

EVENTS IN ICELAND 2016

JANUARY / FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	MARCH / APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p>NEW YEAR'S EVE With everyone taking part in the biggest firework display you'll ever see, public bonfires are lit all around the country, followed by very lively nightlife.</p>	<p>THORRINN According to the old Icelandic calendar, the month of Thorri was the hardest month. Every February, Icelanders celebrate Thorri with mid-winter feasts, rich in traditional food and drink.</p>	<p>REYKJAVIK FOLK FESTIVAL A music festival that celebrates the Icelandic folk music, which has inspired many of Iceland's most well-known musicians. folkfestival.is/en</p>	<p>REYKJAVÍK BLUES FESTIVAL Watch blues artists from Europe, Iceland and North America perform together in some of the most unique jam sessions in the Northern Hemisphere. blues.is</p>	<p>SAGA FEST This isn't your traditional festival; There are no hierarchies at Saga Fest: the artists, musicians, organizers and volunteers are on the same level as participants, often working collaboratively with each other. sagafest.is</p>	<p>FESTIVAL OF THE SEA Every ship in Iceland is in harbor and all the sailors have a day off. Sailor's day is a light hearted occasion with lots of fun for the whole family. hatidhafsins.is</p>
<p>THE THIRTEENTH Icelanders enjoy thirteen days of Christmas, and the last day is celebrated with bonfires, bidding farewell to the last of the thirteen Icelandic Yule Lads</p>	<p>REYKJAVIK WINTER LIGHTS FESTIVAL A culture festival that celebrates winter and light with multiple events, exhibitions, poetry reading in a swimming pool, outdoor performances and much more. vetrarhatid.is</p>	<p>DESIGN MARCH DesignMarch is Iceland's most important design event. For four days, Reykjavik plays host to hundreds of openings, exhibitions, workshops and events spreading across the city. designmarch.is</p>	<p>ORKUGANGAN, SKI MARATHON The longest cross country ski race in Iceland, 60 km. long. The starting point is by Krafla powerstation in Mývatn and the finish line is close to the town of Húsavík. orkugangan.is</p>	<p>REYKJAVIK MUSIC MESS Reykjavik Music Mess is an independent music festival in downtown Reykjavik, with shows on Faktory Bar and Kex Hostel.</p>	<p>VIKING FESTIVAL IN HAFNARFJÖRÐUR More than 100 Vikings from ten different nations get together with about 60 Icelandic Vikings for a weekend of endless happenings. fjorukrain.is</p>
<p>DARK MUSIC DAYS Annual contemporary music festival held by the Iceland Composer Society. darkmusicdays.is</p>	<p>MUSEUM NIGHT As part of the winter lights festival Reykjavik's museums stay open past midnight and offer special events. Theatre, street performances, dance, visual arts and much more. vetrarhatid.is</p>	<p>REYKJAVÍK FASHION FESTIVAL The cream of Icelandic fashion talent has joined forces with bright sparks on the music scene. rff.is</p>	<p>REYKJAVÍK SHORTS & DOCS Reykjavik short film festival, offering a wide range of interesting films. shortsdocsfest.com</p>	<p>ART WITHOUT LIMITATIONS "List án landamæra" aims to promote the art of people with disabilities and to facilitate co-operation between people with and without disabilities. listin.is</p>	<p>SECRET SOLSTICE FESTIVAL Midnight sun music festival, Hot Spring Valley, Iceland. secretsolstice.is</p>
	<p>FOOD AND FUN Talented chefs from all over the world come together at Reykjavik's top restaurants. A mixture of outstanding culinary skills, fresh natural ingredients, and Reykjavik nightlife to create the ultimate recipe for fun. foodandfun.is</p>	<p>ICELANDIC HORSE FESTIVAL Various events ranging from breeding shows to saddle making. Parades, horse farm visits and much more.</p>	<p>TECTONICS A music festival where various music genres are mixed together with orchestral music and up-and-coming composers and young musicians work with the Icelandic Symphony Orchestra. tectonicfestival.com</p>	<p>REYKJAVIK ART FESTIVAL Iceland's premier cultural festival, bringing together the best in local and international theatre, dance, music and visual art. listahatid.is</p>	<p>VIÐ DJÚPIÐ - MUSIC FESTIVAL IN ÍSAFJÖRÐUR Annual music festival and summer courses, held in the West Fjords of Iceland around summer solstice, offering series of concerts and master classes. viddjupid.is</p>
	<p>SÓNAR REYKJAVÍK International festival of Advanced Music and new Media Art created in 1994 in Barcelona. The festival has regularly travelled beyond Spain's frontiers since 2002, with events in different places around the world. sonarreykjavik.com</p>	<p>I NEVER WENT SOUTH (Aldrei fór ég suður) Rockfestival and a celebration of rural heritage and community life in Ísafjörður (Westfjords). No entry fee and no sound checks. aldrei.is</p>	<p>SKI WEEK IN THE WESTFJORDS All kind of activities for a week in Ísafjörður. Ski tournaments, art exhibitions, street bingo, rent-a-boat, kayaks etc. isafjordur.is</p>		<p>ARCTIC OPEN The Arctic Open Golf Championship is an international golf tournament which takes place in Iceland's northern capital Akureyri, in the light of the midnight sun. arcticopen.is</p>
	<p>REYKJAVÍK EUROPEAN FILM FESTIVAL Stockfish European Film Festival in Reykjavik is an international cultural event that will be held at Bíó Paradís, Reykjavik's art-house cinema 2016. stockfishfestival.is</p>	<p>ICELAND WINTER GAMES The first ever AFP slopestyle competition will take place in Akureyri, the ski capital of Iceland. icelandwintergames.com</p>			

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<p>EISTNAFLUG Eistnaflug Music festival – Three days of non stop rock and heavy metal in an isolated fjord, Neskaupsstaður, 700 km east of Reykjavík. eistnaflug.is</p>	<p>SWAMP SOCCER Takes place in Ísafjörður town (West Fjords). If you want to play you can sign up for the catch-all team, a collection of oddballs both from Iceland and around the world. myrabolti.com/</p>	<p>REYKJAVÍK MARATHON (42,2 km, 21,1 km & 10k). Attracts over 6500 runners in all events, including more than 500 from abroad. This event goes hand-in-hand with the Reykjavík Cultural Night. marathon.is</p>	<p>IMAGINE PEACE TOWER A work of art by Yoko Ono dedicated to the memory of John Lennon. Every year the Imagine Peace Tower emerges between Lennon's birthday and the day of his death. imaginepeacetower.com</p>	<p>ICELAND AIRWAVES FESTIVAL This festival is fast gaining a reputation as one of the best alternative music events on planet earth to go to and garnering praise from the broadsheets and music magazines. icelandairwaves.is</p>	<p>OSLO CHRISTMAS TREE Placed in Austurvöllur Square, in downtown Reykjavík and is lit every year on the first Sunday of the advent. Families gather to sing Christmas carols and see and hear the famous Yule Lads.</p>
<p>LAUGAVEGUR ULTRA MARATHON The course takes runners through areas of outstanding natural beauty at the same time as being a challenging course. marathon.is/ultramathon</p>	<p>BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND (always the first weekend of August) Almost everyone goes off to camp at festivals around the country – everything from family events to wild rock festivals.</p>	<p>LÓKAL THEATER FESTIVAL Annual event in Reykjavík that introduces cutting edge theatre to audiences in Iceland and connects local theatre practitioners with fellow artists and presenters from abroad. lokal.is</p>	<p>S.L.Á.T.U.R Artistically obtrusive composer collective using computer graphics, interactivity, various experiments with sounds and tunings, performance art. slatur.is</p>	<p>COUCH FEST FILMS Couch Fest Films is a unique shorts film fest that replaces traditional theater venues with cozy residential venues and alternative locations. couchfestfilms.com</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS Icelanders go in for Christmas in a big way, with 13 Santa Clauses who each have a name and characters play pranks and sing in the beautifully illuminated streets. Lots of activities all through the holidays.</p>
<p>REYKHOLT MUSIC FESTIVAL Classical music in a classic environment in the beautiful church in the West Iceland community which was once the home of Saga writer Snorri Sturluson. reykholtshatid.is</p>	<p>GAY PRIDE Every second weekend of August Gays and lesbians come out in force and style to parade and party in Reykjavík. The general public in Iceland is friendly so you can be open about your sexual orientation. gaypride.is</p>	<p>THE REYKJAVÍK DANCE FESTIVAL Bringing modern dance to a higher level of visibility within society and introducing the independent dance choreographers currently creating work in Iceland. reykjavikdancefestival.com</p>	<p>LADIES DAYS IN AKUREYRI Get pink and shimmery and enjoy Ladies Days in Akureyri (Eyjafjörður in North Iceland) with concerts, exhibitions and everything women love.</p>		<p>NEW YEAR'S EVE 10 K RUN Gamblárshlaup ÍR is held every year on December 31st. Many participants dress up and run in costumes. Starts and ends in front of HARPA concert hall and conference centre at 12 o'clock. hlaup.is</p>
<p>BRÆÐSLAN MUSIC FESTIVAL A renowned music-festival Bræðslan has been held in the old rendering house in Bakkagerði in Borgarfjörður eystri (East Iceland). Many famous bands and musicians have played there. braedslan.is</p>	<p>THE GREAT FISH DAY Annual festival in Dalvíkurbyggð held the first or the second Saturday in August. Everybody is invited to a sea food buffet and nobody has to pay. fiskidagur.muna.is</p>	<p>SHEEP ROUND-UP Colourful and lively time with plenty of song and merriment all around the countryside. Held at sorting pens where farmers herd in the sheep they have rounded up from summer grazing in the wilds.</p>			
<p>MEDIEVAL TRADING WEEKEND At Gásir in Eyjafjörður (North Iceland) a medieval trading village is re-created on a historical site, demonstrations in medieval crafts and games. gasir.is</p>	<p>REYKJAVIK CULTURE NIGHT Essential part of cultural life in Iceland with thousands of people strolling the streets of the city on this exciting and eventful night. culturenight.is</p>	<p>REYKJAVIK INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (RIFF) One the foremost film festivals in Europe, placing emphasis on presenting progressive, independent cinema and a wide range of documentaries touching on explosive subjects. riff.is</p>			
<p>ALL TOMORROWS PARTIES Described as the "ultimate mix tape", All Tomorrow's Parties is a boutique festival that goes against the grain of the larger, more commercial music festivals. atpfestival.com</p>	<p>VESTMAN ISLANDS FESTIVAL This festival is for the party people. It takes place in the Westman Islands and is the biggest event of the Icelandic Bank Holiday Weekend. dalurinn.is/en</p>	<p>REYKJAVIK JAZZ FESTIVAL The Reykjavík Jazz Festival is dedicated to presenting the best in Icelandic Music. The Jazz in Iceland is all about connecting with the international music scene. reykjavikjazz.is</p>			

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