

annual festivals calendar

January	February		March
<p>Dark Music Days 25 – 27 January</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: darkmusicdays.is</p>	<p>Winter Lights Festival 1- 4 February</p> <p>The festival celebrates both the winter world and the growing light after a long period of darkness. The program is a mixture of art and industry, environment and history, and sports and culture.</p> <p>Website: vetrarhatid.is</p>	<p>Nordic Film Festival 22 – 27 February</p> <p>The festival screens selected Nordic films in all genres, with English subtitles. Entrance is free!</p> <p>Website: nordichouse.is/en</p>	<p>Stockfish Film Festival 1- 11 March</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: stockfishfestival.is</p>
<p>Reykjavík International Games 25 January – 4 February</p> <p>The Reykjavík International Games, invites athletes from all over the world to participate in a variety of different sporting events and competitions.</p> <p>Website: rig.is</p>	<p>Rainbow Reykjavík 8 – 11 February</p> <p>A small and friendly winter pride festival offering a mixture of nature, activities, culture, cuisine, music and nightlife.</p> <p>Website: rainbowreykjavik.is</p>	<p>Food and Fun 28 February – 4 March</p> <p>World-renowned chefs collaborate with Reykjavík's finest restaurants where they compete to create a three-course meal using exclusively Icelandic ingredients.</p> <p>Website: foodandfun.is</p>	<p>Reykjavík Folk Festival 1 – 3 March</p> <p>The Reykjavík Folk Festival is a three-day musical feast celebrating the diversity and breadth of the Icelandic folk music scene.</p> <p>Website: folkfestival.is/en</p>
<p>Reykjavík Cocktail Weekend 31 January – 4 February</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: facebook.com/bartendericeland</p>	<p>German Film Days 2 – 11 February</p> <p>The best that current German cinema has to offer. All films will be screened in German with English subtitles.</p> <p>Website: bioparadis.is</p>		<p>Sónar Reykjavík 16 – 17 March</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: sonarreykjavik.com</p>
	<p>Icelandic Beer Festival 22 - 24 February</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: kexland.is</p>		


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<p>Artisan Food Fair 3- 4 March</p> <p>Over 45 farmers, fishermen, and specialist producers will come together under one roof, bringing with them an incredible array of fresh local produce. Website: matarmarkadur.is</p>	<p>Reykjavík International Children´s Film Festival 5- 15 April</p> <p>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</p>	<p>At Home Music Festival 19 April</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>RAFLOST- Festival of Electronic Arts 24 - 26 May</p> <p>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</p>
<p>Design March 15 - 18 March</p> <p>Iceland´s most important annual design festivals, covering all fields of design – including architecture, graphic design, fashion, furniture and product design. Website: designmarch.is</p>	<p>Iceland Writers Retreat 11 - 15 April</p> <p>This retreat features small workshops and panels by renowned authors, focusing on the art and craft of writing. Website: icelandwritersretreat.com</p>	<p>First Day of Summer 20 April</p> <p>A national day which celebrates the beginning of summer with local celebrations all over Greater Reykjavík.</p>	
<p>Reykjavík Blues Festival 27 - 29 March</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Icelandic Music Experiments</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Children's Cultural Festival 17 - 22 April</p> <p>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</p>	
	<p>Bright Days 18 - 22 April</p> <p>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</p>		

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<p>Midnight Sun Salsa Festival 1 – 4 June</p> <p>A four-day event filled with energetic social dancing, workshops, tours in Iceland and the Nordic Salsa Championships.</p> <p>Website: midnightsunsalsaiceland.com</p>	<p>Viking Festival - Hafnarfjörður 14 -17 June</p> <p>The oldest and largest event of its kind in Iceland. Hafnarfjörður has been a playground for Vikings demonstrating through the years most aspects of the Viking culture.</p> <p>Website: fjorukrain.is/en/about-the-festival</p>	<p>The International Organ Summer 21 June – 20 August</p> <p>Lunchtime organ concerts on Thursdays at noon at Hallgrímskirkja Church. Various musicians perform various pieces of organ music.</p> <p>Website: listvinafelag.is/en</p>	<p>Innipúkinn - Reykjavík Indoor-Festival 3 – 6 August</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: innipukinn.is</p>
<p>Festival of the Sea 2 – 3 June</p> <p>This is an event honouring the sea and fishery in Iceland, with a diverse programme of events from Saturday morning until Sunday afternoon.</p> <p>Website: hatidhafsin.is/english</p> <p>* This festival is celebrated all over Iceland</p>	<p>Icelandic National Day 17 June</p> <p>The celebrations take place all over the capital area. The programme includes family-oriented entertainment, concerts, outdoor play sets, variety shows and street happenings.</p>		<p>National Festival Weekend 3 – 6 August</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: verslunarmannahelgin.is</p>
<p>The Seaman´s Day 3 June</p> <p>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.</p> <p>* This festival is celebrated all over Iceland</p>	<p>The International Organ Summer 16 June – 19 August</p> <p>Lunchtime organ concerts on Thursdays at noon at Hallgrímskirkja Church. Various musicians perform various pieces of organ music.</p> <p>Website: listvinafelag.is/en</p>		<p>Reykjavík Pride 7 - 12 August</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: hinsegindagar.is</p>
<p>The Color Run 9 June</p> <p>Come and run with us through five kilometers of exploding colored powder. The aim of this event is to bring Color Running mania to the world!</p> <p>Website: thecolorrun.is</p>	<p>Secret Solstice 21 – 24 June</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: secretsolstice.is</p>		

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<p>Reykjavík Marathon 18 August</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: marathon.is</p>	<p>Cycle Music and Art Festival 1 September - 1 October</p> <p>The festival is a new platform for exploring and exhibiting the meeting point of creative worlds, and producing and presenting works that reach outside the traditional boundaries of discipline, craft and process.</p> <p>Website: cycle.is</p>	<p>Illumination of the Imagine Peace Tower 9 October</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: imaginepeacetower.com</p>	<p>Iceland Airwaves 7 - 10 November</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: icelandairwaves.is</p>
<p>Reykjavík Culture Night 18 August</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: culturenight.is</p>	<p>Reykjavík Jazz Festival 5- 9 September</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: reykjavikjazz.is</p>		<p>Iceland Noir 16 - 17 November</p> <p>Iceland's festival of crime fiction returns to Reykjavík in 2018. Iceland Noir takes place at IDNO, a cultural centre by the Pond in Reykjavík. As well as panels and readings, there will also be the Crime Disco Night.</p> <p>Website: reykjavikdancefestival.com</p>
<p>Reykjavík Classic Concerts 26 June - 16 August</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: en.harpa.is/events</p>	<p>Reykjavík Int. Literary Festival 6 - 9 September</p> <p>The festival has established itself as the main literary event in Iceland and is considered to be one of the most important literary festivals in Europe and is popular among authors and publishers.</p> <p>Website: bokmenntahatid.is</p>		
<p>Bears on Ice 30 August - 2 September</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: bearsonice.org</p>	<p>RIFF 27 September - 7 October</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Website: riff.is/en</p>		

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December			
<p>Lighting of the Oslo Christmas Tree 2 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</p>	<p>Christmas at Árbær Open Air Museum Date will be posted Visitors, both young and old, will enjoy experiencing the Christmas preparations and the celebration of days gone by with activities including the preparation of traditional Icelandic Christmas food, and crafts, such as candle making.</p>		
<p>Advent Festival 2 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</p>			
<p>The Christmas Village in Hafnarfjörður 1 – 23 December The whole downtown area of Hafnarfjörður becomes a big Christmas Village during Advent. Website: visithafnarfjordur.is/art-and-culture/festivals-and-events</p>			
<p>Advent in Kópavogur 2 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.</p>			

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