

Húsavík, Northeast Iceland, Iceland

The whale watching capital of Europe sits on a bay so rich in marine life that humpbacks surface within minutes of leaving the harbor. Add geothermal sea baths with Arctic mountain views and you have one of Iceland's most rewarding cruise calls.

Pier (small ships) / Tender (large ships)

Typical call: 6–8 hrs

Icelandic Króna (ISK) — cards universally accepted

Icelandic / English widely spoken

Whale watching capital of Europe

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Direct pier for ships up to 220 m; tender for larger vessels anchoring in Skjálfandi Bay

Best For: Whale watching, geothermal baths, Icelandic seafood, scenic Arctic landscapes

Walk to Center: 1–3 min from pier or tender dock; GeoSea Baths 20–25 min on foot

Don't Miss: A whale watching boat from North Sailing or Gentle Giants — success rates exceed 95%

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ ~4,000–6,000 ISK (~\$28–\$42 USD) for short trips · 🚗 **Rideshare** ❌ not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Classic Whale Watching — Oak Boat or RIB —** Skjálfandi Bay has some of the highest whale encounter rates in the North Atlantic.
- **GeoSea Geothermal Sea Baths —** Infinity-edge pools filled with warm (38–40°C) mineral-rich seawater perched on the cliffs of Húsavíkurhöfði.
- **Húsavík Whale Museum —** One of the world's premier whale museums, with 11 complete skeletons including a 25-meter blue whale.
- **Exploration Museum — NASA's Iceland Connection —** Apollo astronauts including Neil Armstrong trained in the lunar-like volcanic landscapes near Húsavík in 1965 and 1967.
- **Lake Botnsvatn Walk & Lupine Fields —** A 3 km walk inland from town leads to a peaceful lake ringed by lupine-covered hills in summer.

BEST WALKS

- **Harbor to GeoSea & Lighthouse Loop** 4 km round trip | 1–1.5 hrs | Moderate (uphill stretch) — From the harbor walk north along the waterfront, past the colorful wooden buildings, up to the yellow Húsavíkurhöfði lighthouse for...
- **Town Center Stroll — Church, Museum & Eurovision Spots** 1.5 km loop | 30–45 min | Easy — Compact loop from the harbor taking in Húsavíkirkirja (Iceland's most beautiful wooden church), the Whale Museum, the Exploration...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	40°	31°	12d
Jun	53°	44°	14d
Aug	55°	46°	14d
Sep	51°	42°	17d
Oct	42°	35°	16d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:28AM–8:52PM · Aug 4:47AM–9:37PM · Sep 6:30AM–7:36PM · Oct 8:06AM–5:41PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book whale watching months ahead. North Sailing and Gentle Giants fill up completely on ship days. Secure your slot online well

Húsavík, Northeast 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 Húsavík Harbor** The town's working harbor, where whale watching tours depart.
- 3 Friends of Moby Dick - Whale Watching** A popular company offering whale watching boat tours.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Husavik Park** A small, scenic park for relaxation and views.
- 4 Husavik Viewpoint Parking** Parking area for panoramic views over Húsavík and the bay.