

Bakkagerði, East Iceland, Iceland

A tiny fjord hamlet cradled by jagged rhyolite mountains, Bakkagerði draws expedition ships with its world-class puffin colony, elf folklore, and some of Iceland's most dramatic hiking.

-  Tender only (Zodiac/tender boat)
-  Typical call: 5-7 hrs
-  Icelandic Króna (ISK) / cards widely accepted
-  Icelandic (English spoken by most locals)
-  Best May–Aug for puffins

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender port — ships anchor offshore; Zodiacs/tenders to the small harbor quay

Best For: Puffin watching, hiking Stóruð & Víknaslóðir trails, elf folklore

Walk to center: Tenders land at Hafnarhólmi marina (puffin islet 5-min walk); village center is ~5 km / 3 mi away

Don't Miss: Hafnarhólmi puffin platforms and Álfaborg (Elf Rock) viewpoint

 Getting around:  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Puffin Watching at Hafnarhólmi** — A wooden walkway leads to a small islet where thousands of Atlantic puffins nest May–August.
- Stóruð — The Giant Boulders** — A dramatic hike to a glacial boulder field surrounded by vivid rhyolite peaks and a turquoise lake.
- Víknaslóðir — Abandoned Fjord Trails** — Multi-stage hiking routes across once-inhabited fjords now returned to wilderness.
- Álfaborg Elf Rock & Village Walk** — Climb the easy trail up Álfaborg — a basalt rock said to house the Elf Queen — for panoramic views, then explore the...
- RIB Boat Safari — Seabirds & Seals** — Zodiac or RIB tours around the fjord offer views of puffins from the water, plus chances to spot harbour seals...

BEST WALKS

- Harbor to Hafnarhólmi Puffin Islet** Easy · ~20 min return · flat path — From the tender landing at the harbor, follow the path north along the waterfront to Hafnarhólmi.
- Village to Álfaborg (Elf Rock)** Easy · ~45 min return · gentle trail — Walk from the village center to Álfaborg, a prominent basalt rock formation.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌡️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇮🇸 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:17AM–8:35PM · Aug 4:37AM–9:19PM · Sep 6:17AM–7:21PM · Oct 7:50AM–5:29PM	
Apr	39°	31°	14d		
Jun	52°	43°	13d		
Aug	54°	46°	14d		
Sep	51°	44°	18d		
Oct	44°	37°	20d		

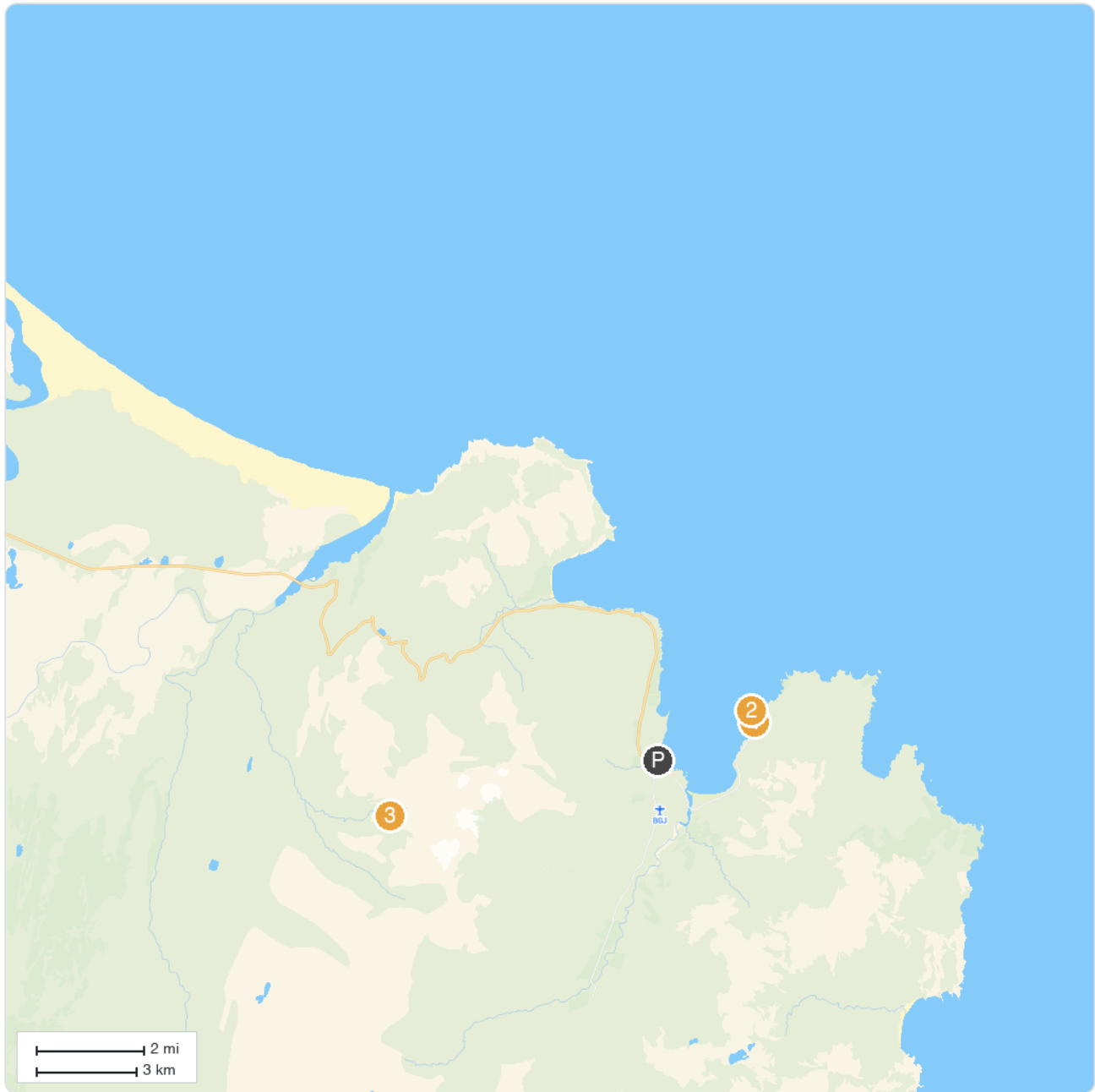
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender logistics first: Your ship briefs you on tender times — pay attention. Weather can cancel or delay tenders in Borgarfjörður

Bakkagerði, East Iceland, Iceland — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Puffin Adventures Guided boat tours to see puffins up close.

2 Hafnarhólmi A small island known for its large puffin colony.

3 Stóruurð A unique natural area with turquoise ponds and giant boulders.

P Cruise port / terminal