## Hostelling in Iceland

Welcome to the Icelandic HI Hostels. There are currently 32 HI Hostels located all around the country. HI Hostels are open to people of all ages. They offer budget accommodation in a clean and comfortable lodging with opportunity for self service, so travellers can keep travelling costs at a minimum. No two hostels are alike. You can choose from new hostels with modern facilities, and old, charmingly renovated hostels. But they have one thing in common: when you stay at an HI Hostel you can always be sure of friendly and helpful service from our staff. Hostels are ideal places to stay at for individuals, families and groups. Hostelling International Iceland is a part of Hostelling International, which has more than 4000 hostels in 90 countries worldwide and 31 million overnights per year.

#### Accommodation

Accommodation is mostly in 2-6 bedded rooms and all HI Hostels offer dormitory and private rooms. There are duvets and pillows available for free at all hostels so guests only need to bring their own bed linen, or rent it upon arrival at each hostel. Guests can also use a sleeping bag if they prefer. When staying at an HI Hostel you should bring your own towels and soap.

#### Meals – Guest kitchens

All Icelandic HI Hostels have well equipped guest kitchens where our guests may cook their own meals without extra payment. Most of the hostels serve breakfast and some of them also offer dinner, lunch and packed lunch. Dinner and lunch needs to be ordered in advance.

### Activities

Hostels are more than just places to sleep. All our HI Hostels offer their guests a variety of exciting activities at the hostels or in the neighbourhood. Among the activities are rafting, angling, swimming, hiking, riding, and glacier tours.







#### Booking

You can turn up at a hostel without reservation, but it is best to book ahead. If private rooms are required, bookings need to be made in advance. Groups should also book in advance. For booking or further information, please contact either the hostels directly or the office of Hostelling International Iceland, which is the central booking office for all HI Hostels in Iceland.

#### Travel Service

When it comes to planning and arranging your trip to Iceland, we highly recommend our most popular package: combining a rental car with accommodation at hostels. This combo is both convenient and comes at a very good price! Our friendly staff at the Reykjavík hostels would be happy to assist you with all kinds of travel arrangements, such as booking sightseeing tours with complimentary pick-up service.

We also offer the service of pre-booking tours for our customers. For further information, please see our website www.hostel.is, or contact tours@hostel.is







## Sustainability practice

For many years, one of HI Iceland's main ambitions has been to reduce the impact our guests have on the environment, the main focus being strengthening the environmental consciousness and sense of responsibility of both Icelandic and foreign travellers in Iceland. The organisation, along with the Hostels, has received recognition for its work in sustainability.

HI Iceland actively encourages its hostels to maintain a high level of sustainability. The Green Hostel criteria were created in order to make it easier for travellers to go for a greener choice. By working on our sustainable quality, we choose to contribute towards a style of travelling that increases people's knowledge of their environment, concern for nature and respect for the cultural value of our area.

The hostels awarded the Green Hostel logo apply environmental standards, which are based on sustainability standards from Hostelling International in all their daily work; all Green Hostels need to fulfil extra criteria to be allowed to use the Green Hostel logo. HI Iceland issues the standards in collaboration with a consulting agency that audits the hostels. The first Green Hostel was certified in 2003, and in 2014, 20 HI Iceland Hostels are certified 'Green Hostels.'

Our Reykjavík Hostels go even further and are all certified by The Swan, The Nordic Ecolabel.

Because of their diversity, the Green Hostels have created interesting ways which work well for their location and surroundings in order to decrease their environmental impact.

Daily eco actions available at the Green Hostels: free food and travellers basket, saving energy and water tips, book swapping, car sharing board, eco-labelled chemicals and consumable goods, as well as offering local products as often as possible, and many more.













# celand by car

## **Car Rental Package**

The best way to discover Iceland and its nature is on your own in a rental car. We offer a budget package which includes a rental car with unlimited mileage and overnights at the HI Hostels all around Iceland. We recommend booking car rental packages well in advance.

Get more information by visiting our website or contacting us directly.

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## Please note!

It is not necessary to book in advance, but is recommended. Those who want private rooms and groups travelling together should always book in advance.

Reservations will normally be held till 20:00 unless otherwise requested. If you arrive after 20:00, please notify the hostels by phone or email. Remember also to notify the hostels if there is a change in your travel plans.

Children under the age of 4 stay at HI Iceland hostels free of charge. Children between the ages of 4-12 are eligible for a

Please note that some of our hostels are quite remote and can be up to 50 km away from the next convenient store or service station. Please check the location of the hostels you are planning to stay at. For further information see our website, www.hostel.is



The Nordic Ecolabel is the official sustainability ecolabel for the

HI-Q, the HI Quality Management System complements longterm dedication to quality, sustainability and continuous improvement.

Environmental standards that HI Iceland decides and supervises, with the professional support and audits of an official consulting agency.

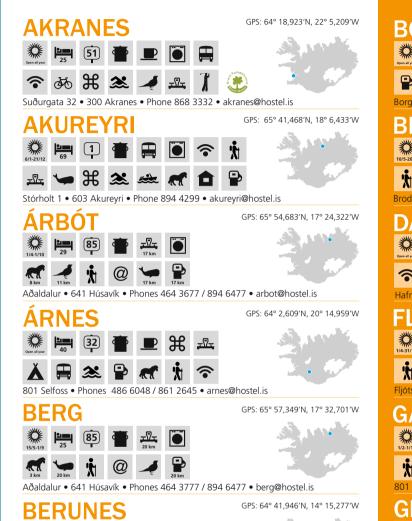
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