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January	February		March
Dark Music Days **26 – 28 January** Hosted by the Society of Icelandic Composers in collaboration with Iceland's finest performers, the festival showcases the best contemporary music Iceland has to offer. **Website:** darkmusicdays.is	**Winter Lights Festival** **2 - 5 February** The festival celebrates both the winter world and the growing light after a long period of darkness. The programme is a mixture of art and industry, environment and history, and sports and culture. **Website:** vetrarhatid.is	**Sónar Reykjavík** **16 – 18 February** A festival of advanced music and new media art which presents the current electronic musical landscape and its interactions and hybridization with other artistic disciplines. **Website:** sonarreykjavik.com	**Food and Fun** **1 – 5 March** World-renowned chefs collaborate with Reykjavík's finest restaurants where they compete to create a three-course meal using exclusively Icelandic ingredients. **Website:** foodandfun.is
Reykjavík International Games **26 January – 5 February** The Reykjavík International Games, invites athletes from all over the world to participate in a variety of different sporting events and competitions. **Website:** rig.is	**Reykjavík Cocktail Weekend** **1 – 5 February** Held by the Icelandic Bartender Association in cooperation with many bars and restaurants in Reykjavík. There are several events such as concerts, live music and offers on drinks. **Website:** facebook.com/bartendericeland	**Icelandic Beer Festival** **22 - 25 February** Celebration of 29 years of beer freedom with a four day festival starring the best of the Icelandic Beer Trade along with a few North American and Danish ones and great food. **Website:** kexland.is	**Reykjavík Folk Festival** **2 – 4 March** The Reykjavík Folk Festival is a three-day musical feast celebrating the diversity and breadth of the Icelandic folk music scene. **Website:** folkfestival.is/en
	Rainbow Reykjavík **9 – 12 February** A small and friendly winter pride festival offering a mixture of nature, activities, culture, cuisine, music and nightlife. **Website:** rainbowreykjavik.is	**Stockfish Film Festival** **23 February – 5 March** The festival screens some of the most up-and-coming art-house films in the world and invites international filmmakers to discuss the state of filmmaking, the industry and community. **Website:** stockfishfestival.is	**Nordic Film Festival** **8 – 15 March** The festival screens selected Nordic films in all genres, with English subtitles. Entrance is free! **Website:** nordichouse.is/en
	German Film Days **10 – 19 February** The best that current German cinema has to offer. All films will be screened in German with English subtitles. **Website:** bioparadis.is		REYKJAVÍK LOVES *festivals*

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Book and Movie Festival **13 – 19 March** A culturefest with a focus on books and movies and creative projects with the participation of schools and museums, the library and The Centre of culture and Fine Art in Hafnarfjörður. **Website:** hafnarfjordur.is/en	**Iceland Writers Retreat** **5 - 9 April** This retreat features small workshops and panels by renowned authors, focusing on the art and craft of writing. **Website:** icelandwritersretreat.com	**At Home Music Festival** **19 April** A music festival held in private homes centrally located in Hafnarfjörður. Guests stroll from house to house to enjoy live music and meet up with locals at their own homes.	**Children's Cultural Festival** **25 - 30 April** One of the largest festivals held by the City of Reykjavík, with around 150 free events for children. The festival places emphasis on participation, focusing particularly on the child as an artist. **Website:** childrensculturefestival.is
Design March **23 – 26 March** Iceland´s most important annual design festivals, covering all fields of design – including architecture, graphic design, fashion, furniture and product design. **Website:** designmarch.is	**Icelandic Music Experiments** This festival has been the main musical outlet for new bands in Iceland since 1982 and a milestone event for many promising new bands in Iceland. **Website:** musiktilraunir.is	**Bright Days** **19 – 23 April** A cultural festival based on active participation of the whole society in Hafnarfjörður. Music, art , design, crafts, games, nature, culture and relics play a vital role. **Website:** facebook.com/bjartirdagar	**Horse Parade** **30 April** An annual horse parade through the city center. The parade will commence at 1 pm at Hallgrímskirkja with festivities. The ride will end in Austurvöllu, where you have the chance to meet the horses and riders! **Website:** iceland.is
Reykjavík Fashion Festival **23 – 25 March** A fashion festival which brings Icelandic fashion design to the world and encourages designers to bring consciousness into fashion. This festival is in collaboration with Design March. **Website:** rff.is	**Reykjavík Blues Festival** **8 – 13 April** The festival gives young and promising blues artists the chance to perform with legends from both sides of the Atlantic in some of the most unique jam sessions in the northern hemisphere. **Website:** blues.is	**First Day of Summer** **20 April** A national day which celebrates the beginning of summer with local celebrations all over Greater Reykjavík.	
Reykjavík International Children´s Film Festival **30 March – 9 April** An important cultural event that enhances film literacy in children and young people, raises children's interest in film and film culture. **Website:** bioparadis.is	**Czech Film Days** **8 – 9 April** Screening of a few awe-inspiring Czech children's films, two cutting-edge works of contemporary Czech filmmaking and a cult classic. The films will be screened with English subtitles. **Website::** bioparadis.is	**Polish Film Days** **21 – 22 April** Three contemorary films are screened during the Polish film days and admission is free and open to everyone. All films are screened with English subtitles. **Website::** bioparadis.is	REYKJAVÍK LOVES festivals

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May	June		
Day of the Icelandic Horse **1 May** Owners of the Icelandic horse from all over the world have organise an Open House day at their stables and will share photos and videos of the day with the hashtag #horsesoficeland **Website:** iceland.is	**Festival of the Sea** **10 – 11 June** This is an event honouring the sea and fishery in Iceland, with a diverse programme of events from Saturday morning until Sunday afternoon. **Website:** hatidhafsins.is/english *** This festival is celebrated all over Iceland**	**Secret Solstice** **16 – 18 June** An Icelandic music festival showcasing both established artists and exciting up-and-coming talent over three days in the 24-hour midnight sun of the summer solstice. **Website:** secretsolstice.is	**The International Organ Summer** **June - August** Lunchtime organ concerts on Thursdays at noon at Hallgrímskirkja Church. Various musicians perform various pieces of organ music. **Website:** listvinafelag.is/en
Reykjavík Peace Festival **18 – 21 May** The goal of the festival is to bring choirs from around the world to sing together in union for peace on earth. Every voice in the world is asked to join and sing John Lennon's song, 'Love'. **Website:** reykjavikpeacefestival.com	**The Seaman´s Day** **10 - 11 June** On this day the life at Hafnarfjörður harbour becomes more visible for the general public. You´ll be surrounded by music and fun in a two day festival honoring the Icelandic seaman. *** This festival is celebrated all over Iceland**	**Icelandic National Day** **17 June** The celebrations take place all over the capital area. The programme includes family-oriented entertainment, concerts, outdoor play sets, variety shows and street happenings.	**Reykjavík Classic Concerts** **26 June - 16 August** The concert is specifically designed to meet the demands of those who wish to listen to live performances of classical music, performed by artists of the highest calibre. **Website:** en.harpa.is/events
RAFLOST- Festival of Electronic Arts **24 – 27 May** A festival of electronic arts and media in Reykjavík. It brings together artists of various art forms to explore art technology in today's maker culture. **Website:** raflost.is	**The Color Run** **10 June** Come and run with us through five kilometers of exploding coloured powder. The aim of this event is to bring Color Running mania to the world! **Website:** thecolorrun.is	**Gróska, Mid-summer Day Festival** **22 June** A local association of visual arts, exhibiting visual art outdoors, along with musical performances and all sorts of happenings takeplace on the beautiful footpath along the seaside in Garðabær municipality. **Website:** artgalleryiceland.com	
	Reykjavík Mid-summer Music **22 – 25 June** The festival's goal has been to bring some of the best musicians of the world together in Reykjavík to play great music from past and present under the Arctic midnight sun. **Website:**reykjavikmidsummermusic.com/en	**Mid-summer Night Walk** **22 June** A mid-summer night walk, campfire, song and refreshments takes place on the peninsula of the municipality of Seltjarnarnes.	REYKJAVÍK LOVES festivals

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Ingólfshátíd Viking Festival **9 July** Dressed in full costume and character, the festival invites fellow Vikings from all over the world to enjoy a weekend of wonderful festivities and to celebrate the fascinating cultural heritage of the Vikings! **Website:** facebook.com/552571934771420	**Innipúkinn - Reykjavík Indoor-Festival** **4 – 9 August** Many people choose this weekend to leave the city for out of town festivals., while Innipúkinn offers music events for those who choose to stay in the city. **Website:** innipukinn.is	**Reykjavík Marathon** **19 August** The race consists of six different distances, enabling people of all age groups and fitness levels to find a suitable run for them. Register early, the entry fee will increase as it comes closer to the race. **Website:** marathon.is	**Bears on Ice** **31 August - 3 September** Organised by volunteers to spice up the local gay scene and introduce gay-friendly Iceland to our guests. It is one of Iceland's three biggest gay events and in recent years Iceland´s only men-only events. **Website:** bearsonice.org
The International Organ Summer **June - August** Lunchtime organ concerts on Thursdays at noon at Hallgrímskirkja Church. Various musicians perform various pieces of organ music. **Website:** listvinafelag.is/en	**National Festival Weekend** **4 – 9 August** The equivalent of a Labour Day weekend and dedicated to Icelandic merchants. Thousands of people leave the city and attend large outdoor festivals and camp. **Website:** verslunarmannahelgin.is	**Reykjavík Culture Night** **19 August** Each year thousands of residents and visitors share in a delightful day of fun, food and festivities, all topped-off with a sensational evening of music and fireworks. **Website:** culturenight.is	
Reykjavík Classic Concerts **26 June - 16 August** The concert is specifically designed to meet the demands of those who wish to listen to live performances of classical music, performed by artists of the highest calibre. **Website:** en.harpa.is/events	**Reykjavík Pride** **8 - 13 August** This colourful event brings tens of thousands of people into the city centre to show solidarity and have fun with the LGBT community in Reykjavík. **Website:** hinsegindagar.is	**Reykjavík Classic Concerts** **26 June - 16 August** The concert is specifically designed to meet the demands of those who wish to listen to live performances of classical music, performed by artists of the highest calibre. **Website:** en.harpa.is/events	
	Reykjavík Jazz Festival **9 – 13 August** This festival presents the full spectrum of styles that jazz has to offer, featuring Icelandic jazz artists as well as international groups and across border collaborations. **Website:** reykjavikjazz.is	**The International Organ Summer** **June - August** Lunchtime organ concerts on Thursdays at noon at Hallgrímskirkja Church. Various musicians perform various pieces of organ music. **Website:** listvinafelag.is/en	REYKJAVÍK LOVES festivals

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RIFF **28 September – 8 October** A major independent film event designed to enrich local cinema culture with international ground-breaking films, and to present Icelandic filmmaking to a larger audience. **Website:** riff.is/en	**Illumination of the Imagine Peace Tower** **9 October** Every year Yoko invites guests on a complimentary ferry trip to the island to take part in a beautiful illumination ceremony on John Lennon´s Birthday. **Website:** imaginepeacetower.com	**Iceland Airwaves** **1 – 5 November** The festival is regarded as the biggest celebration of music in Iceland and boasts an unrivalled line-up of established and up-and-coming artists. **Website:** icelandairwaves.is	**Lighting of the Oslo Christmas Tree** **3 December** For decades the lighting of the Oslo Christmas Tree has marked the beginning of our Christmas preparations and has become an important tradition for Icelanders. **Website:** visitreykjavik.is
		Reykjavík Dance Festival & Lókal **15 – 19 November** Everybody´s Spectacular - is a new international performance Festival stretching over five days. It will offer one bold, brave and brilliant contemporary performance. **Website:** reykjavikdancefestival.com	**Advent Festival** **3 December– 23 December** Our Christmas season with displays of enchanting Northern Lights, thirteen Santa Clauses (Yule Lads), Christmas markets, and culture-inspired events and activities. **Website:** visitreykjavik.is/december-in-reykjavik
			The Chrismas Village in Hafnarfjörður **2 – 26 December** The whole downtown area of Hafnarfjörður becomes a big Christmas Village during Advent. **Website:** visithafnarfjordur.is/art-and-culture/festivals-and-events
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Advent in Kópavogur **3 December** The lighting of the Christmas tree, followed by a concert of traditional Icelandic Christmas songs and dance. The Yule Lads and the Christmas Cat will stop by and other Christmas creatures will also be around.			
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