed walking trail from Tvøroyri leads there. From Hvannhagi there are exceptional views of the eastern shores of Suðuroy and the small islands of Lítla Dímun and Stóra Dímun. For more on Suðuroy, see page 99.



#### SANDOY

#### Søltuvík Bay and Birdcliffs in Sandoy

Undoubtedly one of the most beautiful bays in the Faroe Islands, the graceful, gentle sweep of Søltuvík, on the western shores of the island of Sandoy, ranks as a Faroese favourite time and again. It's one of the few places in the islands where you can get up close to the birdcliffs from ground level. For more on the area, see page 93.



#### SUĐUROY

#### Beinisvørð Cliff in Suðuroy

Beinisvørð is one of Faroe Islands' most jaw-dropping cliffs, towering high above the tiny settlement of Lopra. It's a sheer drop of 470m from the clifftop straight down to the sea below. Beinisvørð can be accessed from the old road which winds up over the mountain between Lopra and Sumba and the views will quite simply blow you away. For more on the area, see page 101.

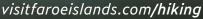


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#### Welcome

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We hope you enjoy your stay.

## What to do

All eighteen islands are packed with exciting adventures for every kind of trip – be it hiking, cycling, shopping or simply relaxing, you're bound to find something to suit. Local tourist offices dotted around the islands can help you plan the perfect itinerary to make the most of your stay in the Faroe Islands.

#### Hiking in the Faroe Islands. Photo: Getty Images



#### HIKING

Hiking in the Faroe Islands really is something quite special. Tie your shoelaces and explore vast areas of unspoilt natural beauty, winding your way along age-old trails, often marked by cairns. Before setting out on any hike, be sure to check the local conditions with the local tourist office. First of all check rights and regulations on hiking in the area – but you must also be prepared to the changeable Faroese weather. It is recommended always to hike with a knowledgeable local guide who'll have engaging stories to tell of your route along the way. Hiking in the Faroe Islands gives you the chance to visit perfectly Instagrammable lighthouses perched on rocky promontories or to explore abandoned villages, all but forgotten at the head of remote sweeping bays. Or, why not just opt for the route to the next village. Either way, you'll be surrounded by hundreds of sheep and birds along the route - experiences like these are difficult to find in today's frenetic world, but memories of the raw nature of the Faroe Islands are hard to forget. Also see rules and regulations regarding hiking on page 10-11.

#### **BOAT TRIPS**

No visit to the Faroe Islands is complete without a boat trip. Of course, you can simply take a scheduled ferry service to travel to a neighbouring island but why not treat yourself to a bird watching trip by boat or even an unforgettable excursion into an echoing grotto to enjoy a live music concert from the deck of your boat? Listening to the acoustics in the cave and witnessing the music reverberating around the rock walls of the grotto is quite something - indeed, unique experiences like this are what a trip to the Faroe Islands is all about. As you skim the waves in a traditional, wooden boat or even aboard a veritable old schooner, be sure to listen to the birds calling from their nests on the cliffs rising hundreds of metres above you. The ever-changing weather, shifting light, and swell of the tide will help you understand that here the sea is all-powerful, giving and taking away.

#### ROAD TRIPS

The road network on the Faroe Islands is well developed: even the smallest village boasts a decent road connection, and tunnels have helped to dramatically reduce driving times and distances between many settlements. Ferries, too, help to complete the myriad of connection possibilities, making it possible to travel across the entire island chain within just a few hours.

#### **FISHING AND ANGLING**

Fishing is what Faroese people do best, be it by boat or by the shore. You, too, can enjoy a spot of angling in the peace and quiet of the lakeside or on a fishing trip by boat. Bring your own fishing rod or hire one. See regulations regarding the use of personal fishing equipment on page 106.

#### BIRDLIFE

The Faroe Islands are teeming with birdlife. At any number of locations across the islands you can spot species such as puffin, storm petrel, gannet, merlin and eider or, indeed, any of the 300 different resident and migratory species. For more information about Birds, see page 38.

#### ADVENTURE

Abseiling down a sheer cliff face towards the churning waters of the North Atlantic below may not be everyone's idea of fun but if that does indeed float your boat, you're in the right place to give it a try. Or, how about a spot of sea kayaking, deep sea diving or even surfing in some of the wildest weather you can imagine? Alternatively, why not take to horseback to explore the unspoilt terrain the Faroe Islands have in plenty. Whatever your preference, just check with a local tourist office for availability.

#### CULTURE

The people of the Faroe Islands are inordinately proud of their culture and language. But pride in all things quintessentially Faroese also finds expression in the age-old traditions of knitting, boatbuilding, and even the construction of sturdy houses topped with a grass roof. It may be a dying tradition in other parts of Europe, but in the Faroe Islands the wearing of the national costume on special occasions is as alive today as it always has been. As you travel around the islands, you'll come across a number of folk museums that are full of moving accounts of how the Faroese people once made their living, of how life has changed over the centuries and of their traditional handicrafts. Naturally, you'll also find art galleries and other museums, local handicraft stores and churches, both old and new.

#### FESTIVALS

The variety of decent contemporary Faroese music is quite astonishing given the relatively small population of the islands. The local music scene ranges from opera and the traditional chain songs known as "kvæði", to accomplished, modern-day songsters such as Eivør and Teitur, to the intense and powerful sounds of Viking metal band, Týr. For more on Music, see page 26.

#### CITY LIFE

Tórshavn may well be one of the smallest capitals in the world but the town can more than match any settlement of its size elsewhere in Europe. All the trappings of a nation state (in all but name) are here: the Løgting or parliament, the Prime Minister's office and various government departments from foreign affairs to fishing. But a leisurely stroll around the town will soon reveal Tórshavn's more commercial face with trendy shops, stylish eateries and cafés galore. Be it handknitted, chunky, woolen sweaters, or the latest designer outfits; booksellers under a traditional turf roof or the very freshest fish sold straight off the boat, you're bound to find something to tickle your fancy. When you're done with shopping, relax and enjoy a cup of coffee and fresh pastry in one of the growing band of cafés and restaurants overlooking the marina. If you're lucky, your visit may even coincide with an alfresco music concert on the main shopping street or perhaps an exhibition of local art work in one of the town's galleries. For a town of its modest size, city life in Tórshavn is surprisingly varied and vibrant. Ask at the town's tourist office about what's on or visit www.whatson.fo.

#### EATING OUT

As befits a capital city, Tórshavn boasts a variety of different eating choices to suit every pocket. Ranging from juicy fresh fish (most likely caught a matter of hours before it's served on your plate), to tender mountain lamb, melt-in-the-mouth steaks or even traditional open sandwiches served on healthy rye bread with any variety of different toppings, the range of eating options is every bit as varied as you'd hope. Sure, there are gourmet eateries, but there's also plenty of choice for the tightest of budgets: fish and chips, pasta and pizzas, Chinese or Indian favourites, even bagels – you name it.

#### RUN

Lace up your trainers and head out for a run along enviably quiet footpaths and roads, enjoying the natural beauty that's all around, the plentiful peace and quiet and the fresh air. Or why not take part in an organised running event such as the Atlantic Airways Tórshavn Marathon, which is held at the beginning of June or the trail running festival Átjan oyggjar, which is held in sptember? If competition is your thing, it's an unmissable opportunity to run through one of the smallest capitals in the world, past green mountainsides, the craggy shores of the North Atlantic and any number of cascading waterfalls. For more on Running, see page 128-129.

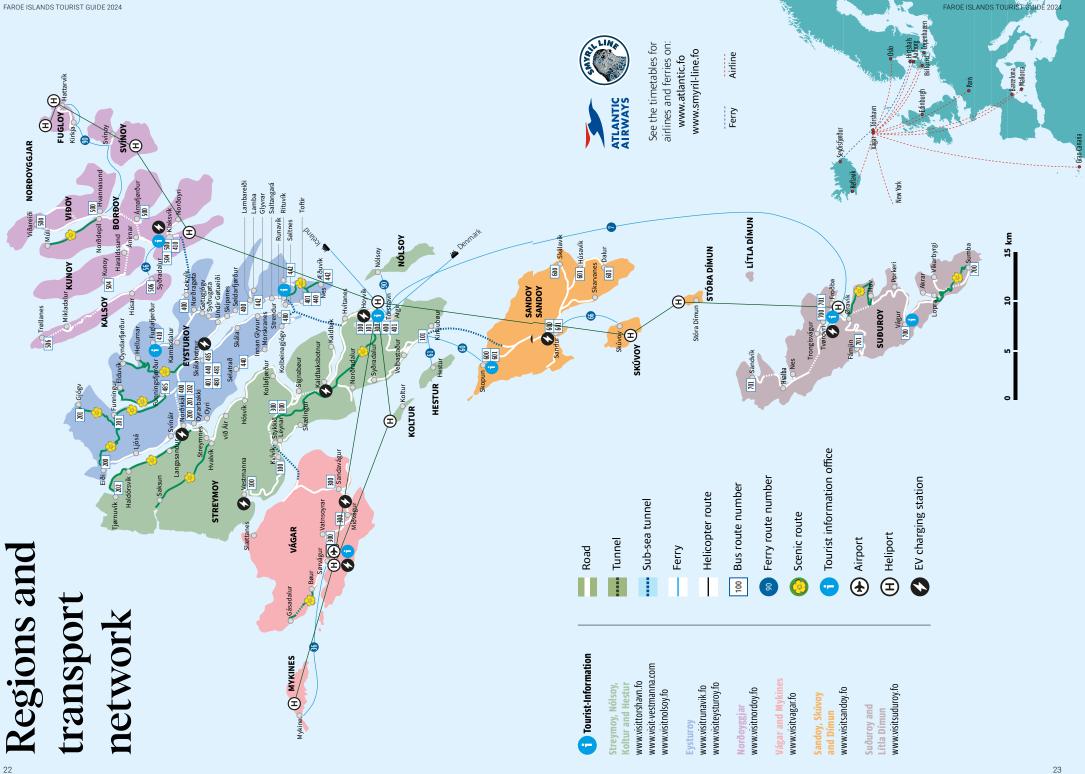
## Travel Wisely

If you are going to the Faroe Islands, you should be aware of the country's rules for travelers regarding cash, vehicles, medicine, and other matters.

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- 2 Tunnel 2 Norðoyatunnilin: Eysturoy-Borðoy
- **3** Tunnel 3 Eysturoyartunnilin: Tórshavn - Runavík/Strendur **Bunavík** – Strendur

**4** Tunnel 4 – Sandovartunnilin

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#### UNLEASHING CREATIVITY

## **Diving into Arts** and Culture

#### SOUNDS THAT TRANSCEND

The Faroese have a rich singing and storytelling tradition passed down through generations, often centred around music and dance. These roots can be found in today's vibrant music scene, which thrives with cultural events and festivals that showcase Faroese art and culture. Throughout the year in the Faroe Islands, diverse music festivals and concerts feature local and international artists, attracting enthusiasts from around the world.

In recent years, contemporary music genres have gained popularity, adding to the evolving and diverse musical tapestry of the Faroe Islands, with new artists gaining recognition both locally and internationally. One of the most renowned Faroese artists is Eivør Pálsdóttir, whose haunting vocals and captivating stage presence blend together elements of several musical genres, uniquely reflecting the rugged landscape and nature of her home country. Singer-songwriter Teitur Lassen has also garnered acclaim with his sincere lyrics and catchy tunes, as has singer-songwriter Marius Ziska with his introspective lyrics and melodic compositions and the heavy metal band Týr known for their unique blend of folk, storytelling tradition and Viking metal. In 2023, Reiley, an emerging talent in the music industry and on TikTok made waves by winning the Danish Melodi Grand Prix, becoming the first-ever Faroese contestant to achieve this feat and he went on to represent Denmark at the Eurovision Song Contest 2023.





Eivør

The dynamic Faroese music scene has also been enriched by the contributions of several talented young artists, including the highly praised Brimheim, the locally-based Swanga, RSP, Jazzygold, and Aggrasoppar. These artists have left their distinctive mark on the scene, adding to its continuous evolution

#### THE POWER AND BEAUTY OF WORDS

The Faroese literary scene is noteworthy as well. Much like the relentless and challenging nature surrounding the islands, Faroese literature is rooted in heritage but remains relevant. It has its roots in the rich oral tradition of stories, legends, and songs that have been passed down from generation to generation. Despite the geographic isolation and the absence of a standarized Faroese language written form until 1890, the narrative journey evolved from oral storytelling to literary expression.

The Faroese written language, having established itself, gave rise to diverse writers who made significant contributions to the literary scene. Notable figures in Faroese literature include Hans Andrias Djurhuus, a revered folk poet and politician known for his passionate celebration of the islands' natural beauty and cultural heritage, particularly in his beloved children's rhymes. Jørgen-Frantz Jacobsen gained recognition for his modernist masterpiece "Barbara," while William Heinesen, an accomplished writer and painter, received international acclaim for his contribution to Faroese literature and culture. Renowned author Jóanes Nielsen, often referred to as the poet of the working class, is considered one of the most skilled and highly acclaimed Faroese authors of the present time, making his mark on the Faroese literary scene and receiving several awards. Among the noteworthy names currently on the scene is poet and writer



Sólrún Michelsen, author



Kallurin on Kalsoy, where James Bond meets his fate Photo: Visit Faroe Islands

Sólrún Michelsen. She has written children's books, poetry, short stories, and novels, exploring themes that encompass everyday lives, interactions, love, costumes, ageing, and the value of life. Emerging talents like Lív Maria Róadóttir Jæger and Beinir Bergsson have garnered recognition for their poetic skills, while Marjun Syderbø Kjelnæs, a poet, playwright, and prose writer, has achieved acclaim and translations in multiple languages.

#### DYNAMIC IMAGERY AND STORYTELLING

In recent years, the film and movie scene in the Faroe Islands has undergone significant growth and achieved international recognition, marking a long-awaited development. Local initiatives such as the film workshop "Klippfisk" and prestigious movie award "Geytin", combined with increased financial support for the industry, have played a crucial role in fostering its advancement. During this time, the film industry has witnessed a remarkable display of talent. Sakaris Stórá became the first recipient of a Gevtin award for his short film "Summarnátt," while Maria Winther Olsen garnered praise as an emerging talent following the premiere of the film "Nina." Talents such as Trygvi Danielsen, Maria Tórgarð, and Andrias Høgenni have also made their mark with award-winning achievements. Additionally, in February



Trom, the first locally produced TV series. Photo: Viaplay

2022, the Faroe Islands saw the airing of "Trom," the first locally produced TV series, which premiered on ViaPlay. The Faroe Islands' picturesque nature has not only captivated tourists but has also attracted major Hollywood productions. The latest James Bond film selected the captivating and rugged landscape of the remote island of Kalsoy for its climactic finale, where Bond meets his fate. Additionally, Disney's latest adaptation of the beloved story of Peter Pan, the fantasy adventure "Peter Pan & Wendy," found parts of its enchanting backdrop at Trælanípa, Tindhólmur Islet, and various other locations across the Faroe Islands.

#### STROKES OF CREATIVITY

The art and culture scene in the Faroe Islands thrives with vibrancy and diversity, embodying the distinct identity and creative spirit of the Faroese people. The rugged landscapes, dramatic cliffs, and untamed nature of the islands have inspired many artists. Within the Faroese visual arts scene, a wide array of styles and mediums are showcased, blending traditional elements with contemporary expressions. Artists often draw inspiration from the breathtaking natural landscapes, folklore, and mythology that define the Faroe Islands. Overall, the art and culture scene in the Faroe Islands is characterized by a profound connection to nature, a fervent celebration of traditional heritage, and a growing exploration of contemporary expressions. Artists such as Sámal Joensen-Mikines and Elinborg Lützen have achieved international acclaim for their works.

Faroese visual art is now more diverse and exuberant than ever. Despite the islands' small size, there is a remarkable presence of talented artists working and exhibiting in the country. Many artists explore multiple genres and blend them creatively. Moreover, the Faroese visual art scene boasts a wealth of distinguished names, including Edward Fuglø, Hansina Iversen, Sigrun Gunnarsdóttir, Tróndur Patursson, Silja Strøm, and Rannvá Kunoy. However, the Faroese contemporary art scene remains in a state of constant evolution, with emerging talents bringing forth fresh artistic expressions that capture the essence of both the cultural and natural environments.

Hansina Iversen. Photo: Kvinna



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## Savouring Local Flavours

The Faroese culinary scene presents an enchanting fusion of traditional and contemporary elements. Although it may require some courage to explore the distinctive and local tastes, a truly exceptional and exciting dining experience is guaranteed once



you do. Despite its remote location, the Faroe Islands have gained recognition for their culinary offerings, captivating food enthusiasts with the rich flavours of local ingredients and the creativity and innovation of Faroese chefs.

#### DRINKS THAT MATTER

In recent years, there has been a notable growth and diversification in beer production, and the world has discovered the impressive range of quality Faroese beers. Føroya Bjór, one of Scandinavia's oldest breweries, along with Okkara Brewery, are two Faroese breweries that craft niche beers infused with unique ingredients like rhubarb, angelica, and various herbs. These inventive and unconventional modern twists have garnered admiration from esteemed chefs, beer enthusiasts, and beer lovers worldwide. Just a 20-minute stroll from downtown Tórshavn, you'll find Oy Brewery, a newly opened establishment featuring a beer bar, food bar, and ample seating. It's the perfect destination for those seeking exceptional beers and a distinctive experience.

Another curiosity is Faer Isles Distillery, which, since its inception as the first whisky appreciation society on the islands, has played a significant role in the production of whisky and various other high-quality spirits rooted in local botanicals and culinary traditions.





New Nordic food. Photo: Fiskastykkið, Áarstova



#### TRADITION MEETS INNOVATION

Traditional Faroese cuisine draws inspiration from the island's history, geography, and heritage. It is characterised by a strong emphasis on locally sourced ingredients, with seafood, lamb, and traditional Faroese produce taking centre stage.

Over the past few years, the culinary landscape in the Faroe Islands has witnessed a surge in forward-thinking and inventive approaches to gastronomy. Talented chefs have embraced the islands natural bounty and combined it with contemporary techniques and global inspirations. Notably, in 2017, the pioneering restaurant KOKS achieved a milestone by becoming the first establishment in the Faroe Islands to receive a prestigious Michelin star. It was awarded in recognition of KOKS' contribution to developing the unique food culture of the islands. KOKS was further honoured two years later with a second michelin star and in 2020 the Green Clover Awards recognising its efforts to promote sustainability. One unique aspect of Faroese cuisine is the practice of "ræst", which involves fermenting and preserving food using traditional methods. You'll often come across slatted, wooden sheds in local neighbourhoods, where lamb, fish, or seabirds are hung to undergo fermentation, harnessing the natural elements for a distinct flavour and aroma. In Tórshavn, you'll find the restaurant Ræst, which is dedicated to highlighting the traditional fermented Faroese cuisine. It provides a one-of-akind culinary journey by combining modern gastronomic trends and ancient food traditions of the Faroe Islands with carefully selected beverages from acknowledged and sustainable producers around the world.

Another delicacy worth exploring while visiting the islands is "skerpikjøt", a local specialty. This is mutton, which has been air-dried for several months, resulting in tender, flavoursome meat that is typically served thinly sliced on rye bread with butter.

Enjoying a slice of bread with wind-dried sheap meat (skerpikjøt). Photo: Harriet Olafsdóttir av Gørðum



The Nordic House in the Faroe Islands

#### Welcome to the Nordic House

The Nordic House is the most important cultural centre in the Faroe Islands. Here you can experience concerts, exhibitions, films, theatre, dance and literature events as well as modern Nordic architecture, which in itself is well worth the visit.

The café SYSTRAR serves homemade, ecological and healthy food.

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#### OPENING HOURS

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## Weaving Tradition with Modern Trends



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Wool production and knitwear play a significant role in Faroese fashion, most likely due to the abundance of sheep. The Faroese sheep are well adapted to the rugged landscape and harsh climate, producing high-quality wool known for its warmth and durability. In the Faroe Islands, wool is widely used and commonly employed in creating traditional Faroese knitwear, such as jumpers, scarves, hats, and blankets.

The intricate patterns and designs found in Faroese knitwear often reflect elements of the local nature and cultural heritage. The Faroese yarn company, Navia, specialises in blending Faroese wool with other varieties to create exceptional yarns, producing highly prized wool renowned for its softness, warmth, and durability. They also offer knitting patterns and publications to showcase the beauty and versatility of their products.

Knitting is a traditional craft that has persisted for centuries and remains a widespread and well-practised skill among the Faroese. There is also a rich heritage of textile arts and crafts among the people. Weaving, embroidery, and other forms of textile work have been part of Faroese culture for generations. Today these skills are preserved and mainly passed down through workshops, craft societies, and educational institutions, contributing to the overall creative scene in the islands. They find their true essence during special occasions like the traditional chain dance, the national holiday of ólavsøka (St. Olaf's Wake), weddings, and other festivities when the traditional dress known as "føroysk klæðir" is proudly worn.

#### A TIMELESS EXPRESSION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

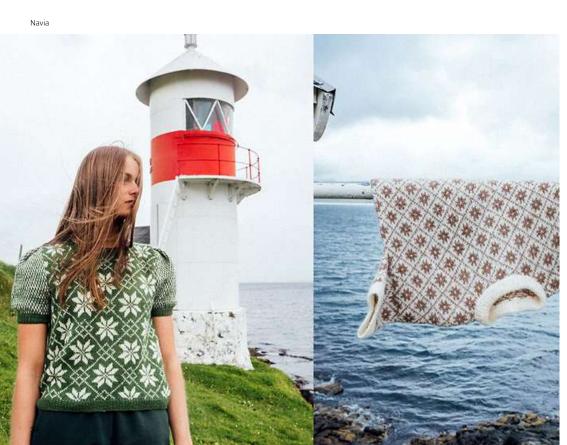
The components of the Faroese national dress are meticulously handcrafted, using the finest materials and real silver. Each piece is custom-made to fit the wearer and has the potential to be cherished and passed down through multiple generations. Recently, there has been a notable increase in enthusiasm for the Faroese national dress. People are actively seeking and collecting items to complete the traditional outfits. Moreover, women are demonstrating growing creativity by incorporating their own design elements into their versions of the national dress.

#### INNOVATIONS IN THE BACKYARD

While the fashion design industry in the Faroe Islands may be relatively small compared to larger fashion capitals, it is characterised by a unique blend of tradition, nature, and contemporary flair. One of the most recognised local fashion brands is the sustainable and ethically conscious Guðrun & Guðrun, known for its timeless and high-quality

Marjun Heimá











knitwear collections that incorporate traditional Faroese knitting techniques and local wool.

The commitment to sustainability, craftsmanship, and creative expression makes Faroese fashion design an exciting and distinctive presence in the global fashion landscape. The market features a range of local designers who prioritise durability and utilise local resources in their creations. For instance, EINSTAKT offers thoughtful creations and hand knitted garments made by local Faroese women. Fosaa makes bags and jewellery made from salmon, seal, and sheepskin. Guðrið Poulsen specialises in ceramic products, while Silvursnið crafts handmade jewellery, and designers like Rebekka á Fjallinum, Shisa Brand, and Steinum excel in creating exquisite jumpers. These are just a few examples of the diverse array of talented designers available in the local market.

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Tjaldur (the Oystercatcher), the Faroese national bird, comes to the Faroe Islands in early March. Photo: Faroephoto

## Birds in the Faroe Islands

The species of birds that can be seen in the Faroe Islands vary from season to season. Many can be observed all year round, though.

The gannet only breeds on the island of Mykines. Photo: Rannvá Joensen





Contrary to what you might believe, the isolated location of the Faroe Islands provides the perfect conditions for a rich and varied birdlife. Hundreds of thousands of birds arrive in the Faroe Islands every summer to breed. As of 1 January 2012, 305 bird species have been catalogued in the Faroe Islands. Of these, about 50 species breed regularly in the islands, while a further 60 species are frequent visitors.

#### EQUIPMENT FOR BIRD WATCHING

For an optimal experience, binoculars with at least 7-10 times magnification are recommended. If you would like to observe seabirds from a landbased position, a larger size telescope is preferable. A telescope allows for the observation of breeding birds for extended periods without disturbing them.

#### **RESPECT NATURE**

When walking in the countryside, it is necessary to follow a strict set of guidelines. If a bird constantly gives a warning call and flies or dives over your head, it means that you are close to its nest. If you spot chicks away from any visible nest and with no adult birds nearby, leave the chicks alone, as this is



Read the brochure 'Birds of the Faroe Islands' for a wealth of useful information about bird species, breeding times, when and where the birds can be seen and much more perfectly normal. Leave the area, and observe the birds at a suitable distance.

Avoid walking on cultivated land, and always ask local residents for permission to walk in the outfield, where the islands' rich birdlife can be experienced. Always show consideration for birds and animals, and, of course, never drop litter.

#### RAMSAR SITES

The Faroese government has selected three Ramsar sites in the Faroe Islands. Ramsar is an international agreement, established to protect areas that are especially important for birdlife and biodiversity, both on a national and international level. The areas selected as Ramsar sites in the Faroes are the islands of Mykines, Skúvoy and Nólsoy.

#### OYSTERCATCHER

The oystercatcher is the national bird of the Faroe Islands. This eye-catching, black and white bird with its distinctive red bill is likely to be observed in uninhabited areas. It brings great joy to many Faroese people when the first oystercatchers of the year are seen and, perhaps more so, heard. On 12 March, the people of the Faroe Islands celebrate Grækarismessa, which means that the oystercatcher has arrived, and summer is just around the corner.

The world's largest colony of the European storm-petrel breeds on Nólsoy. In the picture above, a bird is ringed and measured



## The Language and the Dance

The Faroese language traces its roots back to the Old Norse of the Vikings.

The traditional Faroese dance is chain dancing. Photo: Finnur Justinussen



The Vikings, who came mainly from Norway, sailed westwards looking for new land and reached the coasts of Scotland, Shetland, Orkney, the Hebrides, the Faroes and Iceland. In due course, the various countries developed their own culture and Old Norse split into different dialects, dying out completely in mainland Scotland and the Scottish islands.

#### SURVIVAL OF THE LANGUAGE

The Faroese language was for a long time threatened with extinction. After the reformation, Danish became the language of the church as well as the written language. Initial research into the Faroese language in the 18th century revealed the existence of an overwhelming collection of old words and sayings, established turns of phrase, and legends and ballads. The ancient and heroic ballads alone numbered 70,000 verses, all of which had been handed down orally from generation to generation.

#### IMPORTANCE OF THE CHAIN DANCE

How could this be, in a population that for hundreds of years had numbered between 4,000 and 5,000 people? An important part of the answer lies in the renowned Faroese dance, for which it is necessary to learn and remember a long story. This dance is a direct continuation of the medieval ring dance that began in France and spread throughout Europe. The ring dance went out of fashion or was forbidden by the authorities, but lived on in the Faroe Islands.

#### **CULTURAL PRIDE**

The special features of the Faroese dance are the song and story. There is no instrumental accompaniment. While a single or a few singers lead the song, the others take part with their dance steps and by singing the refrain after each verse. The dance steps are always the same, if the story is a sad one, the steps are soft; if dramatic, the feet stamp hard. If it is a ballad that makes fun of something, the rhythm is full of bounce and light. It is a dance where many take part, faces pass by one another; the dancers face inwards and it can be difficult to appreciate from the outside. You have to participate and when it is at its best, the chain fuses together and you feel a part of something much bigger.

The collection and documentation of the enormous amount of oral material formed the foundation for the preservation of the language. The establishment of the written language in the middle of the 19th century created the basis for the renewal that has taken place. While other languages disappear, the Faroese language is developing and is today the pride of the nation.

#### **TRY FAROESE DANCING**

Traditional Faroese dance organisations exist in the Faroe Islands and tourists are able to watch or participate in traditional Faroese dance. Contact tourist information or dance organisations directly for more information. The website of the national dance federation, 'Sláið Ring', is www.sr.fo.

The art installation in the Eysturoy sub-sea tunnel Photo: Faroephoto



## The Special Nature

The Faroe Islands are built up of layers of volcanic basalt and appear tilted with the eastern shores sloping into the sea and the western coasts rising up in soaring cliffs.

The sea stacks the Giant and the Hag at the northern part of Eysturoy. Photo: Saviour Mifsud



Colourful towns and villages lie along the shores of the fjords and sounds, with a green belt of cultivated pastureland beyond them. Above this, the mountains rise with their green, sloping fells divided by dark, stony crags, which give the mountains their layered look. The craggy protrusions are the vestiges of enormous layers of basalt laid down by gigantic volcanoes in the tertiary period some 60 million years ago. Each basalt layer represents one or more volcanic events. In between the basalt layers are bands of red tuff, which is the compressed ash, spewed out by the volcanoes between eruptions. Tuff is softer than basalt and erodes more quickly. The basalt layers gradually erode and eventually crumble down on to the layer below.

#### WINTER'S DARK NIGHTS

The western and northern coasts are the shoulders of the country and face the mighty power of the sea when a storm breaks out. The sea rushes in, roaring and rumbling, unleashing its full power against the cliffs. Land and sea wage an endless battle that continues throughout the long, dark nights of winter, year after year, century after century.

#### LONG LIGHT SUMMER DAYS

Eventually the soft light of summer returns and all is peaceful once again. The long summer days teem with seabirds flocking to the soaring cliffs. Ornithologists have identified around 300 species of bird in the Faroe Islands, of which 40 are regular breeding birds and another 40 are infrequent guests. Now and again a seal pokes its dark and shiny head up out of the water to see what is happening.

#### FAROE ISLANDS UNIQUE FLORA

Of course, there are days when the fog envelops everything and all you can see is the closest surroundings. It is now that the flowers come into their own, undisturbed by what is around them, they stand and nod to the attentive observer. There is the marsh marigold – the Faroese nation-



Stunning view of Funningur fjord and of nearby mountains on Eysturoy. Photo: Getty Images

al flower. Notice the heather flowers, the scotch heather and the bell heather or the moss campion. What about all the saxifrage flowers, ragged robin and the spotted orchid which in its day, together with the vigorous rose root, was regarded as nature's own viagra? Or the Faroese lady's mantle that grows nowhere else in the world or the glacier buttercup only found up on the highest mountains?

#### STILLNESS AND NATURE'S OWN SOUNDS

In the mountains you feel a sense of independence and freedom. Time rewinds, nature's time and a silence reigns punctuated only by nature's own sounds such as running water over stones or tufts of grass, the sea or birdsong. Take pleasure in just 'being' and you will discover that the natural wonders of the Faroe Islands cannot be measured in size or distance, but by their eternal essence.

## LGBT Travellers to the Faroe Islands

Given the Faroe Islands' remoteness, one might expect the Faroese to be less aware of LGBT issues than their Nordic neighbours. However, the islands are home to a powerful LGBT movement that has driven a sea of change in attitudes towards homosexuality and other LGBT+ issues in recent years.

Following years of public activism, laws were introduced in 2006 that banned hate-speech based on sexual orientation. Since that time, life has vastly improved for LGBT citizens in the Faroe Islands.

Same-sex marriage became legal in the Faroe Islands in July '17. Nevertheless, the Protestant state church is not obliged to take part in samesex marriage ceremonies unless it expressly opts to do so. New regulations and public guidelines to improve the lives of transgendered people in the Faroe Islands have also been introduced, and a bill that would make it easier for a transgendered person to legally change their sex without invasive surgery and castration, has also been introduced to parliament but has yet to be passed.



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However, despite the recent change in the law, LGBT citizens still do not enjoy full equal rights in the Faroe Islands. The national LGBT organization, LGBT Føroyar, is therefore currently focusing on improving LGBT life and rights when it comes to parental rights, anti-discrimination, and better transgender treatments and rights.

#### PRIDE CELEBRATIONS

Public support for the local LGBT movement is most evident at Faroe Pride, which always takes place on 27 July, the day before the national holiday, Ólavsøka. Around 10% of the population take part in the annual parade. The parade is a lively community-building event and is followed by a free concert featuring the biggest names in music from the Faroe Islands. There is also an annual Faroe Islands Minority Film Festival that usually takes places in the autumn.

#### NIGHTLIFE

Anyone, regardless of their sexuality or gender preference, is welcome to enjoy the club and bar scene in the Faroe Islands. Although there are no exclusively LGBT bars or clubs in the Faroe Islands, the hip and trendy nightclub-cum-bar, Sirkus Føroyar in Tórshavn, is a popular gay-friendly venue and occasionally hosts LGBT events as well as the annual Pride after-party.

## World's first undersea roundabout

Did you know that the Faroes Islands can now boast the only underwater roundabout anywhere in the world? Yeah, you read that correctly – we're not joking!

Located deep under the North Atlantic between Tórshavn and the island of Eysturoy, immediately to the east, the roundabout is also a unique piece of art in its own right and has to be seen – and heard – to be believed. The roundabout is located in our latest sub-sea tunnel which opened in December 2020. Not only has the tunnel drastically cut journey times across the islands, but it's also provided two of our local artists with the opportunity of a lifetime to create something totally out of the ordinary, some might even say other-worldly.

#### THREE-IN-ONE TUNNEL

The new Eysturoy tunnel is actually three tunnelsin-one, linking Tórshavn with both sides of Skálafjørður fjord over on Eysturoy. So, when you drive through the tunnel and reach the roundabout, deep beneath the sea, you simply drive around it, as you would anywhere else, and select your destination.

#### DOME-SHAPED JELLYFISH

But this is no ordinary roundabout, of course! It's been designed to look like a giant dome-shaped jellyfish – indeed, the aquamarine lighting and the presence of life-size dancing figures certainly gives the whole structure a striking appearance. Renowned Faroese artist, Tróndur Patursson, has



The unique roundabout with its sumptuous light decoration. Photo: Faroephoto

drawn inspiration for the installation from the traditional Faroese chain dance, where people held hands and danced in a ring, to suggest strength through togetherness as people dance into the light.

#### THE UNIQUE SOUND OF THE TUNNEL

Driving through the tunnel, tune into 97FM on your car radio and you'll hear a unique piece of ambient music, specially composed by musician, Jens L. Thomsen, using sounds from the tunnel's construction. The music perfectly complements your journey through the tunnel, the biggest infrastructure project ever undertaken in the Faroe Islands at over 11km in length.

And it doesn't stop there. Work is currently well underway on another tunnel which will link Tórshavn to the southern island of Sandoy. Roughly the same length as the Eysturoy tunnel, completion of the new Sandoy tunnel is due in 2023.

## Streymoy - Southern Part & the Capital Tórshavn

It began with a Viking "thing" or Parliament. Next came a market, then it developed into a thriving small town. Today, Tórshavn is one of the smallest and most engaging capital cities in the world.

Tinganes, the oldest district in the capital of the Faroe Islands, Tórshavn. Photo: Getty Images



#### HISTORY

Proudly named by the Vikings, the capital bears the moniker of the Nordic god of war. Thor, Tórshavn is located in the middle of the Faroe Islands and, over the centuries, the 'løgting' or Parliament here, together with the surrounding guays and docks, have been the lifeblood of the town. However, exposed to countless seaborne attacks by marauding pirates, it took several centuries for the town's population to grow beyond a few hundred and for the development of anything that could be described as a capital city. Today, though, Tórshavn has come of age and is proudly crowned by its cathedral, Havnar Kirkja. It's in the area around the cathedral that you'll find the narrow alleys of the Old Town, which meander between old. black, tarred houses with white window frames and traditional grass roofs.

#### DOWNTOWN

One of the most special locations in town is the harbourfront at Vágsbotnur with its picture-postcard-perfect old warehouses, painted in a melée of bright summer colours, and slew of agreeable cafés, restaurants and pubs. When the sun is shining, there can be no finer place to enjoy a cup of your favourite freshly brewed coffee, and why not a Danish pastry or two, overlooking the marina – and if it starts to turn chilly, just wrap a warm blanket around your knees for that real sense of "hygge" the Scandinavian nations are so famous for. When the nibbles strike, there's no shortage of choices to tempt you: you'll find everything from top-quality steaks and freshly prepared Japanese sushi to superb gourmet dishes with Faroese ingredients and some of the freshest fish you will ever taste, all within easy walking distance. Or, if you prefer, why not buy fish straight from the fishermen who tie up their boats alongside the market stalls down on the quayside? In season, you'll also find home grown potatoes, root vegetables and rhubarb. A stone's

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Tróndargøta in Tórshavn. Photo: Faroephoto

throw from the harbourside, Tórshavn's main shopping street is lined with a selection of fashionable boutiques and more traditional stores, selling seemingly everything from the latest Faroese fashion labels from up-and-coming designers to the latest outdoor weather gear. Faroese knitting is known for its bright and cheery patterns – why not see what appeals – you'll find the best selection right here in the centre of Tórshavn.

#### UPTOWN

From the eastern part of the harbour, Eystara Bryggja, it's an easy stroll into the town centre where you'll find most of Tórshavn's attractions and sights. First off, you'll come to the intimate web of narrow lanes and alleyways that make up the oldest and most atmospheric part of town, Undir Ryggi. Here you'll find traditonal old wooden houses with turf roofs, nestling eave to eave, perched on a small hillside beside the harbour. Sooner or later your wanderings will bring you to Vaglið square, home to one of the capital's oldest stores, the atmospheric bookshop, HN Jacobsens bókahandil, the Faroese Parliament, 'Løgting' and the city council. The main pedestrian shopping street begins here with its collection of shops, cafés, bank and library. Heading a little further out of town, you'll soon cross a pretty, little stream known as Havnará, which meanders its way through a delightful, small park, where the National Art Gallery is located. Close by, you'll see the Faroe Islands' main football stadium and the

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family-friendly indoor swimming pool, which has a waterslide, sauna and spa, too. Beyond the pool, up on the hillside overlooking Tórshavn, you'll come across the stylish Nordic House, a cultural centre and venue for theatre productions, concerts, exhibitions, meetings and all manner of social gatherings. The building was designed to blend effortlessly into the natural surroundings, and, as you would expect, sports a turf roof and all the exterior construction materials were sourced in the Nordic countries. However, if shopping is more your bag, the islands' biggest and best shopping centre is within easy reach; at the SMS centre you'll find everything your heart can desire.

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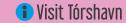


#### Think mash-up.

Think grazing sheep outside the shopping centre. Think DJ-sets inside, while sea shanties are sung outside. Think medieval costumes with the latest smartphones in their pockets. Think small island life and city life in the same sphere. Think modern architecture with a turf roof. Think fusion cooking in a 300-year-old house. Think internet everywhere and Big Brother nowhere. Think mash-up. Not made-up. Welcome to Tórshavn.



TÓRSHAVNAR KOMMUNA





The marina in Tórshavn. Photo: Getty Images

#### ALONG THE WATERFRONT

Beyond the old town, you'll see Tórshavn's commercial harbour from where domestic ferries depart for the islands of Nólsoy, just off the capital, and Suðuroy, a good two hour journey to the south. An international ferry service sailing to both lceland and Denmark also operates from here. Close to the harbour entrance, you'll see the old star-shaped fortress where canons were placed to try to ward off pirates, although not always with great success. The two full-sized canons that were used during the Second World War are still on view at the fort.

Following the coast road north, you'll come to the gently-sloping valley of Hoydalar and the old farm of Hoyvík, part of the National Museum, situated a few hundred metres away. In the main museum, make sure to see the Faroe Islands' greatest treasure – the intricately-carved Kirkjubøur pewends, which date from the early 1400s and portray, among others, 10 af the 12 apostles. Quite amazingly, they are in a perfect state of preservation.

#### AROUND THE MARINA AND THE SHIPYARD

On the other side of the bay is the island's first factory, Öström, which once produced copious amounts of fish oil. There are two other notable buildings, here: Müllers Warehouse and the Leaning Warehouse, with its recently opened restaurant. Today the old factory houses, amongst other things, the graphic workshop, Steinprent, which puts on various exhibitions of its latest works and the shop, Öström, where you can find contemporary Faroese design. Repairs to smaller ships and boats are made in the shipyard just alongside, where a number of local artists also have workshops in one of the buildings. A little further on, beyond the hospital, you'll find delightful Sandagerð bay with its old rectory. Despite the rather chilly temperature of the sea, local people take the plunge here nearly every day – even during the winter. If you follow the river up to the bridge and the old spinning mill, you'll soon come to the Faroese Aquarium, where you can meet some of the real inhabitants of the sea

#### THINGS TO DO FOR FREE

The pure air and fresh water of the Faroe Islands are, of course, free for the taking. The fitness craze has also hit the Faroe Islands and around the clock you'll meet joggers on the track of the new athletic stadium or on the tracks in Hoydalur. Dotted around town, look out for fitness equipment that's free to use to tone up those muscles. If you're interested in art, why not get a map from the tourist office of Tórshavn's many sculptures and statues, mostly created by Faroese artists? Be sure to check out, too, the Viking sundial carved into the flat rocks at the tip of the Tinganes peninsula, close to the offices of the Prime Minister.



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The only boutique hotel in The Faroe Islands is situated on the shore, Yviri við Strond, a stone's throw from the historic fort Skansin and within easy walking distance to the town centre and the old part of Tórshavn.





If meditation is more your thing, head over to the peaceful surrounds of the old gravevard or find a quiet spot in the town park, Viðarlundin, and listen to the birds singing and the gentle trickling of the stream, Havnará.

#### ÓLAVSØKA - NATIONAL FESTIVAL

The annual Faroe Islands' national celebration is held on July 28 & 29 in honour of King Olav the Holy of Norway. Christianity was introduced to the islands around the year 1000 and it was during his reign that the new religion took root. Ólavsøka is the biggest and most eagerly-awaited event of the year, which draws thousands of people to the capital to take part in the festivities. For more on ólavsøka see page 62.

The Voxbotn music festival in Tórshavn. Photo: Sansir





Culture Night, a family occasion for children and adults. Photo: Earoenhoto

#### MUSIC SCENE

In terms of population size, the Faroe Islands may well be one of Europe's smallest nations, but the islands' music scene is surprisingly diverse, offering everything from folk and rock, to the traditional chain dance and even opera. Check out the bars and pubs in Tórshavn during your stay for live music gigs featuring local musicians – there's usually something going on to make a fun evening out. Be sure to end the evening, though, at one of the capital's busy clubs where you can dance the night away into the wee small hours. Throughout the summer months, any number of impromptu musicians take to the main pedestrian street in town to busk and entertain passers-by. Ask at the tourist office about the range of summer concerts which takes place across the islands, featuring not only local artists, such as Eivør and Teitur, but an impressive list of big international names too.

#### CULTURE NIGHT

The annual Culture Night, held on the first Friday in June, is a great time to be in Tórshavn. The town is bursting with life as people flood into town to visit any number of exhibitions and events. It's a real family occasion where children and adults alike can take part in a wide variety of activities which showcase the varied cultural life of the capital.

It's Open House at the town's businesses and public institutions everyone is welcome to have a look around establishments that are normally closed to the public. There's music and all kind of events seemingly wherever you look and the town's museums and shops are open until late into the evening. Naturally, restaurants and cafés also stay open late so there's no shortage of places to find something good to eat or drink, though, naturally, it pays to book a table in advance when there are so many people in town.



Tórshavn Marathon 2023. Photo: Faroephoto

#### TÓRSHAVN MARATHON

The Tórshavn Marathon takes place on 9 june 2024. Runners compete over a series of both long and short distance past some of the most eye-catching backdrops an international running event can offer. With a half or whole marathon plus a fun run, there is plenty to attract both young and old, novice or experienced.

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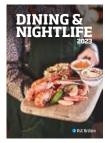
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#### **CITY CENTER**

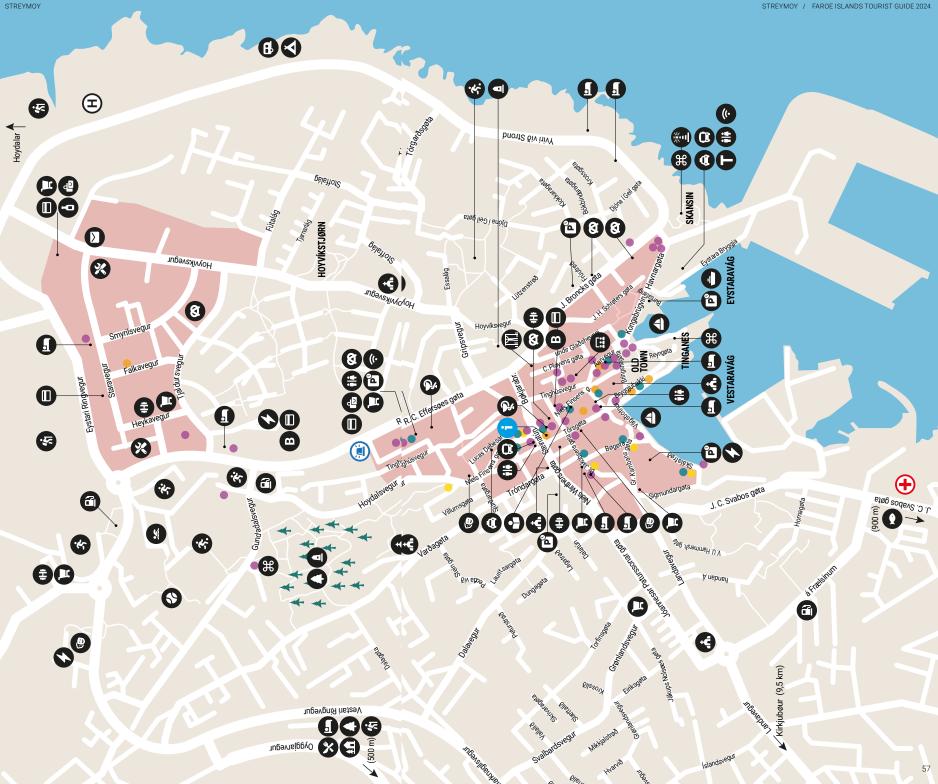
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See also "DINING & NIGHTLIFE" for information about restaurants, cafés and bars in Tórshavn. Available at Visit Tórshavn.

#### Shopping area

- 1 The Nordic House
- 2 Viewpoint
- 3 Skansin, old fort
- 4 National Art Gallery
- 5 Viðarlundin, public park
- 6 Tinganes, government



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#### KIRKJUBØUR

During the Middle Ages, Kirkjubøur was the ecclesiastical and cultural centre of the Faroe Islands. The bishop's residence was located here until the Reformation, when the Faroese diocese was abolished. Today, the site is still dominated by the imposing ruins of the Saint Magnus Cathedral.

#### On foot to kirkjubøur

The prettiest way to Kirkjubøur from Tórshavn is the relatively easy 2hr walk along the path over the mountain; pointed cairns mark the route. Along the way there are arresting views of several other islands including Koltur, Hestur, Vágar and Sandoy, and in good weather, you can see all the way over to Skúvoy and even Suðuroy. On the trail you will pass Reynsmúlalág, a natural amphitheatre in the landscape. Public meetings have been held here since 1850, as the acoustics are particularly good.

#### **Cultural centre**

During the Middle Ages, Kirkjubøur was the ecclesiastical and cultural centre of the Faroe Islands. It was here that the bishop lived and had a cathedral built. Today the cathedral ruins, known as Múrurin, the parish church and the most significant of the islands' prestigious King's farms dominate the village. The farmhouse is built in part of the former diocese; during the Reformation it later lost all its possessions to the crown. The original village of Kirkjubøur is said to have been located on a plain that once stretched from the farm out to a tiny islet. Legend has it that most of the plain disappeared in a storm and today there are just a few ruins left. Today's black painted houses with red windows are safely situated further inland below the mountain.

#### The ruins

The Gothic Saint Magnus Cathedral, better known as Múrurin, is reputed to have been one of the finest churches in the Nordic countries when it was completed around the period 1330-40. Research indicates that it was dismantled around 1560 when the diocese ceased to exist following the Reformation. The exquisitely beautiful pewends, which are reputed to have come from Bergen in Norway in 15th century and used in the cathedral choir as priests' chairs, can be seen in the National Museum in Tórshavn. Also on display is a beautiful picture of the Madonna from 14th century, originally painted but now presented in wood and a figure of Christ, dating from before 1100, and considered to be one of the first in Scandinavia.

St. Magnus Cathedral Ruins, also known as The Wall, in Kirkjubøur. Photo: Saviour Mifsud



#### St Olav's Church

The present parish church in Kirkjubøur was built in 1111 and is the only church dating from the Middle Ages still in use in the islands. Be sure to look for the curious hole in the east wall, through which lepers from nearby Argir could listen to the sermon inside.

Today, the church with its halfmetre thick walls is a harmonious mix of old and new, featuring an impressive altarpiece painting by the Faroese artist, Samuel Joensen Mikines. Its vibrant colours make quite a striking sight against the white chalk interior walls.

The church is open daily from 8am-8pm with services on the first Sunday of each month.

#### Roykstovan

The King's farm stands atop the 2m wide foundation walls of the original diocese. The farm is one of the oldest inhabited wooden houses in Europe, as the oldest part, Stokkastovan and Roykstovan, in particular, dates from before 1350. The tradition has it that Rovkstovan came ready-made from Norway. Or rather, it was disassembled in Norway, the parts sent by ship to the Faroe Islands, where it was then reassembled on top of the not quite fitting stone foundation. The carvings are from modern times. The locked room in the attic – up the small staircase – was the study of the former bishops. The farm is inhabited by the King's farm family Patursson, the 17th



Roykstovan, the farm is one of the oldest inhabited wooden houses in Europe. Photo: Kazim Ghafoor

generation of the same family. Roykstovan is open for visitors on Mondays to Saturdays between 10am-5pm and Sundays between 2-5pm.

Legend has it that King Sverre of Norway (reign 1177-1202) was born in Kirkjubøur after his mother, Gunnhild, fled from Norway. She got work in the diocese and hid the newborn in a little cave in the mountain, it's location marked with a red cross. Historically, it is fairly certain that Sverre grew up in the Faroe Islands.



Communal sea swimming is practiced several times a week in Nólsoy year round. Photo: Klara Johannesen

#### NÓLSOY

So close to the capital and yet a world away. That's what most people appreciate after making the easy 20-minute trip onboard the ferry from Tórshavn to the little island of Nólsoy, situated just opposite the capital. It is almost as if time has stood still here - there are not really any roads to speak off, just the amazing natural scenery of coasts and cliffs. Nólsoy lends itself to both a short trip of a few hours, tagged on to a visit from Tórshavn, and a longer overnight stay, which gives the opportunity to properly explore the island. The tourist office, Visit Nólsoy, is situated down by the harbour. Here you can book guided trips around the island, obtain permission to see the old wooden church and visit the local museum 'Við Brunn'. In the basement here you'll find the small wooden rowing boat, 'Diana Victoria', which was used by the island's hero, Ove Joensen, in 1986 to row the 900 sea miles from Nólsoy to Copenhagen in order to kiss the Little Mermaid.

Ruins of the old village that was abandoned in the 17th century can be seen on the way out to the mountain. Folk stories tell of a Scottish princess who fled to the Faroe Islands with her lover and settled down here.

#### Cozy atmosphere

The village has a colorful and cozy atmosphere with a small sandy beach, Malarendi, and works of art on the boathouse doors by the water. If you visit the island in mid-August, you can experience the festive Ovastevna – with e.g. fun activities for children, joint swimming in the sea, concerts, dancing, regatta and good food. At the main street is the grocery store with a post office and right next door is Heimavirki, where the locals sell hand-knitted sweaters, rhubarb, pickled angelica and other gift items in the summer months. There is also the opportunity to come in to a Faroese family home and dine.



#### Experience the world's largest colony of Storm Petrels

Whilst on Nólsoy, why not pay a visit to the local taxidermist and ornithologist, Jens Kjeld Jensen. Besides stuffed puffins, gannets and hares, a visit to his workshop will reveal one of Europe's largest private collections of bird lice. Through the guest-house you can also book onto a nighttime tour (Jun-Aug) to the island's east coast, home to the world's largest colony of night bird, the tiny storm petrel. You can sit here in the twilight and witness the birds' return to their burrows after spending the day at sea in search of food.

#### Hike to the lighthouse on Borðan

The hike from the village out to the lighthouse at the island's southern tip is a relatively easy walk of 5-6 hours there and back. At the lighthouse there are fantastic seascapes to take in as well as large numbers of birds to spot. The lighthouse and lighthouse keeper's accommodation is constructed of carved rock and was completed in 1893. The lens, whose light can be seen 16 sea miles away, weighs 4 tons, is 2.82 metres in diameter, rests on a bearing of quicksilver and is the world's largest lens apparatus. Before automation, 30 people, including 10 children, once lived out at the lighthouse, and the tiny settlement even had its own landing stage. At the southern end of the headland is a little direction light, which can be seen from Tórshavn

#### HESTUR

Located midway along Hestur's eastern shore, the eponymous village offers a chance to get off the beaten track and discover life as it used to be. From the village two walking paths lead up to the island's unusually flat mountaintop, dotted with several small tarns. From here it is possible to look down into the dramatic gorge Álvagjógv that cuts deep into the island, whilst also enjoying the views of the sheer bird cliffs of the west coast. Ask the nearest tourist office for advice if you plan to hike to the top of Eggjarók or Múlin, the island's highest points, from where you'll be rewarded with a breathtaking view over to the neighbouring island of Koltur.

#### Sea cave concerts

In contrast to Hestur's verdant east coast, the western coastline is composed of a craggy line of dramatic bird cliffs, home to thousands of breeding sea birds, which rise precipitously out of the ocean in a seemingly endless display of peculiar rock formations, including a number of grotto-like sea caves that slice deep into the coastline. During the summer months, boat tours are arranged from Tórshavn, where you can experience a musical concert deep inside the sea cave – the acoustics have to be heard to be believed.

Old house in Hestur. Photo: Faroephoto





The small sandy beach and the old dwelling Heimi í Húsi situated on the island of Koltur. Photo: Faroephoto

#### KOLTUR

Whilst you may be tempted to jump into the sea from the sublime white sandy beach on Koltur, you may have second thoughts when you learn the temperature of the water! Instead, satisfy yourself with the sterling views of neighbouring Streymoy from the shoreline or, more energetically, take the steep hike up the grasscovered southern slopes of Kolturshamar that rises 478 metres above the farmstead, which is the island's only inhabited settlement. There's a lovely view across to the nearby islands from the little platform at the top; the sheer-sided outline of Kolturshamar is instantly recognisable, and a favourite with Faroese artists.

#### **Cultural heritage**

The Faroe's third smallest island is a compact natural and cultural history experience all rolled into one. Isolation has in many ways spared Koltur from the unrelenting tide of modernity, allowing the island to wear its rich cultural heritage with pride. With finance from the Mærsk Foundation, amongst others, some of the old buildings of the abandoned farmstead Heimi í Húsi have been restored. Here, within the ancient stonewalls, you can explore the once well-tended and cultivated area where farmers once grew their grain. A visit to Koltur is a chance to step back in time and see how people used to live on the very edge of the civilised world.

The tourist office in Tórshavn can advise on day trips to Koltur. Bear in mind that landing on the island is extremely weather-dependent.



#### ÓLAVSØKA, CULTURE AND MUSIC

Ólavsøka is the Faroe Islands national celebration, held over two days in late July every year, in honour of King Olav the Holy, who died on this day in 1030 at Stiklestad in Norway.

#### National festival

The Faroe Islands' national celebration is held on July 28 & 29 in honour of King Olav the Holy of Norway. Christianity was introduced to the islands around the year 1000 and it was during his reign that it was embraced by the entire population. July 29 is also the day when the Faroese parliament, Løgtingið, which can trace its history back to Viking times, assembles after the summer recess. People fill the streets, proudly dressed in national costume, and Tórshavn is abuzz with all manner of events and activities for both young and old.

#### Parade and rowing regatta

The festivities kick off on July 28 with a parade through town followed by a rowing regatta featuring traditional-style, long, open boats. Following a

series of short-distance races within the confines of Tórshavn harbour, the winners of the national rowing championships are duly announced. Spectators cram onto the quayside to watch the regatta and cheer their local favourites over the finishing line.

#### Streetlife

The Ólavsøka parade on July 28th.

Photo: Faroephoto

It's quite a sight to see so many people in Tórshavn dressed in their national costume, simply enjoying the spectacle of the occasion. It's a perfect opportunity to take a casual stroll around town and catch up with neighbours, friends or relatives and hear the latest news and gossip. The streets are jam-packed day and night and pushing through the crowds can take quite some effort! In recent years, the national costume has become quite the fashion commodity, where age-old colours and styles have been given a thoroughly modern makeover.

#### Opening of Parliament

July 29 sees the official opening of parliament which starts with a church service attended by the Prime Minister and officials. Later, priests and politicians parade together from the cathedral to the parliament itself. On the green in front of the parliament building a choir performs before the Prime Minister gives his opening speech of the parliamentary year, eagerly anticipated by the gathered crowds of onlookers.

#### Song and chain dance

In the light summer's evening, thousands of people gather in town to sing together – it's quite a sight and sound. Afterwards, they dance the characteristic chain dance as they sing ballads about heroes and sagas. The dance steps are simple and everyone is encouraged to join in. Ólavsøka always features a packed programme of events including art exhibitions, a children's fairground, sporting fixtures, musical concerts and, of course, good food. The celebrations are held in high spirits and, naturally, in the hope of good weather.

#### **CHRISTMAS IN TÓRSHAVN**

If you are looking for a different holiday experience, then Christmas is the perfect time to be in Tórshavn. The town is decorated with thousands of lights, and there's even a skating rink and a little Christmas village, too.

#### Vaglið

In Tórshavn, Christmas begins in earnest on the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent. It is the day we turn on the town's Christmas lights and also the day that Father Christmas comes to turn on the lights of the huge Christmas tree that stands at Vaglið in the centre of town. Hundreds of people gather here in the twilight to witness the special occasion. Even though there may not be snow, it can be cold, and the adults keep warm by drinking hot chocolate from a stall in the Christmas market in the square. The children wait with great excitement for the sound of the shiny red fire engine's siren that heralds the coming of Father Christmas. When he arrives he goes up the ladder, and as the children shout the magic words, the tree lights turn on and the whole town is lit up.

#### **Christmas market**

After the tree lights have been turned on, we feel we can really begin to celebrate Christmas. There is live music, and the Christmas market is full of handicrafts and stalls with Christmas goodies. Our outdoor skating rink is decorated with coloured lights, and the loudspeakers play Christmas music every day in December. Finally, the little Christmas village opens – always a pleasant surprise for young and old alike. The small houses that stand dotted in between the pretty trees, are decorated both in and out, and the doors are open for guests to walk inside.

#### Vágsbotnur

On the last Saturday before Christmas, a telegram arrives from the Christmas ship telling us that several Father Christmases are on their way to Tórshavn. The ship is one of our beautiful 100-year-old schooners that slowly glides into the harbour in Vágsbotnur, which has been decorated with lights and flags. The brass band stands ready to play Christmas music as dozens of children gather to greet the Father Christmases' onboard, waving and shouting to each other, impatiently waiting for the customary sweets to be given out.

#### Shopping

Finally, it is Christmas week and a great time to be in Tórshavn. As you walk up and down the pedestrian street, visit the Christmas market and maybe buy the last presents or listen to the choir singing Christmas carols in the open air. The church is open, and everyone is welcome to listen to live music performed by the talented pupils from the local music school. Shops are open longer than usual in the last week before Christmas, and as the Faroe Islands are not part of the EU, you can buy your presents tax-free.

A cosy atmosphere in the centre of town at Christmas time. Photo: Faroephoto



## Streymoy - Northern Part

Beyond the bustling city centre of Tórshavn, and through the tunnel to Kollafjørður, lies northern Streymoy, a broad and mountainous part of the main island of the Faroe Islands.

Tjørnuvík. Photo: Getty Images



#### UNFORGETTABLE OYGGJARVEGUR

From Tórshavn two roads head out of town to northern Streymoy. The old route to and from the capital is Oyggjarvegur, which winds its way up and over the mountains forming a dramatic scenery. The route is one long sightseeing tour along mountain sides and down into the valley of the fjord beyond – a reason why it is one of the Sólju routes (see page 22-23 for information about the Sóljuleiðir). Alternatively, the other road north is the low-lying Kaldbaksvegur, which weaves along the coast. From here you can travel to northern Streymoy via the Kollafjørður tunnel.

#### SALMON AND TROUT FISHING

Steep mountains surround the beautiful lake of Leynavatn. During the summer months you can fish for both salmon and trout here, as well as in the nearby lakes Mjáuvøtn. In periods of heavy rain, the fish swim up the river and up the "salmon ladder" located near by the old village of Leynar. You can get the fishing license you need to fish here from the nearby petrol station or at the tourist office in Tórshavn.

#### SUN AND SWIMMING IN THE SEA

The combination of sea and mountain can result in localised thick fog, whilst elsewhere in the country there can be bright sunshine. On such a day, the beach at Leynar is often bathed in sunshine too, making it a real magnet for local people, armed with their picnic baskets, who come to soak up the sun and swim in the sea with the sand between their toes.

#### **VIKING HOUSES**

The old houses in the charming village of Kvívík huddle eave-to-eave either side of the river Stórá, which flows through the valley, past the white painted church and rectory, out into the sea. Archaeologists have found the remains of two Viking longhouses by the harbour. Toys, ornaments and other artefacts that were discovered in and around the houses have been preserved in the National Museum in Tórshavn.

#### **BIRD CLIFFS FROM THE SEA**

There can be no sight as fantastic and awe-inspiring as that of one of Europe's mightiest bird cliffs seen from the sea. That's why you'd be unfortunate to miss a boat trip off the west coast of northern Streymoy from Vestmanna. With a safety helmet firmly on your head, you sail in close under the steep mountainsides and enormous rock columns that rise several hundred metres above sea level. As the small boats ply their way through the grottoes of the soaring cliffs, with the light dancing on the clear waters of the Atlantic, you're ferried into small lagoons backed by lush green slopes.



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Up above you, hundreds upon hundreds of seabirds hurl themselves off the rock shelves of the cliffs and head out over the open sea to hunt for fish for themselves and their young.

#### SAGAMUSEUM

Located on the guayside, departure point for boat tours to the bird cliffs, the Vestmanna Tourist Centre is a great place to enjoy a hearty bowl of fish soup. The building also houses the SagaMuseum, where dramatic tales of pirates, troll men and sheep thieves are brought to life through lifelike wax models. These tales are taken from the islands' history dating from the Age of Settlement to the 17th century. An enjoyable 3hr walk over the mountains between Vestmanna and Hvalvík offers plenty of opportunity to enjoy the green landscapes of northern Streymoy from on high. The path is marked with cairns and is considered average in terms of difficulty. Alternatively, you can rent a boat and head for the northern and western banks where fishing opportunities are good.

#### WHALING STATION

The old whaling station, Við Áir, which is the only one of its kind left in the northern hemisphere, was built by Norwegians in 1905. Many islanders found work here until the 1960's, processing fin, sperm and blue whales for export. Renovation of the whaling station is almost complete and it will reopen as a maritime museum.

#### **OLDEST WOODEN CHURCH**

The pretty old church in Hvalvík dates from 1829 and is the oldest wooden church in the Faroe Islands. It is a typical example of its kind with stone foundations, black-tarred walls, white windows and grass roof full of wild flowers topped by a small tower. The pulpit dating from 1609 originally stood in the cathedral in Tórshavn. As with other churches on the islands, Sunday services are either at 11am or 12am.

#### FAROESE WILLOW AND SHIPWRECK

A rare example of the Faroese willow tree known as pálmapílur (tealeaf willow) can be found in the plantation in Hvalvík. It is also possible to see the ribs of the Golden Harp, an elegant Faroese schooner which broke loose of its moorings in a violent storm in 1924 and was dashed on the shore at Hvalvík.

#### **BEAUTY SPOT**

From Hvalvík take the road to the remote village of Saksun. There is no public transport from Hvalvík to Saksun, but you can book a bus trip that departs from the tourist office in Tórshavn.

The only bridge crossing the North Atlantic. Photo: Kirstin Vang



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First stop is the pretty Saksun lake that is a popular spot with anglers. Fishing licenses can be purchased at the tourist office in Tórshavn or at nearby petrol stations. From here the river runs steeply down through the valley that effectively divides the village in two. The valley then opens out into a magnificent, circular bay surrounded by steep hillsides and overlooked by a white church. It's this amphitheatre-shaped bay that once served as Saksun's harbour. Next to the church is the 200-year-old farm-turned-museum called Dúvugarðar. From the western side of the river it's possible, with care, to walk out to the sea at low tide in order to see the crashing waves, but be aware of the huge difference between low and high tide. Always contact the local tourist office for details of weather conditions, local ownership and possible restrictions on access rights. Note that enterence fee applies.

#### FAROE ISLANDS' HIGHEST WATERFALL

On the way to Haldarsvík, you will pass Fossá where the Faroe Islands' highest waterfall drops a full 140 metres down over two terraces before it runs under the road and out to the sea. The unique eight-sided church situated between the old houses down at the estuary in Haldarsvík is worth seeking out. The older exterior is in stark contrast to the modern altarpiece which depicts the 'Last Supper' and was painted by the Faroese artist Torbjørn Olsen, regarded as one of Scandinavia's most skilful portrait artists.

#### SURFER'S PARADISE

The narrow road to Tjørnuvík seems to be carved into the mountainside that rises straight up from the sea. Then, suddenly, after turning the final bend, a beautiful semi-circular valley comes into sight, home to one of the most picturesque of all Faroese villages, a gaggle of turf-roofed homes nestled beneath steeply-sloping hillsides alongside a sweeping beach of black volcanic sand. Viking graves have been found in the eastern part of the valley, providing evidence that the area was inhabited as early as Viking times. The village faces the open sea, which makes landing conditions very difficult. However, this has proved to be a bonus for surfers who come from near and farto ride the enormous waves which roll into the bay.

Surfing in Tjørnuvík. Photo: Lars Bisgaard

There is a spectacular view from Tjørnuvík of the two freestanding rocks known as Risin and Kellingin, situated off the northern tip of Eysturoy. Legend has it that the rocks are fossils of an old woman and a giant who tried to drag the Faroe Islands back home to Iceland. They were surprised by the sunrise and were turned to stone – where they still stand to this day.

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#### BOAT TRIPS 🚊 応 🎜

Every week from may to august, the restored schooner Norðlýsið sails sigthseeing tours and fishing trips. There are also concert trips to the huge grottoes on Hestur, which have been carved out by the waves. Occasionally Norðlýsið sails a full day trip to Stóra Dímun or some other smaller island. Further information and booking: www.tn24.fo.

Every day from 1 May to 1 September there are sightseeing trips around the island of Hestur – and into grottos, if the weather allows. Day trips can be arranged to the island of Koltur. Further information: www.rib62.com.

#### FISHING TRIPS 👳

Whether fishing for cod, halibut or shark, a fishing trip in the Faroe Islands is quite special. Contact the organizers: www.fishingwithblastein.com or the tourist information.

#### BUS TOURS 🖽

Tora Tourist has a weekly programme from May to August that includes the Northern Isles: Klaksvík and Viðareiði, Eysturoy: Eiði, Gjógv and Oyndarfjørður, Streymoy: Vestmanna, Kvívík, Kirkjubøur and Tórshavn, in addition to the villages on Sandoy. The guided bus tours may include museum visits and/ or a meal.

HK-bussar provides daily excursions all year. Brochures available at tourist information centres.

#### RIDING TREKS 🐨

Berg Hestar arrange a variety of treks with experienced guides in and around Tórshavn. Contact the tourist information or Berg Hestar directly: www.berghestar.com

#### BIRD WATCHING TOURS 🗘 යි

#### Nólsoy

Many species of birds can be found on Nólsoy including the world's largest colony of storm petrels. They are only seen at night, but tours are available by arrangement with the local ornithologist. To book a tour, contact Visit Nólsoy.

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#### HIKING AND WALKING TOURS

Tinganes By arrangement with Visit Tórshavn, there are guided walks around the old town and Tinganes, where the Vikings lived their daily lives. Hiking fo operates regular hiking trips throughout the entire summer season.

#### FAROESE EVENING 📡

Hotel Føroyar arranges a Faroese Evening during the summer period. For more information, visit www. hotelforoyar.fo. Hotel Hafnia has a special fish buffet

once a week from mid june to mid august. For more information, see www.hafnia.fo.

#### TOURS FROM VESTMANNA

Skúvadal arranges boat trips to the cliffs north of Vestmanna, which will give you a fantastic experience of the bird cliffs and sailing between the freestanding rocks and into deep grottos. There are several departures in the summer, weather permitting.

#### TOURS ON NÓLSOY 🕅

#### Borðan

The tourist office on Nólsoy arranges hiking tours to the Nólsoy lighthouse, which was one of the first lighthouses to be built in the Faroe Islands. The tour takes you to Borðan – the southernmost part of the island – and back to the village. The tours are with a guide and end with coffee and cake in the village. A picnic is available on the longer tour.

#### Korndalur and the Princess

Taking a guided tour through the village, you can see where a Scottish princess used to live, and where people used to hide from pirates. Or you can go in the opposite direction and enjoy the view from Stongin – the island's northernmost point. These tours are not scheduled in advance, so ring the tourist information for details.

#### KAYAKING AND SURFING TOURS 🗮

Experience the breathtaking Faroese nature from the sea with Kajakk.fo. Kayaking in the Faroe Islands is a must on your visit here and something you want to cross off your bucket list. Sea Kayaking is very weather dependent, therefore Kajakk.fo has several locations in the northern part of Streymoy for their tours.

Faroe Islands Surf Guide offers guided surf tours from the beach in Tjørnuvík. The tours include 2 – 3 hours lessons and surfing, surfboard, hooded wetsuits with gloves and boots, mandatory lifeguarding, forecast prediction and food and drinks in their surf shack by the beach.

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## Eysturoy

The bridge connecting Eysturoy with the largest island, Streymoy, is often referred to as the only bridge crossing the North Atlantic. You can also drive between these islands through the sub-sea tunnel.

Funningur, one of the oldest villages in the Faroe Islands. Photo: Saviour Mifsud



#### **RISIN AND KELLINGIN - THE GIANT AND THE HAG**

When the giant and the witch decided to drag the Faroe Islands back home to Iceland, they began by putting a rope around Eiðiskollur mountain. However, they soon lost track of time as they pulled, and, tugged and as the first rays of the sun struck them, they turned to stone. Intrepid climbers have since managed to scale these two basalt columns just off shore, but the less adventurous of us simply enjoy the impressive view of them from a safe distance through the binoculars that are positioned at the side of the road to Gjógv.

#### PANORAMAS AND KNITTING PATTERNS

Stunning panoramic views unfold whichever way you look in the village of Eiði, at the northern top of Eysturoy. There's abundant birdlife hereabouts, too, not to mention a pretty little lake right in the village, a handsome church and even a museum. The museum Látrið is housed in the old farmhouse that was responsible for giving many of the Faroese knitting patterns to the Faroese knitting book named "Føroysk Bindingarmynstur." Another larger lake, Eiðisvatn, is located up on the moor above the village, where you can go fishing.

#### LIFE AT SEA

When the sun is shining, the sound of children's laughter echoes out, between the old houses in the attractive village of Gjógv, as kids mess about with homemade rafts at the little dam in the village stream. Meanwhile, grown-ups are close at hand offering the novice sailors a helping and experienced hand. In winter, though, things could hardly be more different, as waves roar into the natural harbour down in the deep gorge on the other side of the houses.

#### THE ROOF OF THE FAROE ISLANDS

Armed with a detailed map, picnic and some sound safety advice from the tourist information, it's straight up to the top of Slættaratindur, the highest mountain in the Faroe Islands at 880 metres above sea level. From the summit, there is a truly wonder-

#### **Facilities**

Oyri, 176 Inh.

Oyrarbakki, 169 Inh.

Norðskáli, 332 Inh.

Eiði, 720 Inh. # 🕞 🏠 🕲 🔁 🖞 🚍 🗳 배 🕞

Gjógv, 29 Inh.

Funningur, 48 Inh.

Funningsfjørður, 59 Inh.

Elduvík, 16 Inh.

Oyndarfjørður, 133 Inh.

Hellurnar, 12 Inh.

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Skálafjørður, 137 fólk

Strendur, 1.006 Inh.

Selatrað, 43 Inh.

Syðrugøta, 497 Inh.

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Artwork by the harbour in Fuglafjørður. Photo: Kirstin Vang

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Gøtugjógv, 53 Inh.

# Norðragøta, 658 Inh.

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### Søldarfjørður, 357 Inh. 🕘 🕄 🕄 ি 🕄 🗮 의 🕄

Lamba (Lambareiði), 164 Inh.

Glyvrar, 473 Inh.

Runavík/Saltangará, 577/1.156 Inh.

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Rituvík, 333 Inh.

Æðuvík, 99 Inh.

Nes, 374 Inh.

Toftir, 991 Inh.

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ful view on a clear day of the entire country – not only are all eighteen Faroe Islands laid out below you but you'll also have a rare view of the beautiful, deep Ambadalur valley, with Kalsoy's characteristic contour in the background. Once safely back down in Gjógv, what better idea than to tuck into a plate of freshly baked pancakes with homemade rhubarb jam at Gjáargarður or down by the gorge at an outdoors café, which is open during the summer.

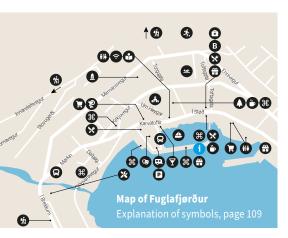
#### THE OLDEST VILLAGE ON THE FAROE ISLANDS

By the riverbank towards the sea in Funningur, one of the oldest villages in the Faroe Islands, you will find one of the most picturesque churches in the Faroes. A beautiful, tarred wooden church from 1847 – an artistic master-piece both on the outside and inside. Since this is the 5th church built in the same spot, its history stretches back to the Middle Ages. In the summertime, the church is open for visitors twice a week. A hike up to the steep mountain wall Hvíthamar is highly recommended. Just a short distance from the road, you will take in the most spectacular view of the characteristic Funningsfjørður and the charming village of Funningur.

#### THE UNDISTURBED GEM

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The small, charming village of Elduvík lies by the ocean at the end of the long, green valley surrounded by tall, steep



mountains. With a tiny number of inhabitants and small humble houses, Elduvík is an ideal place for your eyes and soul to find some rest from life's toils.

Elduvík reveals a quiet, sensory-saturating world to swimmers, divers and snorkelers by the gorge and the natural harbour just outside the village. The legend of the merman of Elduvík (Marmennilin) has returned and found new life in a statue by the renowned artist Hans Pauli Olsen. The paper collages of William Heinesen inspire the area surrounding the sculpture.

#### **ROCKING PIRATE SHIPS**

According to legend, they'd raped the womenfolk and pillaged the villages in the southeast of Eysturoy, before rowing with full force into the fjord bound for the village of Oyndarfjørður. Suddenly, a mighty witch appeared and turned the two pirate ships to stone, condemning them to stand and rock in the sea for eternity. To this day they are still there, observing the village beyond - no doubt wishing they'd been able to avoid the wrath of the witch. Incidentally, the church in Oyndarfjørður contains an impressive altarpiece by C.W. Eckersberg.

## THE VILLAGE ON THE STONY PLAIN

From Oyndarfjørður, you can walk along the fjord towards the tiny village, Hellur, which means stony plains. Here a family has resurrect-



# Friendly Fuglafjørður

shops, coffee places and a village restaurant

Charming town centre with

Creative Ribarhús with a gallery and local handicrafts

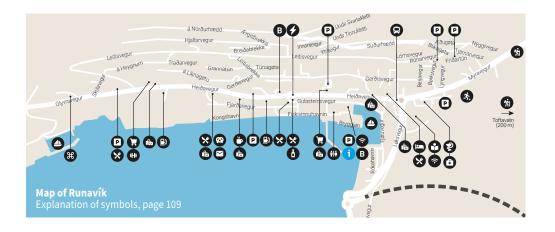
Hiking and easy nature paths

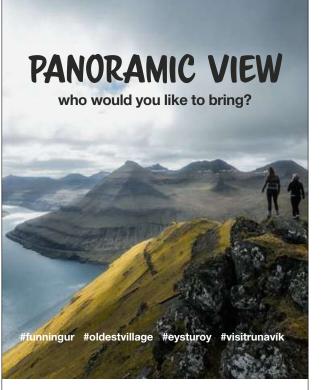




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ed a house in a traditional manner using driftwood collected from across the country. This unique home also functions as a small culture house. From Hellur, there is a village path to Fuglafjørður with accompanying stories about sheep thieves, murder and lost territories of land. There are also stories about hill-dwelling huldres, the folkloric man-like creatures that are said to have been in contact with the locals.

#### LOVELY CITY OF CULTURE

Fuglafjørður is a charming village with an inviting city centre, located by a protected fjord perfect for rowing kayaks and other water sports. Well protected by the tall mountains, the temperature is often higher here than in other places. The village has developed an international pelagic power centre with a high-technological fishing industry. But Fuglafjørður also offers a vibrant art- and cultural life. Frequently concerts and cultural events occur in and around the village, such as the Varmakeldafestival, cheerful culture days, the

harmonica rally and even a knitting festival with international participants. All with the village's culture house as a natural focal point.

The Faroe Islands' oldest restaurant. Muntra. known for its fish dishes, is also found here. Visit the charming old store with local artistic handicrafts and the gallery Riberhus with its cosy café. Or one of the creative shops offering souvenirs, excellent coffee and Faroese delicacies. In the park. you will find an outdoors café in the summer. The small spring of love, the Varmakelda, which supposedly has healing properties, is located close to the shore on the other side of the fiord. Its only marking is a cairn. On the old village path between Fuglafjørður and Hellur, there is a slight detour to the The Altar's viewpoint offering a splendid view. Please get in touch with the tourist information office inside Riberhus for further information.

#### THE VILLAGE OF PAST AND PRESENT

A visit to the Viking ruins and the remains of the village chapel and attendant graveyard, will give you a taste of life in this unassuming Faroese village over the past thousand years. And while the Viking ruins focus on everyday life on land, the Boat and Art museum down at the harbour puts the village's seafaring traditions stretching back hundreds of years into perspective. Closeby, be sure to check out the bowling hall com-



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plete with pool and air hockey, or, if you fancy stretching your legs, why not don your hiking boots and tackle the trail over the mountain to the neighbouring village of Norðragøta.

#### RESTORED FARMHOUSE

Sitting beside a black-tarred church dating from 1833, the superbly restored farmhouse Blásastova, from 1835, may be modest on the outside but is a veritable treasurechest on the inside. It offers a rare insight into how people lived in this part of the islands nearly 200 years ago, and along with three other fisherman's cottages and



We welcome you to an authentic, historic Faroese village environment complete with





boathouses, forms the oldest part of Norðragøta, which was once an ancient chieftain's settlement. A well-informed custodian is on hand to show visitors around this historic settlement which dates back to Viking times.

#### **G! FESTIVAL**

With famous international names performing alongside local artists like Eivør and Teitur, one of Europe's top music festivals is held in Syðrugøta every July. The G! Festival is a 3 day music event which takes over the entire beach, village and surrounding fields of Syðrugøta. Of course, there's top-quality food for sale, as well, and even a sauna.

#### FAROESE SPINNING MILL

The fabulous palette of yarn produced from Faroese wool - mixed with wool from the Falkland islands - by the spinning mill Snældan, is more than enough to tingle the fingers of happy knitters. It is the fourth generation of spinners who now owns the mill production facility and shop down on the quay in Strendur, where they've been producing yarn for the most discerning of knitters since 1949. The spinning mill offers guided tours of the facilities weekly.

#### **'NORSKE LØVE' SHIPWRECKED**

On New Year's Eve 1707, the Danish cargo ship 'Norske Løve' was blown off course whilst on its way to the former Danish trading post of Tharangambardi (Tranquebar) in India with 120 men on-

board. It was shipwrecked as it was driven onto the rocks at Lamba. Almost all the crew and a part of the riches onboard were rescued and brought ashore. The story lives on in the folk ballad 'Norske Løve', which was written by one of the crew.

#### **OUIET PLEASURES**

Follow the cairns from Lamba towards Rituvík. over the peat moorlands and past a huge rock weighing 200kg (440 pounds), which only very few have managed to lift - or take the trip to Søldarfjørður and enjoy a bowl of tasty soup and some bread in the well-tended garden of the owners of the charming home Garðahúsið.

#### SKÁLAFJØRÐUR

Over the years, the former farming villages of Glyvrar, Saltangará and Runavík, located along the eastern shores of Skálafjørður, have grown together to form one town, whose busy harbour is home to the head office of the world's largest salmon farming company, fish factory and marine supply service for the oil industry. The old days can still be relived, though, at the local museum 'Forni'.

In town you'll find many shops on the high street, as well as a new gymnasium that, along with the school and scout house, forms an interesting architectural showcase. where Faroese knitwear and souvenirs are for sale. The tourist information office is in Saltangará.

#### TOFTAVATN

Here, just south of Runavík, you'll find the sizeable lake Toftavatn, which is surrounded by the largest area of heather-clad moorland in the Faroe Islands. It's the perfect place to appreciate the rugged, natural beauty of these enigmatic islands and an ideal spot to watch the many species of birds that nest around the lake and on the heathland. A network of hiking trails has been established to gain easy access to this special part of southern Evsturov.



The attractive village of Gjógy. Photo: Kirstin Vang

#### ELVES

Æðuvík was once known for its many elves. When the first settlers arrived here in 1897, they asked the local provost to move the elves to the outfield away from the village. Today all is peaceful once more in the village, but the elves can apparently still be heard at Promsgil, on the path between Æðuvík and Nes. Heimablídni at Hanusarstova in Æðuvík offers a unique Faroese farm-to-table experience, where you get to pet the softest sheep. Outside Æðuvík, you will find Tinghellan, which, for centuries, was where the Faroese people held their spring assembly.

#### MEMORIES

The unobstructed views from Nes towards Tórshavn and Nólsoy were the reason the British chose to set up two canons and searchlights here, to protect their ships in Skálafjørður from German warships and bomber aircraft during World War II. One of the canons can still be seen in the bunker here. The pretty church at Nes and the neighbouring rectory date from 1843 and 1863, respectively, and are now museums.

#### FAROESE WOOL

Visit Navia's popular wool shop in Toftir, where you will find a wide range of Faroese yarn in various qualities and many varied colours, plus fashionable knitted goods and books with Faroese knitting patterns.

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#### EYSTUROY

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#### HIKING 🖄

The tourist offices in Evsturov have several suggestions for hikes. Before setting out on any hike, be sure to check the local conditions with the local tourist office. First of all the rights and regulations on hiking in the area. It is recommended always to hike with a knowledgeable local guide. Please contact the tourist information centre.

#### Hvíthamar - panoramic view

The hike starts by Gjáarskarð and takes you out to Hvíthamar, up to Skeggjanøv and along the fence down to the main road. It is a one-hour hike. At the top, you can enjoy the stunning view over the fjord Funningsfjørður with the island of Kallsoy as the backdrop. Hvíthamar is a steep rock, and it can be very windy. We recommend a guide because the hike is not a public trail.

#### Three interconnected village paths - walk them separately or in a different order:

#### Elduvík - Oyndarfjørður

A wonderful hike along the old village path from charming Elduvík to Oyndarfjørður. Please get in touch Visit Runavík if you would like a guided hike

#### Ovndarfiørður - Hellur

An easy hike along the fjord and the stony plain by the newly restored old path between the two charming villages.

#### Hellur - Fuglafjørður

This hike takes you along one of the famous old hiking paths over the mountain between villages. A great experience with a magnificent view of Kallsoy and down to Oyndarfjørður. Visit the local tourist information centre for further suggestions.

#### The old path over the mountain from Leirvík to Norðragøta

The hike starts at the football field in Leirvík and continues over the mountain to Norðragøta. You'll find

observation binoculars at the top of the climb, where you can enjoy spectacular views over Leirvík and Gøta fjords. This is a moderate hike, and a guide is recommended.

IMPORTANT! See guidelines

#### The Altar

The tour along the cairn path up to the mountain pass Skarð, between Fuglafiørður and Hellur, and further on up to a large rock formation known as The Altar is a magnificent experience. Visit the local tourist information centre for further suggestions.

#### **Funningur Church**

The Funningur Church is open twice a week for visitors. One day weekly, there is a guide, as well as coffee and pancakes.

#### FISHING TRIPS 👳

If you want to fish and perhaps cook your catch, there is ample opportunity to rent a boat with a captain. At Visit Runavík, you can rent fishing rods and all other equipment needed for a fishing trip in the Skálafjørður area.

#### FAROESE EVENING 📡

#### Gjáargarður at Gjógv

Experience a Faroese evening with traditional food and culture at the Guesthouse of Gjógy. Try Faroese chain dancing and enjoy a traditional Faroese meal at this event held every Wednesday evening with music by various Faroese artists.

#### HOME VISITS 🌿 🕼 💭 🖓

#### Garðahúsið at Søldarfiørður

Try the home-grown meals and visit the beautiful gardens at this unique location, and enjoy the view over the fjord. Coffee and homemade cakes can be had in one of the garden's cosy corners. Booking must be made in advance. See www.gardahusid.fo. Hanusarstovu in Æðuvík The young farmer's couple invites

guests to dine with them. Experience life amongst Faroese horses and other animals in very relaxed and charming surroundings. Bookings must be made in advance at hanusarstova.com.

#### Varmakeldugarðurin near

Kambsdalur Visit the farm that is named after the healing spring near the shore on their property. You will be able to experience a Faroese farm with dairy cattle, calves and multi-coloured sheep. The farm offers farm visits as well as different types of meals in their private home. Booking must be made in advance at varmakelda@gmail.com.

#### Torkilsheyggsgarður

At Torkilsheyggsgarður you can learn about the work on a modern farm and the process from wool to yarn. In addition, you will have the opportunity to try homemade rhubarb cordial and taste the unique Faroese delicacies skerpikjøt and ræst kjøt. Close to the farm, the family-owned NAVIA is located, which produces and sells Faroese wool products and yarn. Please contact Visit Runavík.

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## Norđoyggjar

Three of the six northern islands are connected by roads built atop dams that link one island with another, whilst the other three can only be reached by boat or helicopter. The Northern Islands are known for their steep and high mountains. Of the ten highest peaks in the Faroe Islands, seven are found in this grouping.

Viðareiði - one of the most beautiful villages in the Faroe Islands. Photo: Dominic Lars Breitbarth





The fishing capital of the Faroe Islands. Photo: Getty Images

#### **FISHING CAPITAL**

Thanks to the drive and vision of local entrepreneurs, the Faroe Islands' second largest town, Klaksvík, has developed from a farming community into the fishing capital of the country. The high street with its many shops, cafés, museum and cinema, curves around the bay where stateof-the-art trawlers, modern ocean-going vessels and yachts lie alongside more traditional rowing boats. Klaksvík is also home to one of the Faroe Islands' two breweries, the prizewinning family-run Føroya Bjór, whose shop also sells souvenirs and contains a small exhibition about the company's history.

#### ECCLESIASTICAL GRANDEUR

Inside the magnificent Christian's Church, from 1963, in Klaksvík, you'll find a truly huge altarpiece fresco of The Great Banquet which measures a massive 57 square metres in size. It was painted by J. Skovgaard and was originally intended for Viborg Cathedral in Denmark. The baptismal font is estimated to be 4000 years old, having originally been found in the ruins of a church in North Zealand and used during the Stone Age in heathen ceremonies. Suspended from the ceiling, you'll see the old priest's boat from the village of Viðareiði, which was used to sail the priest between the northern islands and villages.

#### EVENTS

Klaksvík's town festival, Norðoyastevna, is held every year on the first weekend of June. It marks the start of the rowing competition season, an op-

### **Facilities**

Kirkja, 30 inh.

Hattarvík, 13 inh.

Svínoy, 30 inh.

Viðareiði, 345 inh.

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Hvannasund/Norðdepil, 250/172 inh

Klaksvík, 5.051 inh.

Kunoy, 80 inh.

Húsar, 37 inh.

Syðradalur, 7 inh.

Mikladalur, 26 inh.

Trøllanes, 16 inh.

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The memorial monument "A Drop in the Sea of Life" was unveiled in 2019 on Svínoy. Photo: Kirstin Vang

portunity to see traditional Faroese wooden rowing boats fight their way through the waves. In August, the family-friendly Summer Festival draws thousands of cheery Faroese people to music concerts featuring any number of famous international names, supported by an impressive array of local musicians. The annual Sailor's Day is held later in August and features gourmet food from the sea, the Faroese championship in baiting hooks, and a massive water fight on the quayside. See also whatson.fo.

#### SKILLED CRAFTSMEN

One road and no fewer than five tunnels makes it easy to get around the island of Kalsoy, renowned across the Faroe Islands for its skilled artists and craftsmen. In addition to the tour to the island's northernmost point, Kallurin, to admire the fantastic views, it is well worth dropping in to the Économusée in Trøllanes, known as Mikkjal's Smithy, to see if the forge is hot.

#### SEAL WOMAN

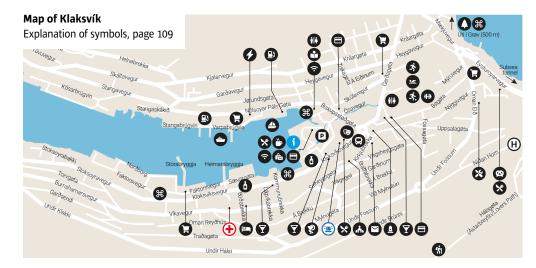
Down by the shore in Mikladalur, the waves break over the lifelike bronze statue of the Seal Woman that was erected in 2014. She represents the seal



girl with whom a boy from Mikladalur fell in love. Legend has it that the boy fell in love her as she, together with other seals, was shedding her skin on Twelfth Night. The boy hid her skin, forced her to marry him and had several children with her. One day, though, the girl managed to retrieve her lost skin and returned to her watery domain.

#### PEACE AND QUIET A PLENTY

The road north from Klaksvík passes through two small tunnels where it's said you're quite likely to meet elves. In the valley between the tunnels, the sandy beach in peaceful and relaxing Árnafjørður is perfect for a picnic. On the other side of the tunnel is Norðdepil where an unusual yet poignant monument in the shape of a boat stands in memory of those lost at sea. In the deserted village of



Múli, the only sounds to be heard nowadays are those of the birds, sheep and ocean after the last inhabitant left the village in 1998. In the little valley between the dark mountains, there once lived the famous wizard, Guttormur í Múla, who sometimes helped the priest on Viðareiði with his knowledge of sorcery.

#### HIGHEST ISLAND

Just like the village, the modest plantation of trees on Kunov nestles below the awesome mountainsides of the eponymous island. Here are six of the highest mountains in the Faroe Islands, every one towering over 800 metres high. The views really are as idvllic as you might imagine – a pretty, white-walled church replete with red roof and glorious vistas of the neighbouring island as a backdrop; it's easy to see why Kunoy has become a firm Faroese favourite. In the centre of the plantation, next to the little brook, is the large rock, Eggjarsteinur, just begging the next person to climb on top.

#### CLIMBING AND HIKING

Hiking on the vertical gravel hillsides in Kunoy is only recommended for the experienced climber and then only with a guide. The three hour walk from Haraldsund to Skarð along the coast is a much easier option and is suitable for a day excursion. The memorial among the ruins at Skarð bears witness to the tragedy that unfolded the day before Christmas Eve, 1913, when seven men were lost

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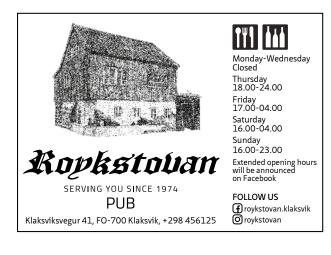


Taking a break on a beautiful hike to Kallurin on Kalsov. Photo: Kirstin Vang

in a ferocious storm at sea, leaving behind families with no other means of survival. The last residents abandoned the settlement in 1919.

#### VIÐAREIÐI

Protected from the open sea by Villingardalsfiall, the highest mountain in the northern isles, lies the beautifully situated village of Viðareiði. This is the Faroe Islands' most northerly community, enjoying views of its neighbours on both sides of the island Viðov. The old rectory here was once the home to Beinta, the beautiful wife of the local priest, who was one of the most famous women in the Faroe Islands. The magnificent church silver was gifted to the village by the British government in recognition of the charity and hospitality shown to the crew of the "Marwood", which was shipwrecked here in 1847.



#### HIGHEST SEA CLIFF IN EUROPE

The seacliff. Enniberg, is not only the Faroe Islands' northernmost point but also one of the highest promontories in the world and the highest seacliff in Europe at 754m above sea level. The daylong hike over steep slopes requires an experienced local guide and good weather in order to safely navigate the trail up to the clifftop.

#### JOURNEY

The journey to the remote islands of Svínoy and Fugloy is an experience in itself starting with the departure from Hvannasund from where a little ferry puts out. Battling her way through often sizeable seas, she sails with the current in and under the islands' vertical cliff faces where seabirds ride the thermals in their quest for food for their young. The landing stages on both islands show signs of sea erosion and vou'll need to be able to jump guickly ashore when instructed by the crew. Alternatively, the helicopter flies to the islands several times a week affording a bird's eye view of the jagged mountains.

#### **GREEN SPACES**

The wide, fertile valley bottom surrounding the village on Svínoy is uncharacteristic for this part of the islands. The rocks down by the landing stage in the village are a great place to check out the beach flora and fauna. In the church you can see the gravestone marked with a cross that was laid over the grave of Biarni frá Svínov. He was

### on page 10-11 NORDOYGGAR Excursions

#### WALKING TOURS

The Northern Isles have some of the most alluring and magnificent mountains in the entire country. They offer both easy walks and hikes for the more experienced. We ask tourists to bear in mind that the mountains are private property, and it is therefore not always possible to walk freely in the various mountains due to the driving of sheep, hare hunting etc. We always recommend that you contact our local tourist office to get the necessary information concerning these routes.

Take the popular hike to Hálsur/ Klakkur, and enjoy the view of Klaksvík, Kunoy and Kalsoy, or book a guided tour to the heights of the mountain Villingardagsfjall or the iconic lighthouse on Kalsoy. Other beautiful hikes are, for instance, the old village path from Klaksvík to Árnafiørður, and the walk from Klaksvík to the beautiful valley Skúvadal where the local scouts have a cabin.

To get the most out of your hike, and for safety reasons, it is highly recommended to bring a guide with you on the hike. Visit Norðoy can connect you to experienced guides with local knowledge that can take you on tours of all 6 islands.

the uncle of Tróndur í Gøta, a key figure in the Saga of the Faroe Islanders, renowned for his opposition to the introduction of Christianity to the islands. The cross was discovered under the old church floor when it was demolished in 1828.

#### STYLISH CHURCHES

Fugloy was once home to a group of men who planned to take control of the entire Faroe Islands. They were caught and convicted; their punishment was to be thrown off the Valaknúkar cliffs in

#### CLIMBING AND HIKING 🛆 🖄

IMPORTANT!

See guidelines for hiking

Hiking in the mountains on Kunoy is ONLY possible with an experienced local guide. Contact visit Norðoy for further information.

#### THE SAILING SHIP DRAGIN

In the summer months you can experience life at sea onboard the historic training ship Dragin. Observe the ocean's surf and listen to birds sing while the ship sails close to the thriving bird cliffs of the Northern Isles. Dragin sails from Klaksvík, and a typical trip takes around three to four hours. It is also possible for groups to book the ship for fishing trips with overnight accommodation onboard.

#### GUIDED BOAT TRIP

Come along on a relaxed, guided boat trip when boat.fo puts out to sea from Hvannasund, known for its impressive fishery and excellent weather conditions. The trip takes you along the beautiful coastline of Viðareiði, where you will also get the chance to fish.

#### A RIB BOAT ADVENTURE

In thesummer you can experience an action-packed RIB boat trip in local

> Skálabotnur. The story is brought to life on 'Floksmannadagar', which takes place at the beginning of July every year in Hattarvík. Otherwise, life on Fugloy is peaceful in the two villages of Hattarvik and Kirkia. Though both villages have churches, they are strikingly different from each other in design. The famous Faroese artist, Mikines, painted the altarpiece in Kirkja, whereas the church in Hattarvík, which was renovated at the turn of the century, contains an altarpiece that is composed of 14 modern graphic prints.

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waters around the Northern Isles. The trip includes sailing out to the mighty Enniberg – one of the world's highest promontories – and north to Kallurin on Kalsov. When the weather allows. the boat sails into dark and mysterious caves along the coast, including the world's fourth longest cave, which was first discovered in 2016.

#### GENEROUS HOSPITALITY ♡

This is what you can expect when a normal Faroese home opens its door in this unique experience. Try a Faroese meal in a local home and encounter a taste of Faroese life up close. The hosts have a passion for good local food, are curious to meet new people and accept guests all-year round. The experience can be booked at Visit Norðoy with a minimum of one day's notice.

#### CULTURAL HERITAGE A

The Northern Isles offer diverse cultural heritage experiences, and amongst other things you can sail to Kalsoy and experience craftsmanship at Mikkials Smedje in Trøllanes. In the heart of Klaksvík vou can visit national hero Nólsovar Páll's rebuilt former residence. while the Northern Isles Museum in Klaksvík offers exciting finds from the past.

## Vágar & Mykines

Vágar and Mykines are the two western islands of the Faroe Islands. Larger Vágar is home to the international airport close to the village of Sørvágur, whilst smaller Mykines, known for its rich birdlife, is the westernmost island in the Faroe chain.

View of Tindhólmur and Drangarnir from Bøur. Photo: Getty Images



#### FAROE ISLANDS FROM THE AIR

All air passengers to the Faroe Islands touch down on the island of Vágar, west of the capital, Tórshavn, location of the country's only airport. The airport was built by British troops during their occupation of the Faroe Islands in World War II and was purposely selected for its strategically well-protected location. In good weather, the approach to the airport provides fantastic views over the craggy peaks and coastlines for which the islands are justifiably known. Next to the airport there's a hotel and conference centre. mountain walls which surround the village to gain access to the outside world – the demanding 4km hike was both strenuous and dangerous, passing close to the cliff edge in parts. Today a new tunnel is the lifeblood for the few villagers who still call this remote green valley home. There's even a new cafe and guesthouse in Gásadalur, a sign of the village's growing popularity thanks to its greater accessibility.

#### SANDY BEACH

Located at the foot of the steep hill which descends from the airport to the sea, the village of Sørvágur enjoys a picturesque waterfront location at the head of the narrow fjord which cuts deep into the western end of Vágar. It's here that you'll find the vast sandy bay – Sørvágur's greatest treasure. Keep a close eye on the tide, though, if you decide to head out walking along the tideland as the difference between high and low tide is considerable and it is easy to get cut off.

#### MAGNIFICENT VIEW

West of Sørvágur lies the attractive village of Bøur whose inhabitants have one of the country's best views. From the grass roofed houses and church that lie beside the banks of the river close to the white sandy beach, there are arresting views of the uninhabited islet of Tindhólmur, known for its dramatic needle-shaped peaks, and its neighbour, flat-topped Gáshólmur, whilst further in the distance lies enigmatic Mykines, whose peak are usually shrouded in mist on all but the clearest days.

#### END OF THE LINE

"1700 Metres from the Future" is the name of a film by Ulla Boje Rasmussen about the village of Gásadalur, which, until 2006, had no road contact with rest of the islands – the only feasible way in and out was by helicopter. In years past, though, villagers would clamber up and over the steep Facilities

Miðvágur, 1.128 inh. S B # F O A # 4 C O S & B & D & d

Sørvágur, 1.151 inh. Sørvágur, 1.151 inh. Sørvágur, 2.151 inh. 

Gásadalur, 13 inh.

Vatnsoyrar, 42 inh.

Mykines, 16 inh.

See explanation of symbols on page 109



Cute puffins on Mykines. Photo: Shawn Ogulu

#### **BETWEEN TWO LAKES**

The tiny settlement of Vatnsoyrar is beautifully located between two of the largest lakes on the Faroe Islands, Leitisvatn – also called Sørvágsvatn – and Fjallavatn. On Leitisvatn you can take a trip onboard a houseboat out to the impressive Bøsdalafossur waterfall and Trælanípan, the headland from which the Vikings flung their slaves into the sea once they'd ceased to be useful. Or you can choose the hiking trail. Note that entrance fee applies. The unspoilt landscape around Fjallavatn and nearby Hvilvtkinnavatn is a paradise for anglers and hikers – a favourite trail leads eastwards to the abandoned village of Slættanes.

Contact any tourist office for details of weather conditions, local ownership and possible restrictions on access rights.

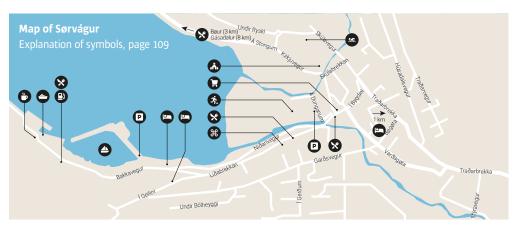
#### CULTURE AND NATURE

Sleep comfortably in the old hotel in Miðvágur, which has now been renovated in vintage style. For example, you can relax in soft armchairs that originally came from Amalienborg Palace.

A gentle stroll around the village will take you past the statue of the well-known writer and songwriter Mikkjal á Ryggi, up to the church with its impressive altarpiece by Torbjørn Olsen, through a pleasant grove of trees, past the old graveyard and vicarage, before finally heading down to the beach. Regular concerts and art exhibitions are held at Listastovan, the village's culture and arts centre.

#### BARBARA'S HERITAGE

Jørgen Frantz-Jacobsen's novel featuring the spirited character Barbara is based on the real life of Beinta, a pastor's widow, who was married three



times and ended her days up at Kálvalíð, a remote dower hidden away on the mountainside above Miðvágur. Quite remarkably for such an isolated and basic dwelling, the house was inhabited until the 1950's.

#### WARTIME OCCUPATION

A total of around 8000 British troops occupied the Faroe Islands during World War II. In Vagar there were around 6000, when there were most.Denmark had been overrun by the Nazis, and the British occupation was an attempt to prevent vital shipping lanes across the North Atlantic from falling into German hands too. Naturally, the war left its mark on Vágar, an island with a population at the time of barely 2000 people. Not only did all traffic on the island drive on the left (unlike in the rest of the islands). but Vágar was also subjected to a number of German air raids as a direct result of the British presence. All local inhabitants required special papers to reside on the island, which was chosen as the location for the Faroe Islands' first ever airport. The Krígssavnið museum in Sørvágur helps bring alive the war years in an engaging collection of photographs, films and other exhibits.

#### RUNES FROM ROGALAND

"Thorkild Onundarsonur from Rogaland was the first to settle here", reads the inscription on a runestone dating from the Viking age that was discovered quite by

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chance in a field close to Sandavágur in 1917. The stone is now kept inside Sandavágur church, its brightly-painted exterior quite the village landmark, which was inaugurated the same year. There is a 313m high monolith to the east of the village called Trøllkonufingur, which translate to "Witch's finger". In 2012, seven men attempted to climb this rocky column; four were successful in reaching the top for the first time since 1844.

#### FATHER OF THE WRITTEN LANGUAGE

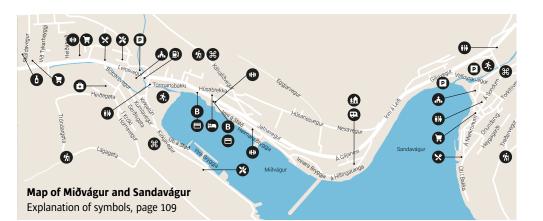
From 1555 until 1816 the Chief Justice and Chairman of the old Faroese Parliament residence was á Steig, which is situated next to the river in the centre of the town of Sandavágur. The clergyman V.U. Hammershaimb, son of the last Chief Justice, who lived at this place, instigated far-reaching and controversial spelling reforms in 1846 that formed the basis of modern written Faroese language.

#### JEWEL IN THE FAROESE CROWN

Throughout the summer, tourists make a beeline for the island of Mykines to experience what is perhaps the most bucolic of all eighteen Faroe Islands and see the island's famed birdlife. It is always a good idea to plan any trip to Mykines carefully in advance as both eating and accommodation options on the tiny island are limited and cancellations of transportation are commonplace when the weather is poor. The tight huddle of multi-coloured, turf-roofed cottages, sheltering beside the stream that tumbles down from the mountains to the sea, is a real pleasure to behold – Mykines village is what picture postcards were invented for. Add in a whitewashed stone church; the narrowest of harbours nearby vertical rock walls at the mercy of Atlantic swells; and a backdrop of verdant hillsides that streak up towards the island's highest peak, Knúkur, and the curious basalt formations nearby, and it's easy to see why Mykines has become a firm favourite among visitors and Faroese alike.

The main thing to do on Mykines is to hike out to the lighthouse of neighbouring Mykineshólmur to see the puffins, gannets and other seabirds that nest here in great number every summer. However, following a landslide in October 2021, the path to the lighthouse is currently closed, due to the risk of further landslips.

However, puffins are visible all over Mykines. Why not try the short hike to the Kumlar viewpoint, starting near the helipad (follow the signs). Note! It is not allowed to linger in the puffin colonies to



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#### BOAT TOURS

Daily Tours It is possible to take a boat trip to the sea stacks of Drangarnir and the waterfall, Múlafossur, in Gásadalur with Awiew2sea/bluegate.fo or Seatravel.fo.

Another popular excursionis a trip to the enchanting islet of Tindhólmur every Sunday, for a day-tour with a private guide. Tindhólmur is the islet you can see from Bøur, and is named after the peaks, Ytsti, Arni, Lítli, Breiði and Bogdi, which give the island its distinctive appearance. Private tours are also available upon request. See more on mykines.fo.

The trip with the boat Lakeside on the Sørvágsvatn/Leitisvatn lake is the only one of its kind in the Faroe Islands. Here you will sit in comfort as in a conservatory with a fantastic view village of Vatnsoyrar, which was called 'Lakeside' by the English soldiers who were stationed here during the Second World War, over to the lake's south side where we disembark and walk to the waterfall Bøsdalafossur.

and glide across the large expanse of

water. We sail from a jetty in the

#### RIDING TOURS ដាំ

IMPORTANT! See suidelines for hiking on page 10-11.

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#### WALKING/RUNNING

Every year on the first Saturday in September, the Faroe Islands most scenic marathon takes place on Vágar. The route stretches from Gásadalur to the church in Sandavágur.

#### FAROESE FOOD 🕅

At the café in Sandavágur, Fiskastykkið, you can try delicious Faroese food. The café is located in a newly renovated historical building, where the local history comes to life in both pictures and scribbles on the walls. The area where fish was once air-dried has now been restored and looks as it did more than a century ago.

For more information, please contact:

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avoid disturbing the birds unnecessarily. Stay on the path, and keep your voice down when in nesting areas.

Note, too, that a visitor entrance fee is payable to hike on Mykines and should be paid in advance. For more information go to www.visitvagar.fo.

Also respect the privacy of the people who live on Mykines. It is a charming locationbut real people live here, and walking into their houses, or taking pictures without consent is, as we all know, not the way to go.

#### S.J. MIKINES

One of the Faroe Islands' most renowned artists, Sámal Joensen-Mikines (1906-1979) was born and and grew up in the island of Mykines. Mikines showed a talent for painting from a very young age. After his first exhibition in 1927, where every single one of his paintings was sold, he was encouraged by fellow artist, William Heinesen, to apply to the Royal Danish Art Academy in Copenhagen. He was admitted to the academy in 1928 and moved to Denmark where he remained until his death in 1979.

However, he visited Mykines almost every summer, where he found inspiration in everything from the landscape to the culture.

Mikines's paintings are on permanent exhibition at the National Art Gallery of the Faroe Islands. In addition, his work can be seen in the Faroese Parliament and in other public buildings.

## Sandoy, Skúvoy & Stóra Dímun

Sandoy is a gently-undulating island, whose shores, as the name suggests, are graced by a number of sandy beaches. Sandoy is a favourite with cyclists and hikers, attracted by its relatively flat terrain.

Mølheyggjar – the only sand dunes on the Faroe Islands – by the beach in Sandur. Photo: Kirstin Vang



#### THE OLD VILLAGE

Take time to stroll through the labyrinth of lanes and alleyways that make up the old part of Skopun, and you'll soon see that many of the small houses appear to be quite randomly located, creating a warren of tiny passages and backstreets in among them.

#### WORLD'S LARGEST POST BOX

Perched high on the cliffs outside Skopun, the giant blue post box was once the largest of its kind in the world. Indeed, it catapulted tiny Skopun into the Guinness Book of Records. The enormous structure stands 7.42 metre high and 4.45 metre wide and, though no longer a recordbreaker, is still one of the largest post boxes in the world and a useful and instantly recognisable landmark for sailors out at sea.

#### THE HEADLESS TROLL

North of the pretty outfield Høvdahagi at the far northwestern point of Sandoy, lies the Trøllhøvdi (troll head) islet. Legend has it that a clumsy troll accidentally lost his head as he was trying to tie Nólsoy and Sandoy together. Though he managed to place a rope around the island, the loop became stuck around his neck causing his head to fall off as he tightened the rope.

#### WALKING AND CYCLING

With its gentle valleys and wide-open spaces, Sandoy is ideal for walking and cycling. There are plenty of places on the island to simply stop and admire, such as Søltuvík bay with its sweeping sandy beach and readily accessible birdcliffs. Alternatively, follow the cairns from Skopun into the peaceful valley, Slavansdalur, or take a guided night tour to Borgin, where you can see a colony of storm petrels. In the village of Sandur, relax amidst the lyme grass of the sand dunes and dip your toes in the stream that flows lazily down to the shoreline.

#### VIKING SETTLEMENT

Excavations of the former Viking settlement Undir Junkarinsfløtti in Sandur, and elsewhere around the picturesque wooden church that's stood here since 1838, have helped throw new light on the origins of the Faroese population – see page 6. The old fisherman's cottage, Norðari Koytu, dating from 1812, is well worth a visit, too.

#### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Tales of trolls and witches are rife on Sandoy. Local people point to locations such as the troll woman's cave or a clear set of giant's hand – and footprints etched in the rocks proof that the old folklore is really true. Other things to do in Sandoy is

### **Facilities**

Skopun, 474 inh.

Skálavík, 138 inh.

Húsavík, 59 inh.

Dalur, 29 inh.

Stóra Dímun, 5 inh. H

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A aerial photo of Sandoy and Skúvoy. Photo: Visit Sandoy

to visit the impressive art museum - a beautiful building with artworks by some of the most famous Faroese artist, go sightseeing by boat to the western bird cliffs or sea fishing/angling. Sandur is one of the best places on the Faroe Islands to grow vegetables. In the summer and autumn you can enjoy the view to the rich fields where the farmers work hard to make different vegetables grow in these hard conditions. Complete your day with a picnic with tasty bread and cakes from Heimablídni. You can even abseil from a height of 300m above sea level down vertical cliffs.

#### HISTORY AND LEGENDS

Just like Cinderella, Sissal also escaped her previous life and became the 'Lady of the house in Húsavík'. She was the most powerful woman in the Faroe Islands owning all the land in Húsavík and Skarvanes in addition to possessions on the Shetland Islands in Scotland. The ruins of large houses, boathouses for seagoing ships and the cemetery, which was the captured Nix's slave labour, can still be seen among the houses by the large sandy beach. The legend has it that the Nix jumped into Lítlavatn when his tail came off during the dragging of an unusually large rock. They say he lives there still.

#### PERFECT ANTIDOTE

If you're looking to get away from it all and totally de-stress, look no further than the wide open spaces around Skálavík, home to a pretty stone church containing the Faroe Islands' oldest organ. Enjoy lunch or coffee with delicious homemade cakes at the charming Caféin á Mølini or a three course meal in the evening. The café is located in the old grocery store that has been run by the family for several generations. All in all, Skálavík makes a perfect place to de-stress and enjoy the unspoilt natural surroundings of this part of eastern Sandoy.

#### SKARVANES' ENCHANTING VIEW

Enjoying one of the most gorgeous views in the entire country, it's easy to see why the foundations

of Faroese art were laid in the handsome village of Skarvanes. It was here in the disused farmstead Kárastova that the artist, Díðrikur, made his bird drawings. Born in 1802, the son of the farmhand from Stóra Dímun, he became famous for his vibrant watercolour paintings, which are now exhibited in the National Art Gallery in Tórshayn.

#### **FAROESE EVENINGS**

After the hair-raising drive from Húsavík along the single-track road, which clings precariously to the side of the mountain, you'll be rewarded with gorgeously scenic views of the village of Dalur, which sits in a tight valley bottom hard up against the sea. From Dalur, you can also walk over the mountains to Skarvanes, though you'll need a local guide to show you the way.

#### PACKED WITH HISTORY

The Viking chieftain's island of Skúvoy is named after the great skua that can be found in large numbers on the island. This was the place where Sigmundur Brestisson was born; he was one of the principle characters in the Saga of the Faroe Islanders. After his father's violent death, he grew up a housecarl at the court of Olaf the Holy in Norway. There he converted to Christianity and returned to the Faroe Islands at the king's behest, where, in 999, he introduced Christianity to the islands by the sword. The island is teeming with places - which -

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#### The colorful houses in Skúvoy. Photo: Faroephoto

brought to life by skilled storytellers, tells us about Sigmundur and his life and battle against rival chief, Tróndur í Gøtu, who wanted Sigmundur dead, is one of the key chapters in early Faroese history.

#### ISLAND AT THE END OF THE WORLD

Bar an infrequent helicopter service, that connects the remote island of Stóra Dímun to the outside world, life here goes on in a world of its own. Landing conditions for boats are challenging to say the least and the climb from sea level up the narrow mountain shelf. Kleivin, to reach the island's only farmstead, is not for the faint of heart – hence, boat services to the island are non-existant. Two families live on the island, making an income from a combination of sheep farming, bird catching and tourism, which help make this little island community virtually self-sufficient. The eighth generation of farmers on the island today skillfully combines traditional knowledge with modern-day lifestyle to make life on this remote outpost as much like any other family as possible.

The island's history and fascination as home to 'hermits', draws a steady stream of guests, journalists and tourists from home and abroad who want to experience how people can live and survive so far off the beaten track in the 21st century.

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#### EXPERIENCE 🖽

Visit Sandoy arranges tours to, among others, Líðargjógv gorge with a local guide, where you can experince the special environment in a deep cave above the sea. When hiking to the scenic bay in Søltuvík by Sandur, you'll also see majestic sea stacks on the western side of Sandoy, and it's highly likely that you'll spot a seal or two in the bay. They love to hang out in Søltuvík. The hike to Søltuvík takes about an hour each way.

#### KAYAKING ON SANDSVATN 🗮

Enjoy the lake Sandsvatn by kayak. Sandsvatn is the third largest lake in the Faroe Islands. 20 kayaks are for rent, and you can rent them either through VisitSandoy or GuideToFaroeIslands.

#### RAPPELLING FOR GROUPS

If you enjoy extreme sports and a challenge, then you can rappel from a height of 300m on the western side of Sandoy at Lonin, if weather permits. The tour, which takes approximately 5-6 hours, leads you through beautiful scenery and gives you a chance to enjoy some Faroese food. Find out more about rapelling for groups at the local tourist information. The tour can also be arranged without rappelling, if you prefer to enjoy the nature with both feet on the ground!

#### MOUNTAIN HIKES, VILLAGE WALKS AND SAGAS 🕅

You can book guided mountain hikes as well as village walks.

On Sandoy, Skúvoy and Stóra Dímun, you'll have the chance to see the traces of the old sagas, many of whom date back to the Viking Age when chieftains ruled the Faroe Islands. Experience the meeting of past and present. All these spectacular nature of the three islands. You can also go on adventure tours with one of our accommodating local guides. One of our favourite tours for children and families is the fairy tale tour in **Visit Sandoy** 

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It is also possible to go on a guided tour of Veltan to see and taste all the delicious vegetables they have managed to grow in the harsh Faroese climate.

fantastic stories took place in the

Sandur, where you'll hear more about

knit-covered rock. The tour takes two

You will also see the beautiful

the sorceress and walk in her footsteps.

#### BOAT TOURS 🧕

hours.

From May to August the breathtakingly beautiful soaring cliffs of Sandoy and Skúvoy become a veritable seabird paradise for guillemot, puffin, cormorant, fulmar, and razorbill. Weather conditions permitting, the Hvíthamar sails along the coast of Sandoy or around Skúvoy. On the trip there is a good chance that you will encounter curious or slumbering seals. Contact Jóan Petur Clementsen, local boat builder, or Visit Sandoy for details.

#### MUSEUMS 盒

In Sandur you will find two museums. In Sandur Village Museum you can see how people have lived in Sandur 200 years ago in house "Nordara Koyta" from 1812. Open mon-saturday at 12.00-14.00 from june to september or by appointment with Visit Sandoy.

Sandur art museum has regular opening hours through the summer. Contact Visit Sandoy for information.

## Suđuroy & Lítla Dímun

Suđuroy is an island apart. As the southernmost island in the Faroese chain, it is geographically, culturally and linguistically distant from its northern neighbours. It's this difference that is at the core of its appeal.

View of Suðuroy's majestic cliffs and coastline. Photo: Saviour Mifsud





The idyllic valley Hvannhagi. Photo: Fedevphoto

#### CULTURAL SALT SILO

Arriving on the ferry from Tórshavn at the terminal in Trongisvágsfjørður, you'll immediately spot two of Suðuroy's most prominent landmarks: on the north shore, you'll see the wooden church that serves the island's largest town, Tvøroyri, dating from 1908, whilst close to the terminal building there's the new cultural centre, SALT, housed in a former silo, built in 1938 by a joint French-Faroese company to store salt from Ibiza. Tvøroyri's heyday came during the first half of the twentieth century when the booming fishing trade drew people from across the country to the town. Several of the buildings from that period have been beautifully restored. One of these buildings now serves as a museum while the other buildings serve as venues for different events.

#### HVANNHAGI

North of Tvøroyri you'll find one of Suðuroy's most idyllic spots – Hvannhagi. This deep valley located high in the mountains above the town comes complete with jaw-dropping views of Stóra and Lítla Dímun to boot. Follow the narrow path down into the valley bottom and the still waters of Hvannavatn lake, which attracts countless birds.

#### **BASALT COLUMNS**

The characteristic columns of basalt close to the village Froðba, rising vertically up from the sea, once welcomed the Danish King Frode, who settled here, when his ship was blown off course on his way to Iceland.

### Facilities

## Sandvík, 66 inh.

Tvøroyri/Trongisvágur, 871/524 inh.

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Froðba, 282 inh.

Øravík/Øravíkslíð, 23/63 inh.

Famjin, 79 inh.

Vágur, 1.365 inh.

Lopra 75 inh.

Sumba, 251 inh.

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#### **BLACK GOLD OF HVALBA**

The mineworkers of Hvalba in the north of Suðuroy call it "black gold". They're talking, of course, about the coal which is still extracted from the mine here, actually the only one in the Faroe Islands. As a tourist, you can take a tour of the mine and witness for yourself the narrow, dark shafts deep underground where the coal is mined.

#### THE FIRST FAROESE MISSIONARY

Sigmundur Brestisson, who christianised the Faroe Islands with bible and sword in 999, originally came from the island of Skúvoy. During an attack on the island, he threw himself into the sea and swam to the village of Sandvík in the north of Suðuroy where he was promptly beheaded by a local farmer who wanted his gold bracelet. Close to Sandvík you'll find an altogether less bloodthirsty sort of place – Ásmundarstakkur is a favourite nesting spot for Faroese puffins, who congregate on the rock stack in great numbers every breeding season.

#### THE FIRST FLAG

The very first Faroese flag, Merkið, now hangs in the church in Fámjin. It fluttered in public for the first time in connection with a church service in Fámjin in 1919. It was designed by Faroese stu-





The lighthouse at the southern tip of the Faroe Islands, Akraberg on Suðuroy. Photo: Saviour Mifsud

dents living in Denmark and is based on the familiar cross motif and colours of the other Nordic flags and is red, white and blue in colour. Kirkjuvatn, one of the island's largest lakes, is situated just above the village in a valley. There's good fishing to be had here for anglers. On the way over the mountain pass to the distinctive valley at Øravík, you will see the ancient Viking parliament site, Uppi millum Stovur.

#### VIKING CHIEFTAIN'S GRAVE

Beneath the impressive basalt columns at Hovsegg lies the village of Hov. It gets its name from the Norse description for an altar (temple, court) where sacrifices were made to the Nordic gods. Havgrímur, a Viking Chieftain who ruled over a part of the Faroe Islands, lies buried here close to the site of his main settlement.

#### **WOODEN CHURCH FROM 1847**

The old wooden church in Porkeri, which dates from 1847, is easy to find, situated close to the shore. Its humble interior of plain, untreated wood is a fitting home for the many gifts the church has received from members of the local congregation in thanks for rescue at sea. The village museum, next to the church, also owns the old farm "Í Eystrum", situated high up on the hills above the village.

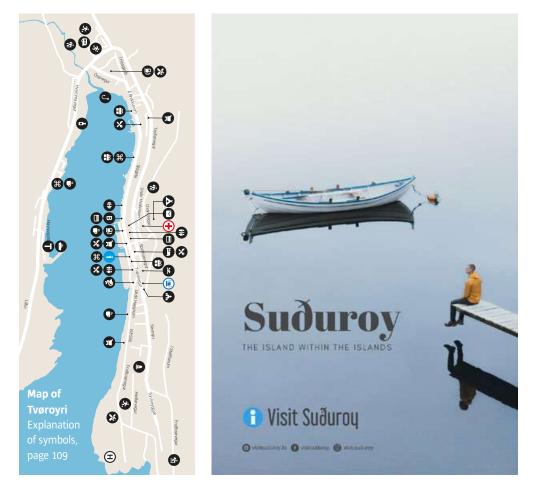
The very first Faroese flag, Merkið, now hangs in the church in Fámjin Photo: Getty Images

#### FISHING MEMORIES OF THE GOOD DAYS

Suðuroy's second biggest town, Vágur, made its fortune during the fishing heyday of the first half of the twentieth century. Old renovated warehouses, fish-cleaning plants, sailmaker's workshops and drying places for salted cod bear witness to atime of great activity and wealth when the quaysides were busy with with ships and people.

#### MAJESTIC CLIFFS AND COASTLINE

The Faroe Islands first hydroelectric power station was constructed in a particularly attractive area known as "í Botni". Hydropower was needed to winch boats up out of the sea at nearby Vágseiði. Closeby, high up on the mountainsides south of Vágseiði, you'll find one of Suðuroy's real gems: Eggjarnar. These sheer cliffs offer unsurpassed views of much of the island's satisfyingly rugged and weatherbeaten coastline.





The striking cliffs of Beinisvørð. Photo: Faroephoto

#### **OLYMPIC SWIMMER'S POOL**

A 50m indoor swimming pool has now been built in Vágur in order to provide much-needed training facilities for up-and-coming competition swimmers from across the entire country. There is also a much smaller pool for children, gym and wellness facilities. The impressive complex, known as Páls Høll, is named after the Faroese Olympic swimmer, Pál Joensen. Right next to the swimming pool is Marghøllin, where you have the chance to scale the tallest climbing wall in the Faroe Islands.

#### COLOURISTIC MASTER

One of Scandinavia's most outstanding yet singularly underrated artists is Ruth Smith. In 1948, she returned to the village of Nes near Vágur after completing her artistic education at the Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen. Though her self-portraits are masterpieces of the genre, much of her work is of the landscapes and villages of Suðuroy, which she knew and loved. The modest museum that bears her name in Vágar carries a small yet representative collection of her artwork, which was mostly done in watercolour.

#### LAND OF CONTRASTS

The contrast between the gentle east facing slopes of Suðuroy and the vertical cliff faces found along the west coast, which takes the full brunt of Atlantic storms, is perhaps at its most dramatic around the uneventful village of Lopra in the south of the island. From the village a single track road winds up to the striking cliffs of Beinisvørð, which drop precipitously into the sea from a height of 470m. The cliffs are surrounded by steeply-sloping hillsides of the deepest green – even the most artistically-challenged individual would find it hard to take anything less than an award-winning photograph up here.

Storytellers Open your mind to tales of superstition and wizardry, of giants and witches, because in Sumba, the Faroe Islands' southernmost village, gripping stories from the islands' dark and distant past live on. Animated storytellers enchant visitors with dramatic songs and stories told by their forefathers, about the Frisians in Akraberg, the Troll girl Títil-Táta, the Harga brothers and Barbara the Witch. Come along and fall under their spell.

Faroe Islands' southernmost point At the end of the road and the end of the southernmost island in the Faroe Islands, you'll find a picture-postcard-perfect lighthouse standing proud alongside its keeper's house. This spot is called Akraberg, and it's a popular place to start several of the guided walking tours of the local area. Five kilometres off Akraberg, you can just make out the rock formation known as Munkurin. This group of low-lying flat rocks, submerged and then exposed again amid the crashing waves, is the most southerly point of the Faroe Islands.

Lítla Dímun Lítla Dímun is a steep, conical shaped island inhabited only by birds and sheep. Three examples of the wild, goat-like species of sheep that once grazed on the island are displayed in the National Museum in Tórshavn. The last one was killed in the 1860's.

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#### Hvannhagi

With a breathtaking view of Lítli and Stóri Dímun, Hvannhagi is located north of Tvøroyri. Besides being one of the most beautiful and distinctive places in the Faroe Islands, Hvannhagi is a very interesting place as regards to geology.

#### Walking in Fámjin

An easy walk in Fámjin. We visit the church first, where the original Faroese flag hangs, as we listen to exciting stories about the church and village. We then walk up to Kirkjuvatn and continue on to the beautiful viewpoint "Nev" where we have the chance to enjoy the fantastic view of the steep west coast. The whole tour takes approx. 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours.

#### THE RUTH SMITH MUSEUM 鱼

One of Scandinavia's most renowned colourist and artists has its own museum in Vágur. The Ruth Smith Museum exhibits a unique art collection from artist Ruth Smith. The museum is open Monday and Wednesday from 15.00 to 17.00 and by appointments.

#### KAYAKING 🗮

Kayaking from and on Vágur fjord lets you experience the island like nothing else. Paddle in your own tempo while the Atlantic Ocean, fresh breeze and Faroese nature embraces you. Rent a traditional or sit-on-top kayak and get a guided tour in surroundings you have never experienced before. For further information and booking: www. suduroyarkaiakk.fo

#### DINE WITH LOCALS OF SUÐUROY 👳

To really get in touch with the locals and to try out Faroese delicacies and produce you should experience 'Heimablídni'. You will be served a 3 course meal in the living room of a local, Faroese family. Contact the tourist information in Tvøroyri for more information.

#### EXPERIENCE SUÐUROY BY BOAT 🧟

IMPORTANT! See suidelines for hiking on page 10-11

Be amazed while sailing alongside the coastline of Suðuroy. Board a RIB boat or perhaps a traditional Faroese boat and see the breathtakingly beautiful west-side of Suðuroy. For further information and booking: www. actionboat.fo

#### EXPERIENCE SUÐUROY ON A BIKE &

Many of the natural attractions in Suðuroy are visible from the road, such as the basalt columns in Froðba and many more. Why not experience the beauty of the island on two wheels? Contact the tourist information office in Tvøroyri for more information.

#### VISIT TO THE LOCAL ART GALLERY 盒

Gallery Oyggin arranges art shows by well known Faroese and Nordic artists. It is open Tuesday – Sunday from 14.00-18.00. The owner of the gallery also arranges art tours.

#### FISHING TRIPS AND SIGHTSEEING BY BOAT 点 応

If you would like to go fishing, you have come to the right place. Fishing and sightseeing trips by sailboat can be arranged from Tvøroyri. Contact the tourist information of Tvøroyri for further information and to register.

#### EXPERIENCE THE FAROE ISLANDS' UNIQUE COAL MINE 🔊

Take a guided tour and hear the miner's tell the history of the coal mine, which is still in use today. For guided tours, please contact the Tourist Information in Tvøroyri. For more information, please contact:

#### Visit Suðuroy, Tvøroyri

Tel. +298 611080 info@tvoroyri.fo www.visitsuduroy.fo

Visit Suðuroy, Vágur Tel. +298 239390 info@vagur.fo www.visitsudurov.fo

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#### **1. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

The legal drinking age in the Faroe Islands is eighteen. Stronger beer, wine and spirits may only be purchased in Government Monopoly stores in major towns, see page 110, and in licensed restaurants, café's, nightclubs, etc.

#### 2. ANIMALS

The transportation of any animal into the Faroe Islands is strictly forbidden. For more information call 556400, www.hfs.fo

#### **3. BANKING HOURS**

Banks in major towns and some villages are open from 9:30 to 16:00 weekdays. All banks are closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Secure Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) are available from 6:00 until 02:00 every day.

#### 4. BUSINESS HOURS

Most shops are open from 10.00-17.30. On Thursday and Friday many are open until 18.00. Shops close on Saturday between 14.00 and 16.00. SMS shopping centre in Tórshavn is open until 18.00. Most shops are closed on Sunday. Kiosks, petrol stations and most bakeries do not close until 23.00, also on a Sunday.

#### 5. CAMPING

Camping is only permitted at designated campsites, see page 114. Moreover, it is not permitted to stay overnight in your camping cars along the road, at rest stops, lay-bys or view areas. Some camping sites are designated only for tents. Campers ought to be considerate of the environment, keep the camping areas tidy and clean up thoroughly upon departure. Because of the unpredictable weather even in summer, it is advisable to have sturdy, waterproof and windproof camping equipment. Fuel for camping stoves is available at petrol stations.

#### 6. CHURCHES

Church services are held every Sunday at 11:00 or 12:00. Contact the local tourist office for information.

#### 7. CLOTHING

A waterproof rain jacket is highly recommended and a warm sweater, as well as a warm hat, especially when voyaging out to sea or walking in the mountains. Rubber boots or waterproof hiking boots are a must along the trails in the mountains. Sunglasses, sunscreen and binoculars might prove useful.

#### 8. COMMUNICATION

When calling from abroad, the Faroese national code is + 298. Calling from the Faroe Islands you must dial 00, then the national code and the telephone number. For further information, please contact the telephone number information on tel. 118.

Mobile phones: The GSM system is the most commonly used mobile phone system in the Faroe Islands and can be used throughout the islands. Føroya Tele (Faroese Telecom) and Vodafone have many cooperation agreements with other countries, so-called roaming agreements, so that foreign visitors can make use of their own mobile phones while they are in the Faroe Islands, and Faroese mobile phones can be used in large parts of the world.

Føroya Tele and Vodafone also provide prepaid telephone cards. This is a service for which the

customer pays a sum in advance into a GSM account, which can then be used up as required. With this service you avoid unexpected bills. Prepaid telephone cards can be purchased in the Teleshops, kiosks, petrol stations, post offices, hotels and tourist offices. It is possible to send MMS and use GPRS data in the Faroe Islands. Wheather this is possible with your telephone, it will depend on your operator having a GPRS roaming agreement with the Faroese telephone companies.

Internet and WiFi: Internet cafés can be found in the Tourist Information Offices in Sandoy and Runavík and in all libraries. Cafés and shopping centres offer free WiFi.

#### 9. CONSULATES

The following countries maintain consulates in Tórshavn: Britain, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Sweden.

#### **10. CURRENCY AND CREDIT CARDS**

There are two currencies of equal value in the Faroe Islands: the Faroese króna and the Danish krone. While the Faroese government prints its own bank notes, only Danish coins are used. Danish notes are equally acceptable as Faroese notes throughout the country.

The series of banknotes comprise five denominations: 50 kroner, 100 kroner, 200 kroner, 500 kroner, and 1000 kroner. The coin (only Danish) series comprises six denominations: 50 øre (cents), and 1, 2, 5, 10, and 20 kroner.

There may be a few places in the major towns that accept foreign currency, but this is more likely the exception than the rule, and, unsurprisingly, the exchange rate is rarely favorable. Exchange rates for the Faroese (Danish) króna as of August 2022 are roughly: DKK 100 =  $\leq 13.4 / \leq 11.4 / \leq 13.6$ 

Credit Cards: Most shops, restaurants, petrol sta-

tions, hotels, and taxis accept credit cards, mainly VISA, but other credit cards, such as MasterCard, Eurocard, Maestro, and JCB, are also accepted in large stores, shopping centers, and restaurants. Most places DO NOT accept American Express.

It is possible to withdraw money with Visa, Visa-Dankort, Eurocard, MasterCard, Maestro, and JCB from the many ATMs around the country. The ATMs are often found next to bank branches and can be used outside the banks' normal opening hours.

#### 11. CYCLING

Cycling other places than on the road is prohibited. All land is privately owned and public access, therefore, limited. Conservation of the fragile soil is very important, especially on the mountain trails where erosion is closely monitored. The roads are often steep and good brakes are an absolute necessity. Cycling in some of the longer tunnels where ventilation is poor is not recommended. Some tunnels are narrow with few passing places so that cycling is hazardous. The inter-village buses, however, can often accommodate cycles for easy transit in hazardous areas. Consult with the various tourist offices on local conditions and on scenic roads. For bicycle rental, see page 113.

#### **12. DEEP-SEA AND SPORT FISHING**

There are several operators that offer deep-sea fishing. Ask at the local tourist information. If you want to bring your own fishing vessel for fishing in the Faroe Islands, please enquire about licence regulations with the local authorities.

Fishing permits are required for certain lochs. The fishing season in brooks and streams is 1 May to 31 August. Coastal fishing is generally permitted. Please enquire about local exceptions. You can purchase permits in most of the tourist information offices, see page 124.

It is the responsibility of individuals to make sure that their fishing equipment is thoroughly cleaned, dried and decontaminated before arriving in the Faroe Islands. Likewise, while fishing in the Faroe Islands, it is the responsibility of individuals to ensure that infection is not transmitted from saline locations to freshwater locations or between freshwater locations.

#### **13. DRIVING IN THE FAROE ISLANDS**

Driving is on the right and most road signs follow international standards. The use of seat belts is required. The speed limit is 50 km in the towns and villages and 80 km on the main roads. For cars with trailers, the speed limit is 50 kph and for caravans the speed limit is 70 kph. The consequences for speeding are severe. Parking in the towns of Klaksvík, Tórshavn, Runavík and the Airport is restricted. Parking discs must be displayed in the lower right hand corner of the front windscreen showing the time you parked your car. These display discs are available at no charge from banks and the tourist offices. There is a fine of DKK 200 for parking violations. Headlights must be on when driving and seat belts fastened. As you drive along, please be aware that the sheep may be startled and leap out in front of you. If you happen to collide with a sheep, immediately contact the police in Tórshavn at tel. 351448 for assistance.

#### **14. FLYING DRONES**

It is important that you know and understand the laws concerning the flying of drones and the applicable distance restrictions. Please see rules and regulations for drones on www.visitfaroeislands. com/plan-your-stay/practical information or contact Vagar Airport for more information. tel. 354400

#### **15. DUTY-FREE GOODS**

Travellers to the Faroe Islands are permitted to purchase the following items duty-free:

#### Travellers aged over 18:

1 litre of spirits (maximum of 60% alcohol) *and* 

1 litre of fortified wine or other beverage (maximum of 22% alcohol by volume) or 2 litres of table wine

and

2 litres of beer (maximum of 5,8% alcohol) and

200 cigarettes or 100 cigarillos or 50 cigars or 250 grams of tobacco.

#### You may also import:

perfume up to 50 gr, aftershave 25 cl, chocolate/sweets 3 kg, fizzy drinks 10 litres

#### **16. ELECTRICITY**

The current is AC 220 volts, 50 cycles. The electric outlets take round plugs, common to most European countries. To be on the safe side, however, invest in a converter with a variety of adapter plugs so you will have just what you need for your hair dryer or shaver.

#### **17. EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

Dial 112 for any type of emergency assistance anywhere in the country. First aid is provided at the hospitals in Tórshavn, Klaksvík and Tvøroyri, see page 116.

For non-emergency consultations and in order to get medical treatment, you must make an appointment with the general practitioner. Appointments can be made during the general practitioner's office hours. Find the directory of general practitioners at www.heilsutrygd.fo > Kommunulæknar. Call 1870 after 16.00. Please note that an appointment must be made via 1870, BEFORE going to the emergency room.

Pharmacies in Tórshavn, Runavík, Klaksvík and Tvøroyri provide after hours assistance as well. Emergency dental service (tel. +298 314544) is also available in Tórshavn. The emergency dental clinic is open Saturdays and Sundays and holidays from 10:00 to 11:00.

#### **18. ENTRY REGULATIONS**

Nordic Region: Passports and/or entry visas are not required for citizens of Nordic countries. Identity documents are required, however.

### EU-Countries, SHENGEN-Countries and other Countries

Passports are required for most countries, see more on visitfaroeislands.com. For most countries entry visas are not necessary unless your stay will be longer than three months. Consult the Danish Embassy or consulate for specific requirements.

#### **19. HEALTH INSURANCE**

Citizens of Nordic countries and Great Britain are covered under their respective public health plans while in the Faroe Islands. Residents of other countries will need to acquire their own traveller's health insurance.

#### 20. HIKING

Hiking in the mountains is one of the many delights awaiting the visitor. See page 10-11 for useful advice and important information.

#### 21. LOCAL RADIO

The Faroese national radio broadcasts every day from early morning to late evening: **KVF: FM 89,9** 

#### Local radio channels:

FM1: FM 98,7 / 91,7 / 95,5 / 88,7 / 93,3, broadcasts a mixed programme; Lindin: FM 101,0/98,0 is a religious station; VoxPOP: FM 104,1 sends popular music and R7: FM 102,0 also broadcasts a mixed programme.

#### 22. LOCAL TIME

Local time is Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Daylight saving time (GMT+1) is observed in the Faroe Islands from April until October.

#### 23. LOST AND FOUND ARTICLES

Contact the local police, see page 121. Local tourist offices can also direct you to the proper authorities.

#### 24. LUGGAGE STORAGE

The bus terminal in Tórshavn has approximately 20 coin-operated lockers. Contact the local tourist information for other options.

#### **25. POSTAL SERVICES**

The main post office in Tórshavn is open Monday to Friday 09.00-17.00. Village post offices have shorter opening hours. All post offices are closed on Saturdays and Sundays, see page 122.

#### 26. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Monday 1 January	New Year's Day
Thursday 28 March	Maundy Thursday
Friday 29 March	Good Friday
Sunday 31 March	Easter Sunday
Monday 1 April	Easter Monday
Thursday 25 April	National Flagday (1/2)
Friday 26 April	Prayer Day
Thursday 9 May	Ascension Day
Sunday 19 May	Whit Sunday
Monday 20 May	Whit Monday
Sunday 28 July	St. Olav's Eve
Monday 29 July	St. Olav's Day (National Day)
Tuesday 24 Dec.	Christmas Eve
Wednesday 25 Dec.	Christmas Day
Tuesday 31 Dec.	New Year's Eve

#### 27. SERVICES FOR THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED

Wheelchair access at most visitor destinations is limited. More information can be obtained by contacting the Faroese Association for the Disabled, Megd, tel 317373, megd@megd.fo, www.megd.fo or the local Tourist Information.

#### 28. SHOPPING/SOUVENIRS

Among Faroese souvenirs of particular interest are the numerous woollen goods, ceramics, wood articles, jewellery, music, stamps and posters, see page 122.

#### **29. TAX-FREE SHOPPING**

As a guest in the Faroe Islands, the holiday and business traveller is exempt from the 25% value added tax (VAT) on purchases over DKK 300. Look for the "Tax Free for Tourists" sign in the shop window. Over a hundred shops at various locations in the Faroe Islands are members of the Tax-Free System. Ask the sales clerk at the time of purchase for a "Tax Refund Cheque." Complete the necessary information requested on the form and have the sales clerk validate the Cheque. Upon arrival at the airport or harbour, contact the customs officials before you check-in your luggage. Contact the customs agents either in the airport or onboard the ferry to get your VAT refunded. If you are on a cruise liner, you can get the VAT refunded at Visit Torshavn. The customs agent may ask to see your purchases before validating your Tax Refund Cheque. Contact the "Tax Refund" agent at the airport or onboard the ferry to get your tax refund. If you forget to redeem your voucher before departure, you can send the stamped voucher to "Tax Refund", who will send you the money or deposit them in your bank account.

#### Tax Free at the airport

There is a Tax Free shop in Vágar airport which is open during arrivals and departures.

However, if you arrive by boat or cruise ship, you can hand in your receipts and deduct the VAT from your purchases at Visit Torshavn.

#### **30. TIPPING**

Although it has not been the custom to tip in the Faroe Islands, it is however becoming more widespread especially in restaurants, bars, cafés and taxis. You are not obliged to tip.

#### **31. TRAVEL IN THE FAROE ISLANDS**

#### **Buses and Ferries**

A well-developed, national system of roadways and ferries connects most towns and villages in the Faroe Islands and is operated by Strandfaraskip Landsins, see page 115. The inter-town bus system (Bygdaleiðir) operates daily to most areas. The buses are blue in colour. See bus and ferry timetable on www.ssl.fo.

The capital Tórshavn offers an efficient local bus service (Bussleiðin) that reach most areas of the town. Route maps and timetables can be seen on www.torshavn.fo as well as at bus stops.

#### **32. TRAVEL TO THE FAROE ISLANDS**

#### By ship

The Faroese shipping company Smyril Line, operates an all year cruise and car ferry service with regular sailings to the Faroe Islands from Iceland and Denmark. Contact the head office, see page 116, for more information about timetables, brochures and international sales agents or visit www.smyril-line.fo.

#### By air

Atlantic Airways, the national airline, see page 116, flies several times daily to the Faroe Islands. Contact the airline direct or your local travel agent for information about flights. For more information, see www.atlantic.fo and the advertisement on page 49. Besides Atlantic Airways, SAS also flies to the Faroe Islands. See www.sas. dk. There is bus service between the airport and Tórshavn in connection with selected arrival and departure times.

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#### 1. ACCOMODATION

Across the country Book Local tel. 219392, www.booklocal.fo, info@booklocal.fo

#### EYSTUROY

B&B, Accommodation for groups Visit Runavík, Heiðavegur 13, FO-600 Saltangará, tel. 417060, visit@runavik.fo, www.visitrunavik.fo

Guesthouse, Gjáargarður FO-476 Gjógy, tel. 423171, fax 423505 info@gjaargardur.fo, www.gjaargardur.fo

Hotel, Hotel Runavík Heiðavegur 6, FO-620 Runavík, tel. 663333, www.hotelrunavik.fo, info@hotelrunavik.fo

#### NORĐOYGGJAR

Self-catering, B&B Visit Norðoy, Biskupstorg 1, FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 456939, info@klaksvik.fo, www.visitnordoy.fo

Hotel, Hotel Klaksvík Víkavegur 38, PO.Box 38, FO-700 Klaksvík tel. 455333, fax 457233 hotelklaksvik@hotelklaksvik.fo www.hotelklaksvik.fo

B&B, Kalalon Kalavegur 6, FO-766 Kirkja Tel 226352, kalalon@outlook.com Facebook.com/Kalalon.Kirkja

Hotel, Hotel Norð Eggjarvegur 1, FO-750 Viðareiði tel. 451244, hotel@hotelnord.fo, www.hotelnord.fo

#### SANDOY

Self-catering, B&B and holiday homes Mørkin Mikla 3, FO-210 Sandur. Direct booking at visitsandoy.booklocal.fo Accommodation for groups, Eiriksgarður

FO-235 Dalur, tel. 222078, info@visitsandoy.fo

Accommodation for groups, Keldan, FO-220 Skálavík, tel. 222078, info@visitsandoy.fo, www.visitsandoy.booklocal.fo

Accommodation for groups, Samljóð Visit Skopun, Tormansvegur 12, FO-240 Skopun, tel. 720100, visitskopun@skopun.fo

Accommodation for groups, Sólarris FO-230 Húsavík, tel. 222078, info@visitsandoy.fo, www.visitsandoy.booklocal.fo Accommodation for groups, Virkið FO-210 Sandur, tel. 222078, info@ visitsandoy.fo, www.visitsandoy.booklocal.fo

#### STREYMOY

B&B, Vestmanna Tourist Centre Fjarðavegur 2, FO-350 Vestmanna tel. 471500/281500, fax 471509 touristinfo@olivant.fo, www.visit-vestmanna.com

B&B, Krákureiðrið Niðari vegur 34, FO-350 Vestmanna tel. 764747, info@krakureidrid.com krakureidrid@gmail.com

Broncks Apartments Jónas Broncksgøta 17, FO-100 Tórshavn Tel 776611, booking@broncks.fo, www.broncks.fo

Self-catering, B&B 62°N incoming Hoydalsvegur 17, P.O.Box 3225 FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 340000, fax 340011 incoming@62n.fo, www.62n.fo

Self-catering, B&B GreenGate Incoming Jónas Broncks gøta 35, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 350520, fax 350521, info@greengate.fo, www.greengate.fo

B&B, FaroeGuide Mannbrekka 8, FO-188 Hoyvík tel. 266833 faroeguide@faroeguide.fo

Guesthouse, 62°N Guesthouse Marknagil Marknagilsvegur 75, FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 500600, fax 605011, guesthouse@62n. fo, www.62n.fo/guesthouse

Hotel, Hotel Brandan Oknarvegur 2, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 309200 www.hotelbrandan.fo, booking@hotelbrandan.fo

Hotel, Hilton Garden Inn Faroe Islands Staravegur 13, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 414000

Hotel, Hotel Føroyar Oyggjarvegur 45, P.O.Box 3303 FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 317500 fax 317501, hf@hotelforoyar.com www.hotelforoyar.com

Hotel, Hotel Hafnia Áarvegur 4-10, P.O.Box 107 FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 313233, fax 315250 hafnia@hafnia.fo, www.hafnia.fo

Hotel, Havgrím Seaside Hotel Yvir við Strond 14, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 201400, booking@hotelhavgrim.fo www.hotelhavgrim.fo Hotel, Hotel 62n Dr. Jakobsens gøta 16, FO-100 Tórshavn www.62n.fo, hotel@62n.fo, tel. 500600

Hotel, Hotel Streym – Hotel Djurhuus Yviri við Strond 19, F0-100 Tórshavn, tel. 355500 fax 355501, booking@hotelstreym.com, www.hotelstreym.com

Hotel, Hotel Tórshavn Tórsgøta 4, P.O.Box 97, FO-110 Tórshavn tel. 350000, fax 350001, ht@hoteltorshavn.fo, www.hoteltorshavn.fo

Accommodation for groups Nesvík Camp and Conference Center FO-437 Nesvík, tel. 470000, fax 422544 info@mission.fo, reservation påkrævet

Youth Hostel and guesthouse, 62N Guesthouse Dr. Jakobsens gøta 14-16, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 500600, fax 319451, hotel@62n.fo, www.62N.fo

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Hotel, Hotel Bakkin Vágsvegur 69, FO-900 Vágur, tel. 250444, hotelbakkin@olivant.fo, Facebook: Hotel Bakkin

Hotel, Hotel Tvøroyri Miðbrekka 5, FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 371171/222700, hoteltvoroyri@gmail.com

Guesthouse, Guesthouse í Miðbrekku Miðbrekka 12, FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 506604, www.gista.fo, gista@gista.fo

Guesthouse, Lopransdalur Lopransvegur 10-16, FO-926 Lopra tel. 573831, lopransdalur@gmail.com Facebook: Frítíðarhúsið í Lopra

Guesthouse, Gist í Øravík, við Á 7, FO-827 Øravík, tel. 212324, www.gist.fo, gistguesthouse@gmail.com

Heimaístovu Bíarvegur 91, FO-850 Hvalba Tel 512961, heimaistovu@heimaistovu.fo, www.heimaistovu.fo

Holiday homes, Gestablídni, Toftavegur, FO-900 Vágur, tel. 266613/261380, gestablidni@gmail.com, www.gestablidni.fo

Accommodation for groups The Scouts House in Vágur, Geilin 103, FO-900 Vágur, tel. 574865, mvil@email.fo Accommodation for groups Jomsborg. Dance Society House. Vágsvegur 21, FO-900 Vágur, tel. 374088, www.visitsuduroy.fo. Max. 30 people

Accommodation for groups Vesturhøll, hall, Neystarvegur 4 FO-870 Fámjin, tel. 228379/212423

Holiday home, Smátturnar við Laksá í Vági www.smatturnar.fo, gestablidni@gmail.com, tel. 261380

#### VÁGAR

Mykinesstova – Mykineslon (food and accommodation for groups by appointment, Garstgøta 11, FO-388 Mykines, tel. 787515, mykinesstova@gmail.com

Self-catering Ró, Í Geilini 9, FO-380 Sørvágur tel. 332036/221830/532036, www.ro.fo, ro@ro.fo

Self-catering, Gásadalsgarður Lækjutún 5, FO-387 Gásadalur, tel. 277013, gasadalsgardur@gmail.com

Guesthouse, Lonin Bøgøta 3, FO-388 Mykines tel. 285597, booking@golocal.fo

Guesthouse, Suðurgarður Ovastuhjallar 11, FO-360 Sandavágur tel. 221684, pauline@sudurgard.fo

Guesthouse, Hugo Bakkavegur 2, FO-380 Sørvágur, tel. 232100, make@make.fo, www.make.fo

Hotel, Hotel Vágar FO-380 Sørvágur, tel. 309090, www. hotelvagar.fo, hv@hotelforoyar.fo

Hotel, Magenta Jatnavegur 31, FO-370 Miðvágur tel. 332408/217408, info@magenta.fo www.magenta.fo

Youth Hostel, Gula húsið FO-388 Mykines, tel. 312914/318468/512914 leonsson@kallnet.fo, www.gulahusid.com

Youth Hostel, Giljanes Hostel.and Camping FO-360 Sandavágur, tel. 271142, hostel@giljanes.fo, www.giljanes.fo

#### 2. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

#### EYSTUROY

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Føroya Bjór, Kulibakki 22, 520 Leirvík, tel. 475456, leirvik@foroyabjor.fo, www.bjor.fo

Rúsdrekkasøla Landsins, Svartheyggj 2 FO-460 Norðskáli, tel. 340407, rusan@rusan.fo, www.rusan.fo Rúsdrekkasøla Landsins, Heiðavegur 25 FO-600 Saltangará, tel. 340406, rusan@rusan.fo, www.rusan.fo

NORĐOYGGJAR Føroya Bjór, Postboks 4, Klaksvíksvegur 19 FO-710 Klaksvík, tel. 475454, fax 475455, fb@foroyabior.fo, www.bjor.fo

Rúsdrekkasøla Landsins, Sævargøta 6 FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 340402, rusan@rusan.fo, www.rusan.fo

#### SANDOY

Rúsdrekkasøla Landsins Heimasandsvegur 58, FO 210 Sandur, tel. 340405, rusan@rusan.fo, www.rusan.fo

**STREYMOY** Føroya Bjór, Akranesgøta 10 FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 313434, fax 310934

Føroya Bjór, Karlamagnusarbreyt 17, FO-188 Hoyvík

Okkara, Heykavegur 1, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 311030

Okkara, Uppi á Heiðum 1 FO-176 Velbastaður, tel. 311030

OY, Falkavegur 4, FO-100 Tórshavn oy@oy.fo, www.oy.fo

Rúsdrekkasøla Landsins, Hoyvíksvegur 67 Miðlon, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 340400, fax 340491, rusan@rusan.fo, www.rusan.fo

Rúsdrekkasøla Landsins, Niðari Vegur 81 350 Vestmanna, tel. 290408, rusan@rusan.fo, www.rusan.fo

**SUÐUROY** Føroya Bjór á Langabakka 7 FO-827 Øravík

Rúsdrekkasøla Landsins,Trongisvágsvegur 20, FO-826 Trongisvágur, tel. 340403, fax 340493, rusan@rusan.fo, www.rusan.fo

Torgið, Vágsvegur 62, FO-900 Vágur

VÁGAR Rúsdrekkasøla Landsins, Skaldarvegur 5, FO-370 Miðvágur, tel. 340404, fax 340494, rusan@rusan.fo, www.rusan.fo

#### 3. ATM

EYSTUROY Norðoya Sparikassi Í Støð 7, 530 Fuglafjørður

Norðoya Sparikassi, Kulibakki 11, FO-520 Leirvík

BankNordik Heiðavegur 54, FO-600 Saltangará Betri Heiðavegur 17, FO-600 Saltangará

Betri Við Svartheygg 3, FO-460 Norðskála

NORĐOYGGJAR BankNordik Við Sandin 12, FO-700 Klaksvík

Norðoya Sparikassi Ósávegur 1, FO-700 Klaksvík

Betri Bøgøta 12, FO-700 Klaksvík

SANDOY BankNordik Tormansvegur 1, FO-240 Skopun

Betri Heimasandsvegur 60, FO-210 Sandur

**STREYMOY** BankNordik Áarvegur 16, FO-100 Tórshavn

BankNordik Oknavegur 5, FO-100 Tórshavn

BankNordik SMS Shopping Centre, FO-100 Tórshavn

Betri Bakkavegur 8, FO-350 Vestmanna

Betri Sverrisgøta 3, FO-100 Tórshavn

Norðoya Sparikassi Miðlon, Hoyvíksvegur 67, FO-100 Tórshavn

SUÐUROY BankNordik Sjógøta 2, FO-800 Tvøroyri

Suðuroyar Sparikassi Vágsvegi 60, FO-900 Vágur

Betri Sjógøta 15, FO-800 Tvøroyri

VÁGAR BankNordik Hammershaimbsvegur 1, FO-360 Sandavágur

BankNordik Airport, FO-360 Sørvágur

Betri Jatnavegur 16, FO-370 Miðvágur

#### 4. BANKS

EYSTUROY BankNordik Heiðavegur 54, FO-600 Saltangará tel. 330330, kundi@banknordik.fo Betri Heiðavegur 17, FO-610 Saltangará tel. 348000, fax 348810, saltangara@betri.fo

Norðoyar Sparikassi í Støð 7, FO-530 Fuglafjørður tel. 475000, ns@ns.fo, www.ns.fo

Við Sandin 12, FO-700 Klaksvík

NORĐOYGGJAR BankNordik

tel. 330330, fax 456339

Betri Bøgøta 1, FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 348000 fax 348809, klaksvik@betri.fo

Norðoya Sparikassi Ósavegur 1, PO.Box 149, FO-700 Klaksvík tel. 475000, fax 476000, ns@ns.fo, www.ns.fo

#### SANDOY Betri Heimasandsvegur 60, FO-210 Sandur tel. 348000, fax 348823, sandur@betri.fo

STREYMOY BankNordik Oknavegur 5, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 330330 fax 315850, info@banknordik.fo

Betri Yviri við Strond 2, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 348000 fax 348400, betri@betri.fo, www.betri.fo

Betri Sverrisgøta 3, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 348000, fax 348348, betri@betri.fo, www.betri.fo

Norðoya Sparikassi Miðlon, Hoyvíksvegur 67, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 475000, fax 476015, ns@ns.fo

Suðuroyar Sparikassi Staravegur 9, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 359870, fax 359873, ss@ss.fo, www.ss.fo

SUÐUROY BankNordik Sjógøta 2, FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 330330, fax 371876

Betri Sjógøta 15 og 17, FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 348000, fax 348826, tvoroyri@betri.fo

Suðuroya Sparikassi Vágsvegur 60, FO-900 Vágur, tel. 359870, ss@ss.fo, www.ss.fo

#### VÁGAR

BankNordik Jatnavegur 26, FO-370 Miðvágur tel. 330330, fax 332555, kundi@ banknordik.fo Betri Jatnavegur 16, FO-370 Miðvágur, tel. 348000, fax 348820, midvagur@betri.fo

#### **5. BICYCLE RENTAL**

EYSTUROY Visit Eysturoy – Fuglafjørður Í Støð 14, 530 Fuglafjørður, tel. 238015, visit@fuglafjordur.fo, www.visiteysturoy.fo

Electric cargo bikes, only for use in town

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Rentabike.fo Sverrisgøta 20, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 270600, rentabike@rentabike.fo, www.rentabike.fo

#### SUÐUROY

AraTours Traðarvegur 88, FO-800 Tvøroyri tel. 572424/571151, ara.tours800@gmail.com

#### 6. BOOK SHOPS

EYSTUROY Bókabúðin Heiðavegur 15, P.O.Box 78, FO-610 Saltangará tel. 449292, info@bokabudin.fo

#### NORĐOYGGJAR

Alfa Bókahandil Nólsoyar Páls gøta 2, FO-700 Klaksvík tel. 455533, fax 457042 mittalfa@mittalfa.fo

#### STREYMOY

Rit & Rák, SMS Tinghúsvegur 60, P.O.Box 1158 FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 603030, fax 603031 ritograk@ritograk.fo, www.ritograk.fo

H.N. Jacobsens Bókahandil Vaglið 2, P.O.Box 55, FO-110 Tórshavn tel. 311036, fax 317873, hnj@hnj.fo, www.hnj.fo

#### SUÐUROY Suðuroyar Heimavirki

Vágsvegur 47, FO-900 Vágur tel. 373960, fax 373960

Bókahandil Tangabúðin Sjógøta 113, FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 371976

#### 7. BOWLING

#### EYSTUROY

Bowlinghøllin Bowling & food in Leirvík, Høvdavegur 3 FO-520 Leirvík, tel. 663367 bovling@bovling. fo, www.bovling.fo STREYMOY Bowl.fo Heykavegur 1, FO-100 Tórshavn Tel 358181, bowl@bowl.fo www.bowl.fo

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#### 8. BREWERIES

NORĐOYGGJAR Føroya Bjór Klaksvíksvegur 19, FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 475454. fb@foroyabior.fo. www.bjor.fo

Fjarðarvegur 3, FÓ-350 Vestmanna

Uppi á Heiðum 1, FO-176 Velbastaður

#### STREYMOY

Okkara

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Faer Isles Distillery

Tel 779000, www.faer.io

tel. 311030. www.okkara.fo

oy@oy.fo, www.oy.fo

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9. BUS RENTAL

AP Busskoyring

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Fiarðataxi

Falkavegur 4, FO-100 Tórshavn.

FO-900 Vágur, www.biskupskelda.fo

tel. 235250, buss@buss.fo, www.buss.fo

biskupskelda@gmail.com

P.O.Box 14, FO-520 Leirvík.

Theodor Poulsen, tel. 217910

FO-620 Runavík, tel. 218010.

FO-210 Sandur, tel. 590600 / 561046

Smaller groups of up to 8 passengers.

Contact Visit Sandoy, tel. 222078,

Flatnabrekka 6, FO-416 Signabøur,

Traðavegur 2, FO-435 Streymnes

tel. 233320, hk@hk.fo, www.hk.fo

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STREYMOY

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HK Bussar

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Tel 911010/582224

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SANDOY

HZ Bussar Streymnesvegur 88, FO-485 Streymnes tel. 212182. hedin@email.fo

KE Bussar v/Kári Enghamar, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 210165

MB Tours P.O.Box 3021, FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 322121, fax 322122, mb@mb.fo

Tora Tourist Traffic Hoyvíksvegur 66, FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 315505, fax 315667, tora@tora.fo, www.tora.fo

#### SUÐUROY

AraTours Traðarvegur 88, FO-800 Tvøroyri Tel 572424/571151, ara.tours800@gmail.com

Fámjins Bygdaleið v/Arnbjørn í Smiðjuni Hviltarvegur 5, FO-870 Fámjin, tel. 212324

MP-Bussar Brekkulág 57, FO-826 Trongisvágur tel. 226566/371247

Ludvig ÍF Poulsen FO-900 Vágur, tel. 239550

#### VÁGAR

Giljanes Hostel & Coaches FO-360 Sandavágur, tel. 219899, fax 332901, giljanes@giljanes.fo, www.giljanes. fo

Taxa Buss FO-370 Miðvágur, tel. 265353

#### **10. CAMPING SITES**

#### EYSTUROY

Eiði Camping 470 Eiði, tel. 219377 eidicamping@eidicamping.fo

Elduvík Camping, FO-478 Elduvík, visit@runavik.fo, tel. 417060 Limited facilities

Camping in Fuglafjørður, the parking lot for the Culture House, Karvatoftir, FO-530 Fuglafjørður, Tel 238015, visit@fuglafjordur. fo. Arrival best before 4pm on weekdays

Camping in Kambsdalur, the parking lot for the Sports hall, Dalsvegur, FO-530 Kambsdalur, Tel 238015, visit@fuglafjordur. fo. Only 15 June – 15 August.

Camping in Æðuvík FO-645 Æðuvík, tel. 221768 hdumvaling@kallnet.fo, All year

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Camping, Flatnagarður við Gjógv FO-476 Gjógv, tel 423171 www.campingbygjogv, www.gjaargardur.fo

NORĐOYGGJAR Tents and camping Mikladalur Contact: Visit Norðoy, Biskupsstøðgøta 9, FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 456939 info@klaksvik.fo, www.visitnordoy.fo

Tents FO-765 Svínoy Contact: Visit Norðoy Biskupstorg 1, FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 456939 info@klaksvik.fo, www.visitnordoy.fo

#### SANDOY

Tents and camping Dalur Campsite FO-235 Dalur, tel. 218901/217901, fax 361902 helga67@olivant.fo, bodvar@ olivant.fo

Tents and camping Sandur Camping booking at visitsandoy.booklocal.fo Contact Visit Sandoy, tel. 222078, info@visitsandoy.fo

Tents and camping Skálvíkscamping FO-220 Skálavík, visitsandoy.booklocal.fo tel. 222078, info@visitsandoy.fo

#### STREYMOY

Tents and camping Tórshavn Campsite Yviri við Strond, FO-100 Tórshavn Contact: Visit Tórshavn, tel. 302425, fax 316831, torsinfo@torshavn.fo www.visittorshavn.fo

#### Vestmanna Camping

Fjarðavegur 1, FO-350 Vestmanna tel. 212245, vestmanna.camping@gmail. com

Tents Nólsoy Campsite FO-270 Nólsoy, tel. 527060 info@visitnolsoy.fo

Víkar Camping Bakkavegur, 440 Haldórsvík tel.+298 286199, vikarcamping@gmail.com

#### SUÐUROY

Camping in "Boatbeds" in Faroese Boathouses, Neysting Tel +45 60778414 www.neysting.fo

Camping Sports Hall Smærugøta 7, FO-826 Trongisvágur tel. 611080, info@tvoroyri.fo Caravans and tents Camping Vágseiðið Contact: Visit Suðuroy, info@vagur.fo, tel. 239390

Tents Scouthouse FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 611080, info@tvoroyri.fo

Tents Scouthouse Vágur Geilin 103, FO-900 Vágur, tel. 574865, mvil@email.fo

Fámjin Havnargøta 9, FO-870 Fámjin Tel 372046, guesthouse@kallnet.fo

Camping Hvalba Snæbjarnarvegur, FO-850 Hvalba www.hvalba.fo, husavord@hvalba.fo tel. 237565 og 593336

#### VÁGAR

Tents and Caravans Giljanes, FO-360 Sandavágur, tel. 271142 fax 332901, hostel@giljanes.fo

Telte List & Gist, Mykines, FO-388 Mykines, tel. 212985, fax 321985, mykines@olivant.fo

#### 11. CAR RENTAL

EYSTUROY BBR-Service Skriðugøta 18, FO-626 Lambareiði tel. 449111, bbr@bbr.fo,

#### STREYMOY

AVIS Føroyar Staravegur 1-3, P.O.Box 1039 FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 358800, fax 317735 avis@avis.fo, www.avis.fo

Rental Cars Blankagøta 1, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 626262, info@arctic.fo, www.arctic.fo

Bilrøkt Stiðjagøta 3, P.O.Box 1234, FO-110 Tórshavn tel. 358888, bilrokt@bilrokt.fo

FaroeGuide Mannbrekka 8, FO-188 Hoyvík, tel. 266833, faroeguide@faroeguide.fo, www.faroeguide.fo

Faroe Incoming tel. 510600, info@faroeincoming.com www.faroeincoming.fo

RentYourCar.fo Vestara Bryggja 15, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 775000, info@rentyourcar.fo, www.rentyourcar.fo Reyni Service Vegurin Langi, FO-188 Hoyvík tel. 353040, fax 353041, rs@reyniservice.fo, www.reyniservice.fo

Arctic Rental Cars tel. 626262, www.arctic.fo, info@arctic.fo

Budget tel. 358800, www.budget.fo, budget@budget.fo

MyCar tel. 251160, www.rent-a-car.fo, megna@megna.fo

SUÐUROY Go South, gosouthinfo@gmail.com, www.gosouth.fo

Verkstaðið hjá Eyðun Froðbiarvegur 54, FO-825 Froðba, tel. 371626

#### VÁGAR

62N car rental Hertz – Sixt – Eurupcar Vága Lufthavn/ 62N, FO-380 Sørvágur tel. 733510/340000, car@62n.fo, www.62n.fo

AVIS Føroyar Vágar Lufthavn, FO-380 Sørvágur tel. 358800/212765, fax 358801, info@avis. fo

JustDrive info@justdrive.fo, www.justdrive.fo

Faris Leitisvegur 70, FO-370 Miðvágur, tel. 600200, faris@faris.fo, www.faris.fo

Faroe Cars Vága Floghavn, FO-380 Sørvágur, tel. 783000, info@faroecars.fo, www.faroecars.fo

Unicar FO-360 Sandavágur, tel. 332527, fax. 333527 unicar@olivant.fo, www.uni-cars.com

Vest Car Rent FO-380 Sørvágur, tel. 228450, vestcarrent@gmail.com, www.vestcarrent.fo

#### **12. CINEMAS**

#### EYSTUROY Løkshøll

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Havnar Bio Tinghúsvegur 8, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 311956, bio@bio.fo, www.bio.fo SUĐUROY SALT Bio Drelnes 22, FO-827 Øravík, www.salt.fo

#### 13. DOMESTIC TRANSPORT

BUSSES Bygdaleiðir FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 343000/343030 fax 343001, fyrisiting@ssl.fo, www.ssl.fo

#### FERRIES

Strandfaraskip Landsins Sjógøta 5, FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 343000/343030 fax 343001, fyrisiting@ssl.fo, www.ssl.fo

HELICOPTER SERVICE

Atlantic Airways Vágar Lufthavn, FO-380 Sørvágur, tel. 341060, fax 341061, station@atlantic. fo, www.atlantic.fo

#### TRANSPORT INFORMATION SSL, BUSSES AND FERRIES

Farstøðin (Terminal) Eystara Bryggja, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 343030, fax 343003, www.ssl.fo Telefonservice 343030 all day

#### **14. EXCURSIONS**

Throughout the country Hiking, Hiking.fo, tel. 217055, hiking@hiking.fo, www.hiking.fo

Hiking, hikewithpol.fo tel. 286436/250436 www.hikewithpol.fo pol@hikewithpol.fo

Guide to Faroe Islands Pedda við Stein gøta 22, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 273044, info@guidetofaroeislands.fo www.guidetofaroelslands.fo

Boat trips, boat.fo tel. 589977, www.boat.fo, boat@boat.fo

#### EYSTUROY

Explore Eiði, www.exploreeidi.com, booking@exploreeidi.com

Hiking, excursions for groups Visit Eysturoy – Fuglafjørður Í Støð 14, 530 Fuglafjørður, tel. 238015, visit@fuglafjordur.fo, www.visiteysturoy.fo

#### Hiking

Book a local hiking guide Visit Runavík, Heiðavegur 13, FO-600 Saltangará, tel. 417060, visit@runavik.fo, www.visitrunavik.fo

#### NORĐOYGGJAR

Hiking, boat trips and fishing trips Visit Norðoy Biskupstorg 1, FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 456939, info@klaksvik.fo, www.visitnordoy.fo Boat trips, Ocean Experiences (RIB boat) FO-700 Klaksvík tel. 285094, kneysur@post.olivant.fo

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Sailing ship, Dragin FO-700 Klaksvík tel. 256173, k.gardarnar@gmail.com, www.visitnordoy.fo

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Boat trips,

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Boat trips

Tórshavn

Hiking tours, Abseiling etc. Visit Sandoy, Mørkin Mikla 3, FO-210 Sandur, info@visitsandoy.fo, www.visitsandoy.fo

Hiking, boat trips Jóan Petur Clementsen FO-210 Sandur, tel. 361019/286119

Kayak on Sandsvatn Lake Sandsvatn, www.guidetofaroeislands.com

Skúvoy tours Visit Sandoy, Mørkin Mikla 3, FO-210 Sandur, info@visitsandoy.fo, www.visitsandoy.fo

Birdwatching, Jens-Kjeld Jensen

jkjensen@olivant.fo nolsoy@gmail.com,

Í Geilini 37, FO-270 Nólsoy,

Norðlýsið, FO-110 Tórshavn,

tel. 566262, info@rib62.com,

Vestmanna Birdcliffs - Skúvadal

touristinfo@olivant.fo, www.puffin.fo

Tjarnarlág 41, P.O.Box 3012, FO-110

Fishing, Hiking, Horseback riding

Hiking, guided walks, Visit Tórshavn

tel. 302425, fax 316831, torsinfo@

torshavn.fo, www.visittorshavn.fo

Granagøta 30, FO-100 Torshavn,

tel. 591858, booking@heimdaltours.com,

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Vaglið, Niels Finsens gøta 17

Hiking tours, boat trips etc.

www.heimdaltours.com

FO-110 Tórshavn,

Heimdal Tours

tel. 289001/424001, fiskogfritid@email.fo

Fisking & Frítíð, 350 Vestmanna,

tel. 321945, tn24@nordlysid.com,

www.jenskjeld.info

www.nordlysid.com

www.rib62.com

FO-350 Vestmanna,

tel. 471500, fax 471509,

Bus trips, Tora Tourist

tel. 315505, fax 315667,

tora@tora.fo, www.tora.fo

Boat trips, Sightseeing

Horseback riding, Berg Hestar við Ovggiarvegin, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 316896/216896, www.berghestar.com

Kavak, Havnar Kaiakforening Álaker, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 223592

Nature adventures, teambuilding, company trips, NAX Ovggiarvegur 45, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 207676. info@nax.fo. www.nax.fo

Sea Angling, 62ºN incoming Hoydalsvegur 17, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 340000 fax 340011. incoming@62n.fo, www.62n.fo

Sea Angling, GreenGate Niels Winthers gøta 5, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 320520, fax 320522 info@greengate.fo, www.greengate.fo

Sea Angling, m/b Blástein FO-350 Vestmanna. tel. 581582, magniblastein@kallnet.fo www.fishingwithblastein.com

Surfing, Faroe Islands Surf Guide faroeislandssurfguide@gmail.com

Various excursions on Nólsoy Visit Nólsov FO-270 Nólsov, tel. 527060 info@visitnolsoy.fo, www.visitnolsoy.fo

Kayak, Kajakk.fo Leitisgøta 8. 420 Hósvík tel. 286975, kajakk@kajakk.fo. www.kajakk.fo

Surfing, Faroe Islands Surf Guide tel.+298 258898 faroeislandssurfguide@gmail.com www.faroeislandssurfguide.com

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Fishing trips and sightseeing by boat AraTours Traðarvegur 88, FO-800 Tvøroyri Tel 572424/571151, ara.tours800@gmail.com

Biskupskelda – guided tours for groups FO-900 Vágur biskupskelda@gmail.com www.biskupskelda.fo

Kajak, kano Suðuroyar Kajakk, FO-900 Vágur Tel 266613, suduroyarkajakk@gmail.com www.suduroyarkajakk.fo

Hiking Aktiv spf. m/Arni Nielsen Famjinsvegur 2, FO-870 Famjin, tel. 572929, aktiv@aktiv.fo

Sightseeing by boat, rappelling ActionBoat Førovar Sigurd Gudmundsson, Á Nesi 5. FO-925 Nes-Vágur, tel. 213359 sigurd@actionboat.fo, www.actionboat.fo

Tours to the Faroe Islands smallest and only uninhabited island, by arrangement Lítla Dímun m/Rói Schrøter, Nesvegur 54. FO-850 Hvalba. tel. 227309/548170. ldimun@ldimun.com. www.ldimun.com

Outdoor Faroe Islands FO-900 Vágur tel. 513216 outdoor@outdoor.fo www.outdoor.fo

Fishing trips, sightseeing by boat, driverguide and hiking tours AraTours Traðarvegur 99, FO-800 Tvøroyri Tel 572424/571151 ara.tours800@gmail.com

Farm visits and pony riding Við Rangá 18 við Rangá 18, FO-800 Tvøroyri Tel 266425, vidranga18@gmail.com

Heimaístovu Bíarvegur 91, FO-850 Hvalba Tel 512961, heimaistovu@heimaistovu.fo www.heimaistovu.fo

Fishing and sailing trips to Hvannhagi and Stóra Dímun Sailing ship MS Thorshavn, FO-800 Tvøroyri tel. 599800/286554 thorshavn@mail.fo, www.thorshavn.net

Sailing tours with the ship, Johanna TG 326 FO-900 Vágur, tel. 239399, vagsship@olivant.fo, www.johanna.fo

Hiking, visits to the coal mine and various excursions Visit Suðuroy (Tvøroyri) Tvørávegur 37, FO-800 Tvøroyri tel. 611080, info@tvoroyri.fo, www.visitsuduroy.fo

Visit Suðuroy: Vágur: Vágsvegur 57, FO-900 Vágur tel. 239390, info@vagur.fo, www.visitsuduroy.fo

#### VÁGAR

Boat trips, Lakeside Sightseeing Torvgøta, FO-385 Vatnsoyrar, tel. 333123, www.lakeside.fo, lakeside@lakeside.fo

Boat trips, A view2sea tel. 780800, support@bluegate.fo, www.bluegate.fo

Boat trips, Seatravel tel. 794100, seatravel@seatravel.fo, www.seatravel.fo

Hiking, Rapelling, Climbing Reika Adventures Traðarvegur 29. FO-360 Sandávágur. tel. 267900, reika@reika.fo, www.reika.fo

Horseback riding, Davidsen Hestar Joan Hendrik Davidsen, FO-370 Miðvágur tel. 210737/332737, henge@kallnet.fo

#### **15. HOSPITALS**

NORĐOYGGJAR Klaksvíkar Siúkrahús Víkavegur, FO-700 Klaksvík tel. 454545, www.ks.fo

#### STREYMOY

Landssiúkrahúsið J. C. Svabos gøta 43, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 304500, fax. 310064, www.lsh.fo After 16.00: Tourists must contact a doctor or the Accident & Emergency department

#### SUÐUROY

Suðuroyar Sjúkrahús Siúkrahúsbrekkan 19. FO-800 Tvørovri tel. 343300, fax 371142, ssh@ssh.fo. www.ssh.fo

#### **16. INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT**

AIRLINES Atlantic Airways Vágar Lufthavn, FO-380 Sørvágur tel. 341000/341010. fax 341021 booking@atlantic.fo, www.atlantic.fo

#### FERRY

Smyril Line Jonas Broncks gøta 37, P.O.Box 370 FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 345900, fax 345950, office@smyrilline.fo, www.smyrilline.fo

#### **17. INTERNET CAFÉ/SERVICE**

EYSTUROY

Library við Løkin Rókavegur 1, FO-620 Runavík, tel. 237088, www.lokin.fo, free WiFi

Library in Fuglafjørður Í Støð 1, FO-530 Fuglafjørður, tel. 238016, bokasavn@fuglafjordur.fo

Visit Runavík, Heiðavegur 13, FO-600 Saltangará, tel. 417060, visit@runavik.fo, www.visitrunavik.fo

#### NORĐOYGGJAR

Service, Library in Klaksvík Biskupssøðgøta 9, FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 455757, fax 455747, kb@kb.fo, www.kb.fo

#### SANDOY

Visit Sandoy, Mørkin Mikla 3, FO-210 Sandur, info@visitsandoy.fo, www. visitsandoy.fo

STREYMOY Býarbókasavnið (Library) Niels Finsens gøta 7, FO-100 Tórshavn bbs@bbs.fo, tel. 302030

#### SUÐUROV Library in Vágur, Vágsvegur 57, FO-900 Vágur, byarbokasavn@vagur.fo

#### **18. LAUNDRIES**

EYSTUROY Tváttur Sýnávegur 4, FO-480 Skáli,

NORĐOYGGJAR Vaskaríið á Teistatanga Ánavegur 170, FO-726 Ánir, zbivamik@olivant.fo

tvattur@tvattur.fo, tel. 308585

#### STREYMOY

Tváttur Á Hjalla 24, FO-188 Hoyvík, tel. 441840, fax 441844, tvattur@tvattur.fo, www.tvattur.fo

SUÐUROY Suðuroyar Heimavirki Vágsvegur, FO-900 Vágur

Harbour office Havnarlagið 24, FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 371055

#### **19. LIBRARIES**

#### EYSTUROY

Library in Fuglafjørður Í Støð 1, FO-530 Fuglafjørður, tel. 238016, bokasavn@fuglafjordur.fo

Library in Gøta við Gjónna 4, FO-510 Gøta, tel. 441859, bokasavn@eystur.fo

Library in Leirvík Samognarbøur 4, FO-520 Leirvík. tel. 443202, bokasavn@eystur.fo

Library við Løkin Rókavegur 1, FO-620 Runavík, tel. 237088, lokin@lokin.fo, www.lokin.fo,

Sunda bókasavn / Library Skúlavegur 5, FO-400 Ovrarbakki, www.bokasavn.fo

#### NORĐOYGGJAR

Library in Klaksvík Tingstøðin, FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 455757, fax 455747, kb@kb.fo, www. kb.fo

#### SANDOY

Library in Sandur Mørkin Mikla 3, FO-210 Sandur. tel. 211939

STREYMOY Býarbókasavnið (Town library) Niels Finsens gøta 7, P.O.Box 358 FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 302030, fax 302031, bbs@bbs.fo, www.bbs.fo

Føroya Landsbókasavn (National library) J. C. Svabos gøta 16, P.O.Box 61 FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 340525, fax 310371 lbs@landsbokasavnid.fo, www.flb.fo

Library in Hvalvík Hvalvíksvegur 75, FO-430 Hvalvík, tel. 421014

Library in Vestmanna Hallarvegur 16, FO-350 Vestmanna tel. 424551, vestbok@skulin.fo

#### SUÐUROY Library in Vágur

Vágsvegur 57, FO-900 Vágur, tel. 239391, byarbokasavn@vagur.fo

VÁGAR Library á Giljanesi, FO-360 Sandavágur

School Library Sørvágur FO-380 Sørvágur

#### 20. MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

#### EYSTUROY

Historical, á Látrinum Heimtún 5, FO-470 Eiði tel. 595280, fornminnisfelag@synack.fo, www.latrid.com

Historical, Vintage cars, FO-530 Fuglafjørður, Tel 744821. Open on request

Historical, Collection of old boats, FO-530 Fuglafjørður, Tel 238015. Open on request

Historical, Høvdahúsini FO-530 Fuglafiørður. tel. 238015

Historical. Blásastova FO-512 Norðragøta. tel. 222717. blasastova@blasastova.fo. www.blasastova.fo

Historical, Gamli Prestagarðurin Bygdarsavnið í Nes Kommunu, Kirkjuvegur 1 FO-655 Nes, tel. 447696/227096

Historical, Sjóvar fornminnafelag Heygsstøð 4 and 6, FO-490 Strendur, tel. 227850. Facebook: Sjóvar fornminnafelag.

Art Gallery, Finleif Mortensen Undir Torybrekku 12B, FO-490 Strendur tel. 211306. www.finleifmortensen.dk fokus@olivant.fo, Facebook: Finleif Mortensen Art

Art Gallery, Historical, Gallarí Ribarhús Í Støð 14, 530 Fuglafiørður. tel. 224427, heimavirk@gmail.com, www.ribarhus.fo

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Art Gallery, Lávusarhús Á Bakka 2. FO-520 Leirvík tel. 213324, heimavirki@mail.com

Historical and Art Báta- og Listasavnið, Kulibakki 8. FO-520 Leirvík. tel. 730150, batasavn@email.fo, www.visiteysturland.fo,

Norðoyggjar Gallery, Gamla Seglhúsið Klaksvíksvegur 48. FO-700 Klaksvík. tel. 457072/217055. www.gamlaseglhusid.fo

Historical, Biskupsstøðgarðurin (Nólsoyar Páls kongsgård) FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 264707, www.nolsoyarpall.fo

Historical, Norðoya Fornminnissavn Klaksvíksvegur 86, P.O.Box 145 FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 456287 Facebook: Norðoya Fornminnasavn

#### SANDOY

STREYMOY

tel. 302010

www.sjosavn.net

Gallery, Galerie Focus

www.galeriefocus.com.

Historical, Roykstovan

joannes@patursson.com

Historical, Brunn Museum

FO-270 Nólsoy, tel. 527060

Historical, gomlu Dúvugarðar, FO-436

Saksun, tel. 596560/594455, www.savn.fo,

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FO-175 Kirkjubøur,

savn@savn.fo.

Gallery, Smiðjan í Lítluvík

Skálatrøð, FO-100 Tórshavn,

tel. 328089, www.patursson.fo,

Économuséum, Føroya Grótvirki Tormansvegur 36, FO-240 Skopun, tel. 331100, fgv@fgv.fo, www.fgv.fo. On request all year

Historical, Sands Bygdasavn FO-210 Sandur, tel. 222078

Art, Listasavnið, FO-210 Sandur, tel. 211924

Aquarium, Føroya Sjósavn

Rættargøta 1, FO-160 Argir,

tel. 505120, sjosavn@gmail.com,

tel. 229876 amarian@olivant.fo

Dr. Jakobsens gøta 15, FO-100 Tórshavn

National Historical and Natural History, Tjóðsavn Føroya - culture and nature Kúrdalsvegur 2, FO-188 Hoyvík, tel. 340500, fax 312259, www.savn.fo, savn@ savn.fo. Exhibition in Brekkutún 6, tel. 318076 and the Open-air museum in Hoyvík

Art, Listasavn Føroya (National Art Gallery) Gundadalsvegur 9, P.O.Box 1141, FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 313579, www.art.fo, info@art.fo

Art, Mentamálaráðið (Ministry of Culture), Hoyvíksvegur 72 FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 306500, www.ummr.fo

Art, changing exhibitions, Steinprent Skálatrøð 16, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 316386 litho@olivant.fo, www.steinprent.com

Historical, Whaling Station við Áir Við Áir, 430 Hvalvík, www.tjodsavnid.fo

Art, changing exhibitions, Myndlist Niels Finsens gøta 16, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 259505, www.myndlist.fo, myndlist@myndlist.fo

Changing exhibitions Norðurlandahúsið, Nordens Hus Norðari Ringvegur, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 351351, www.nlh.fo, nlh@nlh.fo

Historical, Saga Museum Vestmanna Tourist Centre, Fjarðavegur 2 FO-350 Vestmanna, tel. 471500/771500 fax 471509, www.puffin.fo, touristinfo@olivant.fo

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Gallery, Galler/ Oyggin Sjógøta 184, FO-800 Tvøroyri tel. 371669/227938, www.oyggin.fo lyset@olivant.fo

Gallery, Ruth Smith Savnið Vágsvegur 101, FO-900 Vágur tel. 221215/573044/250112/573874 Facebook: Ruth Smith savnið

Historical, Sumbiar Sóknar Bygdarsavn, Akrabergsvegur 12, FO-970 Sumba, tel. 218485, tgt1101@gmail.com, www.sumbiar.com

Historical, Tvøroyrar Bygda- og Sjósavn Doktaragøta 5, FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 250055, doktarahus@gmail.com, tel. 611080/254941

Historical, Vágs Sóknar Bygdasavn Vágur World War II, Vágsvegur 101, FO-900 Vágur

Historical, Porkeris Bygdasavn FO-950 Porkeri, tel. 573850 www.porkeris-bygdarsavn.com

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Historical, Húsið uttan Ánna FO-860 Sandvík, tel. 611080, info@tvoroyri.fo, (Tourist Information in Tvøroyri) On request

Historical og galleri, Fish department and Savnið á Mýri, Museum, Gallery and Culture House, Stapavegur 1, FO-960 Hov tel. 370200/224751/373862 www.myri-museum.com, junif@kallnet.fo

Historical, sailing ship "Johanna" Johanna TG 326, 900 Vágur, tel. 239399 / 374486, vagsship@olivant.fo, www.johanna.fo

Historical, sailing ship "MS Thorshavn" 800 Tvøroyri, tel. 599800/286554 info@thorshavn.net, www.thorshavn.net

#### VÁGAR

Historical, Kálvalíð, FO-370 Miðvágur, tel. 344400, vaga@vaga.fo, on request Historical, Jansagerði, FO-370 Miðvágur

tel. 344400, vaga@vaga.fo Historical, Sørvágs Bygdasavn, FO-380 Sørvágur

Historical, Krigsmuseum Varðagøta 61, FO-380 Sørvágur, tel. 221940, www.ww2.fo

#### 21. NIGHTCLUBS AND DISCOTHEQUES

#### EYSTUROY

tel. 253757/333191

Cibo Bar, Heiðavegur 51, FO-600 Saltangará, tel. 447400

John's Bar, Karvatoftir 3, FO-530 Fuglafjørður, Tel 250515

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Molly's Klaksvíksvegur 22, FO-700 Klaksvík, mollysklaksvik@gmail.com

Maverick Gerðagøta 6, FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 454570

Roykstovan Klaksvíksvegur 41, FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 456125

STREYMOY Bar, Mikkeller Tórshavn Gongin 2, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 411500, mikkeller@mikkeller.fo

Niðri Undir - Landskrona Tórsgøta 11, FO-100 Tórshavn landskrona@landskrona.fo

Blábar - Jazz & Blues Niels Finsens gøta 23, FO-100 Tórshavn blabar@outlook.dk, tel. 226242 Café Essabarr Áarvegur 7, FO-100 Tórshavn

Taboo nightclub Niels Finsens gøta 11, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 501101, ivftaboo@hotmail.com

Glitnir Gr. Kambans gøta 13, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 319091/319090, glitnir@glitnir.org www.glitnir.org

Havnar Klubbi Tinghúsvegur, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 311552/312736, info@klubbin.fo

hvonn Café & Bar Tórsgøta 4, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 350035

#### Irish Pub Grím Kambansgøta 13, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 319091/737400, irishpub@irishpub.fo

Tórshøll Sverrisgøta 22, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 311565, torsholl@torsholl.fo

#### Luux Tinghúsvegur 6, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 505557, luuxtorshavn@gmail.com Loca Club Café & natklub Magnus Heinarsonargøta 15, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 214500

Sirkus Føroyar Grím Kambans gøta 2, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 323135, sirkusfo@gmail.com

Sportsbar, Landskrona Tórsgøta 11, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 271210, www.landskrona.fo, landskrona@landskrona.fo

#### SUÐUROY

Hotel Bakkin/Bakkin Steakhouse Vágsvegur 69, FO-900 Vágur, tel. 250448 hotelbakkin@olivant.fo

Grottan Miðbrekkan 5, FO-800 Tvøroyri

Pub/cafe, Hjá Jugga Garðabrekka 2, FO-900 Vágur

Tvøroyar Klubbi, Miðbrekka 15, FO-800 Tvøroyri tel. 596301, klubbin1895@gmail.com

#### 22. PETROL STATIONS

**EYSTUROY** Effo - Skálafjørður FO-485 Skálafjørður, tel. 343565

Effo - Leirvík FO-520 Leirvík, tel. 343500 Effo - Saltangará FO-600 Saltangará, tel. 343575

Effo - Strendur FO-490 Strendur, tel. 447859

Magn Gøtudalur FO-512 Norðragøta, tel. 347448

Magn i Saltangará Heiðavegur 41, FO-600 Saltangará, tel. 347445

Magn við Streymin FO-450 Oyri, tel. 422255

NORĐOYGGJAR Effo Nólsoyar Páls gøta, FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 343520

Magn í Klaksvík Stangavegur 1, FO-700 Klaksvík tel. 347449, fax 457714 Open all hours

SANDOY Effo á Sandi FO-210 Sandur Only self-service

STREYMOY Effo á Argjum FO-160 Argir, tel. 343570

Effo - Fast í Gundadali Hoydalsvegur 44, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 343550

Effo - Fast í Kollafirði FO-410 Kollafjarðardalur, tel. 421083

Magn á Frælsinum Frælsið 15, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 347447, fax 315948

Magn við Ringvegin Norðari Ringvegur, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 347447, fax 315148 Open all hours

Magn í Vestmanna FO-350 Vestmanna, tel. 424453, fax 424653

SUÐUROY Effo í Vági Vágsvegur 65, FO-900 Vágur, tel. 374073

Effo í Hvalba Við Bakkhús, Skálavegur 6, FO-850 Hvalba tel. 375436

Effo á Tvøroyri FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 372232

Magn í Trongisvági FO-826 Trongisvágur, tel. 371466 Magn í Vági á Bakka, FO-900 Vágur, tel. 373175

Vágar Effo Sørvágur FO-380 Sørvágur, tel. 343580

Magn i Miðvágur FO-370 Miðvágur, tel. 347444

23. PHARMACIES

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Eysturoyar Apotek Mýravegur 6, FO-620 Runavík, tel. 404040, eysturoyar@apotek.fo, www.apotek.fo

#### NORĐOYGGJAR

Norðoya Apotek Klaksvíksvegur 5, FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 404040, nordoya@apotek.fo, www.apotek.fo

STREYMOY

Apotekið Steinatún Niels Finsens gøta 17, P.O.Box 3010 FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 404040, steinatun@apotek.fo, www.apotek.fo

Tjaldurs Apotek R. C. Effersøes gøta 31,P.O.Box 3010 FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 404040, tjaldur@apotek.fo, www.apotek.fo

#### SUÐUROY Suðuroyar Apotek

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Non dispensing: Suðuroyar Heimavirki Vágsvegur 47, 900 Vágur, tel. 373960

#### 24. PLACES TO EAT

EYSTUROY Café Cibo Heiðavegur 51, FO-600 Saltangará tel. 447400/234000

Sushi, etika á Høgabóli, Heiðavegur 35, FO-600 Saltangará Tel. 319 321, etika@etika.fo, www.etika.fo

Miðstaðarlundin, Í Støð 1, 530 Fuglafjørður tel. 238015, Pop-up summer café, weather permitting

Cafe Hotel Runavík Heiðavegur 6, FO-620 Runavík tel. 663333, info@hotelrunavik.fo

Joe Pizza Strandatún 1, kj., FO-490 Strendur, tel 442400, Facebook: Joe Pizza Strendur Joe Pizza Hvalvíksvegur 1. FO-430 Hvalvík.

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tel. 442410,

Kunst & Kaffe Ribarhús Í Støð 14, 530 Fuglafjørður, tel. 224427 heimavirk@gmail.com, www.ribarhus.fo

Noðastova, Kaffe og færøsk is í Støð 8, Ved havnen, 530 Fuglafjørður tel. 285148, katrin@nodastova.fo

Rose's Cafe, Restaurant & Catering Mylnuvegur 17, FO-466 Ljósá, tel 456800/596800 rosepoulsen2015@gmail.com rosescafecatering.com

Gjáargarður FO-476 Gjógv, tel. 423171/211590, info@gjaargardur.fo, www.gjaargardur.fo

Farhat'sa Pizza Heiðavegur 33, FO-600 Saltangará, tel. 448237

Hjá Rafik Glyvravegur 6, FO-625 Glyvrar, tel. 445959

Restaurant, Hotel Runavík

www.matstovan.fo

Restaurant Muntra

Somwang Thaifood

Restaurant, Brimborg,

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Amarant

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Toftagøta 1A, FO-530 Fuglafjørður,

Strandatún 3, FO-490 Strendur,

Gøtuvegur 2, FO-511 Gøtugjógv

tel. 521000, brimborg@brimborg.fo,

Strandavegur 375, FO-490 Strendur

tel. 550490, jof@strandamaling.fo,

Klingrugarður 6, FO-700 Klaksvík

Bakkavegur 7, FO-797 Mikladalur

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tel. 455314, post@amarant.fo

Tel 284708, edge@edge.fo

Pitsa 530, Kavatoftir 7, FO-530 Fuglafjørður, tel. 444446 Restaurant, Bowlinghøllin í Leirvík Høvdavegur 3, FO-520 Leirvík tel. Tel 663366/663367, bovling@bovling.fo Café Fríða Biskupstorg 5, FO-700 Klaksvík tel. 593344, www.frida.fo

Maverick Gerðagøta 6, FO-700 Klaksvík tel. 454570

Hotel Norð Eggjarvegur 1, FO-750 Viðareiði, tel. 451244, www.hotelnord.fo

Hotel Klaksvík Víkarvegur 38, FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 455333 , fax 457233, www.hotelklaksvik.fo

Kalalon, Kalavegur 6, FO-766 Kirkja, Fugloy, tel. 226352, kalalon@outlook.com Facebook: Kalalon á Kirkju

Fish & Chips Klaksvík – Nóa Nólsoyar Pálsgøta 13a, FO-700 Klaksvík tel. 759999

Grill and Café Take Away 795 Syðrdalur

Molly's pizza Bøgøta 12, FO-700 Klaksvík Tel 456767

Mungo (Take away) Klaksvíksvegur 4, FO-700 Klaksvík. www.mungo.fo

Karlsá Heimablídni, Serves fish and pizza Vágsheygsgøta, FO-700 Klaksvík tel. 224434

Heimablídni Garðurin á Stórheygnum, FO-765 Svínoy Tel 288110 gardurin@yahoo.com By appointment.

Angus Steakhouse Klaksvík Klaksvíksvegur 45, FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 457777

MaturViljin Heimigarður 19, FO-796 Húsar, Kalsoy tel. 222060, by appointment

SANDOY Caféin á Mølini, á Mølini 3, FO-220 Skálavík www.facebook.com/cafe.sandoy

STREYMOY Burgerrestaurant, Haps Tinghúsvegur, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 501030

Café, Hornið, SMS Húsagøta 2, FO-100 Tórshavn

Café, Blákrosskafein Kongagøta 8, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 321044

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Café Brell Vaglið, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 202280

Café, Disvoy Café Bakkavegur 6, FO-350 Vestmanna Tal. 790599, disvoy@disvoy.fo

Café Essabarr Áarvegur 7, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 312625, essabarr@essabarr.fo

Café, Gómagott Niels Finsens Gøta 17, FO-100 Tórshavn info@gomagott.fo, www.gomagott.fo, tel. 616000

Café, hvonn Tórsgøta 4, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 350035, hvonn@hvonn.fo, www.hvonn.fo

Café, Juice bar & Sports Café, No12 Gundadalur, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 331020, no12@no12.fo

Café, Kafe Kaspar Áarvegur 4-10, P.O.Box 107, FO-110 Tórshavn tel. 308010, fax 315250 kaspar@kaspar.fo, www.hafnia.fo

Café, Umami Falkavegur 4, 100 Tórshavn, tel. 284748

Café, Kafe Umami Undir Bryggjubakka 19, 100 Tórshavn, tel. 284747

Café, Kaffihúsið Vágsbotnur, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 358787

Café, Maggies Café FO-270 Nólsoy, tel. 327199/254199 lamaland@lamaland.fo, www.maggies.fo

Café Niðristova, Hvalvíksvegur 47, FO 430 Hvalvík Tel 585212, nidristovugardur@gmail.com

Café, Paname Vaglið 4, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 788288, www.paname.fo, paname@paname.fo

Café Systrar, Nordens Hus Norðari Ringvegur 10, P.O.Box 3303 FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 535455, fax 351350 systrar@systrar.fo, www.systrar.fo

Café SAND By the beach, FO-445 Tjørnuvík, tel. 227282, info@sand-cafe.com, www.sand-cafe.com

Cafeteria, Matstovan í Hoyvík Brekkutún 9, P.O.Box 349, FO-188 Hoyvík tel. 314149, fax 310811, www.fk.fo Fast Food, Burger King, SMS Húsagøta 2, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 232421

Fast Food, Café Sandwich Niels Finsens gøta 16, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 323200

Fast Food, City Burger Tórsgøta 17, FO-100 Tórsahvn, tel. 317080, cityburger@olivant.fo

Fast Food, Emilia Havnargøta 13, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 312624

Fast Food, Sunset Boulevard, SMS Húsagøta 2, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 323424

Fish & Chips Vaglið 5, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 317405

Pizza 67 Tinghúsvegur 8, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 356767, pizza67@pizza67.fo, www.pizza67.fo

Pub, Irish Pub Grím Kambans gøta 13, FO-100 Tórshavn irishpub@irishpub.fo, www.irishpub.fo, tel. 319091

Restaurant, Áarstova Lambhouse Gongin 1, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 333000 aarstova@aarstova.fo, www.aarstova.fo

Restaurant, Angus Steakhouse Havnargøta 15, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 717777, angus@angus.fo

Restaurant Barbara Fishhouse Gongin 4-6, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 331010 www.barbara.fo, barbara@barbara.fo

Katrina Christiansen Bringsnagøta 6, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 313243, katrina@katrina.fo, www.katrina.fo

Restaurant, Fjørukrógvin Fjarðavegur 2, FO-350 Vestmanna, tel. 471500

Café, Karet Dr. Jakobsens gøta 14-16, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 500610, karet@karet.fo, www.karet.fo

Restaurant ruts Breakfast and Dinner Oyggjarvegur 45, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 317500 ruts@ruts.fo, www.hotelforoyar.fo

Restaurant, Hat-Trick Heykavegur 1, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 358182 bowling@bowling.fo, www.bowling.fo

Restaurant, Hotel Hafnia Áarvegur 4-10, P.O.Box 107, FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 313233, fax 315250, hafnia@hafnia.fo, www.hafnia.fo Restaurant hvonn - Brasserie Tórsgøta 4, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 350035, hvonn@hvonn.fo, www.hvonn.fo

Restaurant Silo, Klassisk middagsmad Vestara Bryggja 15, 100 Tórshavn, tel. 406100 silo@silo.fo, www.silo.fo

Restaurant, KOKS tel. 333999, koks@koks.fo, www.koks. fo

Restaurant, ROKS roks@roks.fo, www.roks.fo

Restaurant, Ræst Fermented Gongin 8, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 411430 raest@raest.fo, www.raest.fo

Restaurant Seven Jónas Broncks gøta 31, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 323565

Restaurant Skeiva Pakkhús Sigmundargøta 19, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 773300, sp@skeivapakkhús.fo, www.skeivapakkhus.fo

Restaurant, The Tarv Grill house, Steak&Seafood Undir Bryggjubakka 3-5, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 411400, tarv@tarv.fo, www.tarv.fo

Restaurant Toscana N. Pálsgøta 13, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 311109/211109

Pizza, Kebab, Takeaway, Centrum Sverrisgøta 9, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 321103

Pizza/Grill, No 1 Vágsbotnur, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 323201

Ramen-restaurant, Suppugarðurin Niels Finsens gøta 12, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 411010, suppugardurin@suppugardurin.fo, www.suppugardurin.fo

Smørrebrød, Bitin Niels Finsens gøta 12, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 411000, bbitin@bbitin.fo, www.bbitin.fo

Sushi-restaurant etika Áarvegur 3, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 319319, etika@etika.fo, www.etika.fo

Take Away, eta Pizza and pita Tórsgøta 1, FO-100 Tórshavn eta@eta.fo, www.eta.fo

Take Away, Reyðleyk Ingibjargargøta 8A (Karlamagnusarbreyt 29) FO-188 Hoyvík, tel. 200188 Take Away/Terminal Niels Finsens gøta 21, FO- 100 Tórshavn tel. 353353

Take Away, Mungo Havnargøta 15, FO-100 Tórshavn, www.mungo.fo

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Bakery, Bakaríið hjá Hans Olaf Sjógøta 14, FO-800 Tvøroyri Tel 371080

Café MorMor Undir Heygum 38, FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 287010

Café, Glasstovan Tvørávegur 25, FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 790064

Grillbar Báran Vágsvegur 109, FO-900 Vágur

Grillbar Skýlið Vágsvegur 40, FO-900 Vágur, tel. 270519

Matstovan í Porkeri Hólavegur 5, FO-950 Porkeri, tel. 223039, info@matstovaniporkeri.com

Philippin Restaurant Bryggjan, FO-900 Vágur, tel 212996/270519

Pizza House Suðuroy, Sjógøta 256, FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 372222

Pizzakøkurin Vágsvegur 15, FO-900 Vágur, tel. 373722

Bakkin Steakhouse Vágsvegur 69, FO-900 Vágur, tel. 250444, www.hotelbakkin.com,

Restaurant & pizzaria, Hotel Tvøroyri Miðbrekkan 5, FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 371171 www.hoteltvoroyri.com, fax 372171

Restaurant Garðslon Vágsvegur 114, FO-900 Vágur, to tel. 590995, matstovangardslon@gmail.com Facebook: Matstovan Garðslon

> Sandwich and coffee/tea Torgið – Mini Shopping Center i Vágur Vágsvegur 62, 900 Vágur, tel. 612096

#### VÁGAR

Café Fiskastykkið Úti á Bakka 12, FO-360 Sandavágur, tel. 250600, fiskastykkid@fiskastykkid.fo, www.fiskastykkid.fo

Café Flogkaffi Vága Lufthavn, FO-380 Sørvágur, tel. 217555 Café, Gásadalsgarður Lækjutún 5, FO-387 Gásadalur, tel. 271013, gasadalsgardur@gmail.com Facebook: Gásadalsgarður

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Café, Mykinesstova Garstgøta 11, FO-388 Mykines, tel. 787515, mykinesstova@gmail.com

Pollastova, FO-380 Sørvágur tel. 532352, pollastova@gmail.com,

Café Zorva FO-380 Sørvágur, tel. 214734, cafezorva@gmail.com

Smiðjan FO-370 Miðvágur, tel. 308888/353353

Pakkhúsið í Bø Smiðjuvegur 8, FO-386 Bø tel. 2600026, tanastan@tanastan.fo

The Locals Mykines FO-388 Mykines, tel. 212985, mykines@olivant.fo

#### 25. POLICE STATIONS

EYSTUROY Politistøðin í Runavík Mýravegur 2, P.O.Box 120, FO-620 Runavík tel. 114

#### NORĐOYGGJAR

Politistøðin í Klaksvík á Sandinum, P.O.Box 37, FO-700 Klaksvík tel. 114 / 351448, fax 457006

#### SANDOY

Politistøðin á Sandi Mørkin Mikla 3, FO-210 Sandur tel. 114 / 351570, fax 356101,

#### STREYMOY

FO-110 Tórshavn,

www.politi.fo

SUÐUROY

VÁGAR

Politistøðin í Tórshavn

Politistøðin á Tvøroyri

FO-800 Tvøroyri

Police, Airport

FO-380 Sørvágur,

tel. 114 / 358848

Húsagøta 3, Postboks 3018

tel. 114 / 351448, fax 351449

Kirkjubrekkan 11, P.O.Boks 13,

tel. 114 / 371448, fax 372053

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#### **26. POSTAL SERVICES**

Main Post Office, Posta Óðinshædd 2, P.O.Box 3075 FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 346000, fax 346011 posta@posta.fo www.posta.fo Post office with postmark

#### EYSTUROY

Posta, Heiðavegur 57, FO-600 Saltangará tel. 346000, Post office with postmark

Norðoyggjar Posta, FO-766 Kirkja tel. 451137, Post office with postmark

Posta, FO-700 Klaksvík tel. 455008, Post office with postmark

Posta, FO-765 Svínoy tel. 451218, Post office with postmarkl

#### SANDOY Posta, Heimasandsvegur 58, FO-210 Sandur, tel. 346121/236075

Post office with postmark Posta, FO-260 Skúvoy

tel. 361436/236076 Post office with postmark

#### STREYMOY Posta, FO-280 Hestur

tel. 346000

Posta, FO-270 Nólsoy tel. 346000, Post office with postmark

Posta, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 346000

#### SUÐUROY Keyp Vágur Oyrarvegur 6, FO-900 Vágur, tel. 373006

Posta, FO-800 Tvøroyri tel. 371018 Post office with postmarkl

Torgið, kiosken Vágsvegur 62, FO-900 Vágur

VÁGAR Posta, FO-388 Mykines tel. 310986 Post office with postmark

Posta, Vága Floghavn FO-380 Sørvágur, tel. 236085

#### **27. SOUVENIRS**

#### EYSTUROY

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Books, stamps and souvenirs, Bókabúðin Heiðavegur 15, P.O.Box 78, FO-610 Saltangará, tel. 449292, info@bokabudin.fo Posters, postcards, etc. FJORD Í Støð 7, 1. sal, FO-530 Fuglafjørður, tel. 788393, fjord@fjord.fo, www.fjord.fo Also online shop

Souvenirs, Knitwear, Lávusarhús Á Bakka 2, FO-520 Leirvík, tel. 743058/213324, heimavirki@mail.com

Souvenirs, Knitwear, Navia Oyrarnar 10, FO-650 Toftir, tel. 449282, navia@navia.fo, www.navia.fo

Souvenirs, Knitwear, Noðastova í Støð 8, Ved havnen, 530 Fuglafjørður tel. 285148, katrin@nodastova.fo

Souvenirs, Knitwear, Art Piddasahandil/Galleri Ribarhús Í Støð 14, 530 Fuglafjørður, tel. 224427 heimavirk@gmail.com, www.ribarhus.fo

Souvenirs, Knitwear, Heimavirkni í Saltangará Heiðavegur 34, FO-600 Saltangará, tel. 222775, heimavirkni@mail.fo

Souvenirs, Visit Runavík Heiðavegur 13, FO-600 Saltangará, tel. 417060, visit@runavik.fo, www.visitrunavik.fo

Knitwear, Snældan Langanes 6, FO-490 Strendur, tel. 447154/217154, snaeldan@olivant.fo

#### NORĐOYGGJAR

Visit Norðoy Biskupstorg 1, FO-700 Klaksvík Tel 456939, info@klaksvik.fo www.visitnordoy.fo

Whale knives, Magni P. Garðalíð á Geil 10, FO-796 Húsar, tel. 222060/214225, maturviljin@mail.fo grindaknivar@grindaknivar.com

Knitwear, Búnin Nólsoyar Páls gøta 18, FO-700 Klaksvík tel. 285210

Knitwear, Tógvtorgið Klaksvíksvegur 70, FO-700 Klaksvík tel. 451234

Knitwear and souvenirs, Norðoya Heimavirki Biskupsstøðgøta 9, P.O.Box 146 FO-700 Klaksvík. tel. 456899

Knitwear, Hjá Vimu Nólsoyar Páls gøta 7, FO-700 Klaksvík tel. 787712

Souvenirs, Alfa Bókahandil Nólsoyar Páls gøta 2, FO-700 Klaksvík tel. 455533, mittalfa@mittalfa.fo

#### SANDOY

Local souvenirs,Visit Sandoy, Mørkin Mikla 3, FO-210 Sandur, info@visitsandoy.fo, www.visitsandoy.fo

Souvenirs, Føroya Grótvirki Tomansvegur 36, FO-240 Skopun, tel. 331100, fax 331101, fgv@fgv.fo, www.fgv.fo

#### STREYMOY

Stuffed birds, Jens Kjeld Jensen FO-270 Nólsoy, tel. 327064, fax 327054

Ceramics, Guðrið Poulsen Sjúrðargøta 16, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 315355/253251, leirlist@olivant.fo

Ceramics, knitweat and souvenirs Visit Tórshavn Niels Finsens gøta 17, FO-110 Tórshavn tel. 302425, fax 316831 torsinfo@torshavn.fo, www.visittorshavn.fo

Art, Rammubúðin Glarsmiðjan Dr. Jakobsens gøta 7, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 310623/216623, fax 212023

Music, Tutl-shoppen Niels Finsens gøta 9, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 314504, fax 318943 info@ tutl.fo, www.tutl.com

Gifts, silver, Jewellery, Niels L. Arge Kongabrúgvin, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 311731, fax 315610, niels-la@olivant.fo

Gifts, silver, Jewellery, Nomi, SMS Húsagøta 2, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 320313

Gifts, silver, Jewellery, Nomi Smykkur og Ur Hoyvíksvegur 67, Miðlon, 100 Tórshavn tel. 320315, Faks 320475

Plakater EINFALT 'list' Purkugerði 3a, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 522120, handil@einfalt.fo, www.einfaltlist.fo

Knitwear and souvenirs Føroya Heimavirkisfelag Niels Finsens gøta 7, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 522686

Knitwear, Navia, SMS Húsagøta 2, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 739092, www.navia.fo

Knitwear, Embroidery, Tógvhúsið Sverrisgøta 19, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 315264, www.togv.fo

Knitwear, Snældan Niels Finsens gøta 25, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 357154

Knitwear and souvenirs, Ullvøruhúsið, Niels Finsens gøta 27, tel. 211560 Knitwear og souvenirs Vestmanna Tourist Centre Fjarðavegur 2, FO-350 Vestmanna tel. 471500/771500, fax 471509 touristinfo@olivant.fo www.visit.vestmanna.com

H.N. Jacobsens Bókahandil Vaglið 2, FO-100 Tórshavn Tel 311036, www.hnj.fo

Arts and crafts, knitted goods, jewellery, art, ceramics, glass and gifts Öström Sigmundargota 18, 100 Tórshavn, tel. 260560

Wooden Art, Ole Jakob Nielsen FO-335 Leynar, tel. 421077

#### SUÐUROY Knitwear, jewellery etc. Suðuroyar Heimavirki Vágsvegur 47, P.O.Box 77, FO-900 Vágur tel. 373960, fax 373960

Souvenirs, Esla Við Sílá 12, FO-800 Tvøroyri

Souvenirs, Tangabúðin Sjógøta 115, FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 371976

Souvenirs, Torgið Vágsvegur 62, FO-900 Vágur, tel. 612096, torgidvagur@gmail.com

#### VÁGAR

Knitwear and souvenirs, DUTYFREE FAE Vágar Lufthavn, FO-380 Sørvágur, tel. 331324 dutyfree@dutyfreefae.fo, www.dutyfree.fo

#### 28. SWIMMING POOLS

EYSTUROY

### FO-530 Fuglafjørður, tel. 444243

#### NORĐOYGGJAR Swimming pool - waterpark J. Waagsteinsgøta 1, FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 456037, svimjihollin@klaksvik.fo, www.svim.fo

Swimming Pool at Fuglafjørður School

STREYMOY Swimming pool in Gundadalur Hoydalsvegur 21, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 302072, www.svimjihollin.fo

Swimming pool in Hestur FO-280 Hestur, tel. 302010

#### SUÐUROY

Swimming pool and Wellness Páls Høll – Faroe Islands Aquatic Centre Á Oyrunum 17, FO-900 Vägur, tel. 370100/285000 palsholl@vagur.fo, www.vagur.fo/palsholl Swimming pool in Tvøroyri Kongabrekkan 18, FO-800 Tvøroyri

#### 29. TAXI

EYSTUROY Snar Taxa, FO-480 Skáli, tel. 586058

Taxa OC, FO-620 Runavík, tel. 213444

Fjarðataxi, FO-650 Toftir, +298 217910

NORĐOYGGJAR Auto, FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 590000

City Taxi, FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 777780/580580

Taxa Klaksvík v/Símun Pauli Dahl tel. 557777

Tel 323232 Taxi on Kalsoy

Taxi Bil

Tel 582224

Taxi to the Airport Tel 311234

**STREYMOY** Auto, Niels Finsens gøta 28 FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 363636

Bil, Eystara Bryggja FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 323232

Mini Bus Taxa, tel. 212121

Taxi 3x25, Leynarvegur 27, FO-335 Leynar tel. 252525

SUÐUROY AH Taxa, Annie Hentze FO-826 Trongisvágur, tel. 227228/226228

Taxa, Hilmar í Lágabø FO-900 Vágur, tel. 573660

Taxa, Poul Kjærbeck FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 282931/250350

Taxa, Marita Poulsen FO-850 Hvalba, tel. 211513

Taxa, Bjarki Berg FO-800 Tvøroyri, tel. 211210

Taxa, Signar Holm FO-900 Vágur, tel. 279300

Taxabusser, Ludvig ÍF Poulsen FO-970 Sumba, tel. 239550 Taxabusser, Mikkjal Pauli Johansen FO-826 Trongisvágur, tel. 226566

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VÁGAR Eivind Johannesen FO-360 Sandavágur, tel. 216468

Olsen taxi, tel. 283435

STREYMOY

www.tennis.fo

EYSTUROY

www.mh.fo

**30. TENNIS COURTS** 

Tórshavnar Tennisvøllur

Mentanarhúsið í Fuglafirði

Mentanarhúsið Løkshøll

tel. 238070, mh@fuglafjordur.fo,

Rókavegur 1, FO-620 Runavík,

tel. 218080, tsgrot@grot.com

tel. 222401/223010, www.loksholl.fo

Klaksvíksvegur 2, FO-700 Klaksvík

varpid@varpid.fo www.varpid.fo

Norðurlandahúsið, Nordens Hus

Tjóðpallur Føroya, Meiaríið

Tórsgøta 3, FO-100 Tórshavn,

tel. 286671, www.torsgota.fo,

Sjónleikarhúsið (the theatre)

tel. 311132, sjonleik@olivant.fo,

Salt, Sound Art & Live Theatre

Drelnes 22, FO-827 Øravík,

tel. 285770, www.salt.fo

Oyravegur 7, FO-900 Vágur

www.storapakkhus.com

tel. 373438/210438,

www.tjodpallur.fo

Reinsaríið og Perlan

torsgota@torshavn.fo

sjonleikarhusid.com

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Stóra Pakkhús

Norðari Ringvegur, FO-100 Tórshavn

tel. 351351, www.nlh.fo, nlh@nlh.fo

Tórsgøta 9, Box 212, FO-110 Tórshavn

Niels Finsens gøta 34, FO-100 Tórshavn

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tel. 318617, fax 310422, info@tjodpallur.fo

Tøting, við Júksnará 9, FO-513 Syðrugøta,

(The Culture House)

FO-530 Fuglafjørður,

(The Culture House)

NORĐOYGGJAR

Varpið

STREYMOY

Gundadalur, FO-100 Tórshavn

**31. THEATRE/CULTURAL CENTRES** 

#### Listastovan, Gummaldavegur 2, FO-370 Miðvágur tel. 267549, listastovan@gmail. com, vagar@visitvagar.fo

Gamli Skúli, Skúlabrekka 2, FO-380 Sørvágur, gamliskuli@sorvag.fo, www.visitvagar.fo

#### **32. TOURIST BOARD**

Visit Faroe Islands, í Gongini 9 P.O.Box 118, FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 666555, www.visitfaroeislands.com info@visitfaroeislands.com

#### 33. TURIST INFORMATION OFFICES

#### EYSTUROY

Visit Eysturoy – Fuglafjørður Í Støð 14, 530 Fuglafjørður, tel. 238015, visit@fuglafjordur.fo, www.visiteysturoy.fo

Visit Runavík Heiðavegur 13, FO-600 Saltangará, tel. 417060, visit@runavik.fo, www.visitrunavik.fo

NORĐOYGGJAR Visit Norðoy Biskupstorg 1, F0-700 Klaksvík, tel. 456939, info@klaksvik.fo, www.visitnordoy.fo

SANDOY Visit Sandoy Mørkin Mikla 3, FO-210 Sandur, info@visitsandoy.fo, www.visitsandoy.fo

#### STREYMOY

Visit Nólsoy FO-270 Nólsoy, tel. 527060, info@visitnolsoy.fo, www.visitnolsoy.fo

Visit Tórshavn Niels Finsens gøta 17, FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 302425, fax 316831, torsinfo@torshavn.fo, www.visittorshavn.fo

Vestmanna Tourist Centre Fjarðavegur 2, FO-350 Vestmanna tel. 471500/771500, fax 471509 touristinfo@olivant.fo, www.visit-vestmanna.com

#### SUÐUROY

Visit Suðuroy: Tvøroyri: Tvørávegur 37, FO-800 Tvøroyri tel. 611080, info@tvoroyri.fo www.visitsuduroy.fo

Vágur: Vágsvegur 57, 900 Vágur, tel. 239390, info@vagur.fo, www.visitsuduroy.fo

#### 34. TOUR OPERATORS

62°N travel Hoydalsvegur 17, P.O.Box 3225 FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 340000, fax 340011, booking@62n.fo, www.62n.fo

Ara Tours Traðarvegur 99, FO-800 Tvøroyri Tel 572424/571151, ara.tours800@gmail.com

Faroe Incoming Sleipnisgota 17, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 510600 info@faroeincoming.com www.faroeincoming.com

Fonn Flog SMS Shopping Centre, Húsagøta 2 FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 476363, www.fonnflog.fo

Fonn Flog Biskupsstøðgøta 10, P.O.Box 109 FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 476363, fonnflog@fonnflog.fo, www.fonnflog.fo

GreenGate Incoming Jónas Broncks gøta 35, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 350520, fax 350521, info@greengate.fo, www.greengate.fo

Heimdal Tours Norðari Ringvegur 11, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 591858, booking@heimdaltours.com www.heimdaltours.com

Lysets kunstrejser m/Palle Julsgart, FO-800 Tvøroyri tel. 287938, lyset@olivant.fo

Make Travel Bakkavegur 2, FO-380 Sørvágur, tel. 232101, make@make.fo, www.make.fo

MB Tours P.O.Box 3021, FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 322121, fax 322122, mb@mb.fo, www.mb.fo

NAX Oyggjarvegur 45, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. nr. 207676, info@nax.fo, www.nax.fo

Smyril Line P/F Yviri við Strond 1, P.O.Box 370, FO-110 Tórshavn tel. 345900, booking@smyrilline.fo

Tora Tourist Traffic Tjarnarlág 41, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 315505, fax 315667, tora@tora.fo, www.tora.fo

Cruise Agents, Baldursbrá Spf v. Johan Mortensen, P.O.Box 49 FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 213510/315372, fax 311318, baldur@mail.fo Cruise Agents, Faroe Agency Yviri við Strond 4, P.O.Box 270 FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 351990, fax 351991 faroeagency@faroeagency.fo www.faroeagency.fo

Cruise Agents, Faroe Ship Eystara Bryggja, P.O.Box 47, FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 349000, fax 349081, info@faroeship.fo, www.faroeship.fo

Cruise Agents, Tor Shipping Kongsgil 22, P.O.Box 1252, FO-110 Tórshavn tel. 358531, fax 358530, torship@torshipping.fo, www.tor-shipping.fo

#### 35. TRAVEL AGENCIES

#### NORĐOYGGJAR

Fonn Flog Biskupsstøðgøta 10, P.O.Box 109 FO-700 Klaksvík, tel. 476363, fax 477373, fonnflog@fonnflog.fo, www.fonnflog.fo,

#### STREYMOY

62°N travel, Hoydalsvegur 17 P.O.Box 3225, FO-110 Tórshavn tel. 340000, fax 340011 booking@62n.fo, www.62n.fo

Alpha Travel Bókbindaragøta 8, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 352900, fax 352901, alpha@alphatravel.fo

Flog.fo flog@flog.fo, www.flog.fo, tel. 318318

#### Fonn Flog SMS shopping center, Húsagøta 2, FO-100 Tórshavn, tel. 476363, www.fonnflog.fo

GreenGate Incoming Jónas Broncks gøta 35, FO-100 Tórshavn tel. 350520, fax 350521, info@greengate.fo, www.greengate.fo

MB Tours P.O.Box 3021, FO-110 Tórshavn, tel. 322121, fax 322122, mb@mb.fo, www.mb.fo

#### VÁGAR

Make Travel Bakkavegur 2, FO-380 Sørvágur, tel. 232100, make@make.fo, www.make.fo

## Notes

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Hotels, Guesthouses		Classification	Open	Total number of beds/ rooms	FACILITIES					Credit		Other
and Youth Hostels NAME AND ADRESS	(+298) T: Phone F: Fax	H: Hotel/Conference YH: Youth Hostel, rooms, 2-8 beds GH: Guesthouse B&B: Bed & breakfast	<ul> <li>1/1- 31/12</li> <li>Groups on request all year</li> <li>Winter on request</li> </ul>		A: Suite H: Lounge B: Lift I: Internet C: Saun J: Laundry D: Solarium K: Fitness E: TV-room L: Hot tub F: Billiard M: Indoor G: Table play area tennis N: Spa	In the rooms L: Telephone M: Radio N: TV O: Fridge P: Minibar Q: Internet	Meeting room capacity	Suitable for disabled	O: Cafeteria C: Meals on request Al a carte restaurant C: Ala carte restaurant Automat with soft drinks, sandwich etc. C: Breakfast only	cards 1. Eurocard 2. VISA 3. Dankort 4. JCB 5. Master 6. Am. Expr. 7. Diners 8. All cards	Parking	information Comparison in the interval of the
62°N Guesthouse, Dr. Jacobsens gøta 14-16, FO-100 Tórshavn www.62n.fo/guesthouse, guesthouse@62n.fo	T: 500600	GH	•	28/13	EHI	NQ	50		0	8	Public parking	00
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Hotel Brandan, Oknarvegur 2, FO-100 Tórshavn www.hotelbrandan.fo, reception@hotelbrandan.fo	T: 309200	<b>III</b> ****		248 / 124	ABCHIJKL	NPQ	80	Х	003	8	130	0
Hotel Føroyar, Oyggjarvegur 45, P.O.Box 3303, FO-100 Tórshavn www.hotelforoyar.com, hf@hotelforoyar.com	T: 317500			444/200	ABCHIJKN	LMNQ	3-340	Х	03	8	200	0
Hotel Hafnia, Áarvegur 4-10, P.O.Box 107, FO-100 Tórshavn www.hafnia.fo, hafnia@hafnia.fo	T: 313233	■ ***+/ ****		127/79	АВСНІЈК	LMNPQ	140	Х	003	8	3 +Publ. park.	0
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Hilton Garden Inn Faroe Islands, Staravegur 13, FO-100 Tórshavn, hiltongardeninn.fo, mail hgi@hiltongardeninn.fo	T: 414000 F: 414001	<b>***</b>		350/130	ABCHIKJL	LNOQ	5-286	Х	030	8	130	0
Hotel Djurhuus, Yviri við Strond 19 FO-100 Tórshavn, www.hoteldjurhuus.fo, booking@hd.fo	T: 355500 F: 355501	H ***		68/40	ВЕНІК	MNOQ	30		24	8	25	0
Hotel Tórshavn, Tórsgøta 4, P.O.Box 97, FO-100 Tórshavn www.hoteltorshavn.fo, ht@hoteltorshavn.fo	T: 350000	·**		78/43	BHI	LMNQ	8-60		3	8	Public parking	0
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Hotel Runavík, Heiðavegur 6, FO-620 Runavík www.hotelrunavik.fo, info@hotelrunavik.fo	T: 663333	<b>III</b> ***		48/23	ABIJ	NQ	30	Х	3	8	10	0
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Guesthouse í Miðbrekku, FO-800 Tvøroyri www.gista.fo, gista@gista.fo	T: 506604	GH		16/11	EIJ	Q					6	00
Hotel Bakkin, FO-900 Vágur www.hotelbakkin.com, hotelbakkin@olivant.fo	T: 373961	н		16/10	I	NQ			00	12345	4	
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## Events in 2024

Ask at the tourist office for events and happenings or visit www.whatson.fo

#### THE NORDIC HOUSE

The Nordic House is a multi-cultural venue offering a wide range of exciting events all year round, including concerts, exhibitions, theatre performances and much more. See the programme of events for the Nordic House at: www.nlh.fo

#### FAROESE NATIONAL GALLERY

Faroese National Gallery of Art in Tórshavn offers many exciting exhibitions of artists from all over the world, in addition to the permanent exhibition of older and more modern Faroese art. Here you can see several works of one of the most famous Faroese artists, Sámal Joensen-Mykines (1906-1979). See the programme of exhibitions at the National Gallery of Art at: www.art.fo

#### MUSIC FESTIVALS AND OUTDOOR CONCERTS

During the summer months you will have more opportunities than you could possibly have imagined to enjoy the musical life of the Faroe Islands. The local music scene has virtually exploded over recent years and you will be able to experience this fantastic variety of local music in all genres, plus top foreign groups and musicians at the various festivals and concerts.

#### USEFUL WEBSITES

www.visitfaroeislands.com www.whatson.fo www.visittorshavn.fo www.visitnordoy.fo www.visiteysturoy.fo www.visitsandoy.fo www.visitnolsoy.fo www.visit-vestmanna.com www.visitsuduroy.fo www.visitvagar.fo

#### APRIL

**11 - 13 April** - Knitting festival in Fuglafjørður. See date at www.bindifestival.com

**21 - 28 April** - Culture week in Runavík, www.visitrunavik.fo

**25 April** - Flag Day Run in Tórshavn, 7km and 2km – www.athletics.fo

#### MAY

4 May - Boat Festival in Toftir

4 May - Á grynnuni – free family event with focus on the sea's resources. Tastings of all the sea has to offer! Facebook: Ein dagur á grynnuni

**4 May** - Klaksvík halfmarathon: www.treysti.fo

**23 - 25 May**- Boat Festival in Vestmanna

**25 - 26 May** - Animal Day in Havnardalur, Tórshavn. Family fun with animals plus many activities for the children, www.ross.fo

31 May - Cultural night in Tvøroyri

#### JUNE

**1 June** - The Føroya Bjór Run in Klaksvík (during the "Norðoyastevna" festival): www.treysti.fo

**6 - 8 june** - Country- and Bluesfestival in Sørvágur. www.country.fo

**7 June** - Culture Night in Tórshavn www.visittorshavn.fo **9 June** - Tórshavn Marathon: Full and half marathon or 5 km, www.torshavnmarathon.com

29 June - Voxbotn – one-day festival in Tórshavn. Facebook: voxbotn

**29 June** - Floksmannadagar, cultural experience in Fugloy. www.uppistovugardur.fo

#### JULY

**13 July** - Quayside dance, western harbour in Tórshavn. www.visittorshavn.fo

**18 - 20 July** - G! Festival, Music festival in Gøta, www.gfestival. com

**22 July** - Market day in Runavík. Salmon for sale. www.visitrunavik.fo

**26 July** - Tórsfest - one-day festival in Tórshavn. Facebook: tórsfest

**27 July** - Faroe Pride is the annual Gay Pride held in Tórshavn, www.lgbt.fo, Facebook: lgbtforoyar

**27 July** - Race in Tórshavn: Race (during "Ólavsøka"). www.renn.fo

28 - 29 July - Ólavsøka, national holiday, see p. 59

#### AUGUST

8 - 10 August - Summar Festivalurin, Music festival in Klaksvík. www.summarfestivalur.fo **17 August** - Sjómannadagur (Seamanś Day) in Klaksvík. Activities for all ages – klaksvik.fo

#### SEPTEMBER

#### September

Átjan Wild Islands - trail running festival, www.atjanwildislands.com

**7 September** - The Faroe Islands' most beautiful half marathon. www.fraelsi.fo

14 September - Kalsoyarrenningin, run in Kalsoy, www.treysti.fo

#### MUSIC EVENTS

#### Beginning of June - end of

August, every tuesday Grotto concerts with various musicians, sailing with the schooner Norðlýsið. www.nordlysid.com

#### Mid June - Mid August

Free live concerts – with a cup of coffee – exciting Faroese names – in the music store "Tutl" in the main street of Tórshavn, everyday. www.tutl.com

#### June - August

Summartónar www.composers.fo

#### All year

Living room concerts www.hoymabit.fo www.facebook.com/hoyma and www.facebook.com/fljod stovukonsertir og kvøldsetur

### REGIONAL FESTIVALS

A highlight of the Faroese summer is the range of local festivals that give rise to a frenzy of activity in all regions. Main attractions of all festivals are the fun fair, sporting events and dancing. Boat races in traditional Faroese boats take place at the festivals competing in the FM challenge, and these are considered by many to be the absolute highpoint of the festivals. These festivals participate in the FM challenge for boat races:

> Norðoyastevna (Klaksvík) Sundalagsstevna (Kollafjørður) Jóansøka (Vágur) Fjarðastevna (Vestmanna) Eystanstevna (Runavík) Vestanstevna (Sandavágur) Ólavsøka (Tórshavn)

#### OTHER FESTIVALS:

01 june

15 june

22 june

29 june

06 july

13 july

28 july

16-18 Aug. Ovastevna (Nólsoy)

## **Contact Information**

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