EVENTS IN ICELAND 2017

JANUARY

📍 NEW YEAR’S DAY
After midnight, people gather either for parties in homes or downtown, where they celebrate the night away until the early hours of the morning.

January 1

extracomment> Icelander enjoy thirteen days of Christmas. The last day is celebrated with bonfires, bidding farewell to the last of the Icelandic Yule Lads.

📍 THE THIRTEENTH

February 9-12.

📍 DARK MUSIC DAYS
Annual contemporary music festival with the focus on performing and getting to know new compositions and performers worldwide.

January 26-28. darkmusicsdays.is

📍 REYKJAVÍK INTERNATIONAL GAMES
Athletes compete at a high level in various sports in world class facilities in Laugardalur in Reykjavík.

January 26-February 5. rig.is

📍 SCOTTISH FESTIVAL WEEK
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February 26-February 5. kexland.is

📍 THORRABLÓT
A midwinter festival offered to the gods in pagan Iceland of the past. The timing for the festival coincides with the month of Thorri, according to the old Icelandic calendar, which begins on the first Friday after January 19th (the 13th week of winter).

February 22-25. kexland.is

📍 ICELAND WINTER GAMES
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March 25- April 2. icelandwintergames.com

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📍 GERMAN FILM DAYS
Hosted by Cinema Paradise the German Film Days show you some of the very best current titles that are being made in German Cinema!

February 10-19. bioparadise.is

📍 SÓNAR REYKJAVÍK
International festival of Advanced Music and new Media Art created in 1994 in Barcelona with attention in curation, combining a playful nature, the avant-garde, and experimentation with newest trends in dance and electronic music.

February 16-18. sonarreykjavik.com

📍 THE ANNUAL ICELANDIC BEER FESTIVAL
Festival passes will give people access to the festival where they can taste the festival beers and give an access to the people behind the beers.

February 22-25. kexland.is

📍 STOCKFISH FILM FESTIVAL
A platform in Reykjavik to encourage collaboration between domestic and international film communities.

Feb. 23-March 5. stockfishfestival.is

📍 FOOD AND FUN
It’s a culinary circus which pairs some of the most well known chefs from both sides of the Atlantic with Reykjavík’s best restaurants.

March 1-5. foodandfun.is

📍 THE REYKJAVÍK FOLK FESTIVAL
A three-day musical feast at Kex Hostel Reykjavik, celebrating the diversity and breadth of the Icelandic folk music scene.

March 2-4. folkfestival.is/en

📍 DESIGN MARCH
For four days, Reykjavik plays host to hundreds of openings, exhibitions, workshops and events spreading across the city.

March 23 - 26. designmarch.is

📍 REYKJAVÍK FASHION FESTIVAL
The main goal of RFF is to market Icelandic fashion design and introduce the development and possible opportunities in the Icelandic fashion industry.

March 23-26. rff.is

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📍 JUNE

📍 KEXREID 2017 (KEX RIDE)
An annual street cycling race competition held in the heart of 101 Reykjavík. This race is getting bigger and bigger every year and on June 3 Kex Hostel Kria Cycles will join for the fifth time to make this race happen.

June 3. www.kexland.is

📍 BLUE LAGOON CHALLENGE
Iceland’s largest mtb race, 60 km through the spectacular, volcanic scenery at Reykjaness. From the town of Hafnarfjörður to the iconic Blue Lagoon.

June 3. bluelagoonchallenge.is

📍 THE SAILORS DAY
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.

June 4. hatidhafsins.is

📍 THE FESTIVAL OF THE SEA
Family event held in Reykjavik on the weekend of June 3 and 4, down by Reykjavik west harbour Grandagarður (next to the Maritime museum).

June 3 - 4. hatidhafsins.is

📍 THE COLOR RUN
Now the single largest event series in the world, The Color Run has exploded since the debut event in 2012, hosted by more than 300 cities in 50+ countries.

June 10. thecolorrun.is

📍 FOOTBALL 2018 WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS
The Icelandic men’s national football team meets Croatia at Laugardalsvöllur in a qualifying game for the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

June 11. ksl.is

📍 SECRET SOLSTICE FESTIVAL
Held during the summer solstice weekend, in Laugardalur where you’ll be able to party at a time when the sun never fully sets in Iceland.

June 16-18. secretsolstice.is

📍 NATIONAL DAY OF ICELAND
Commemorating Iceland’s independence from Denmark on June 17, 1944. Colourful parades, street performances, games for kids and free outdoor music concerts lasting late into the evening. View the full program on www.17juni.is

📍 THE VIKING FESTIVAL
Since 1995 Viking village in Hafnarfjörður has been a playground of Vikings demonstrating through the years most aspects of Viking culture, ships, cuisine, handicraft, storytelling, archery, games, music and battle demonstrations.

facebook.com/17juni.is

📍 MT. ESJA ULTRA
The Esja mountain range is just 25 minutes from Reykjavik city by car and is a favorite training spot among Icelandic trail and mountain runners living in the capital area. The Mt. Esja Marathon is limited to 100 participants.

June 18. mtesjaultra.is

📍 WOW CYCLOTHON
Relay bike race where team members take turns cycling on Iceland’s Ring Road in less than 72 hours. June 20-23. wowcylothon.is

📍 ARCTIC OPEN
International golf tournament which takes place in Iceland’s northern capital Akureyri, in the light of the midnight sun.

June 21-24. arcticopen.is

📍 REYKJAVIK MIDSUMMER MUSIC
Award-winning chamber music festival founded by the pianist Viktorur Ólafsson in 2012. It takes place in Reykjavik’s concert hall, Harpa, every year around summer solstice.

June 22-25. reykjavikmidsummermusic.com

📍 SUZUKI MIDNIGHT RUN
Half marathon, 10 k race and a 5 k. The half marathon course is both challenging and beautiful with a wonderful view.

June 23. marathon.is/midnight-run
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**JULY**

**EISTNAFLUG**
Eistnaflug Music festival – Three days of non stop rock and heavy metal in an isolated fjord, Neskaupsstaður, 700 km east of Reykjavik.
July 5-8. eistnaflug.is

**FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL IN SIGLUFJÖRDUR**
The Folk Music Festival in Siglufjörður commences on the first Wednesday of July every year. Icelandic and Scandinavian folk music as well as world music and folk dances. 15-20 concerts are held in different location of the town.
July 5-8. folkmusik.is/en

**THE GOLDEN CIRCLE CHALLENGE**
Annual cycling competition with 3 routes to suit both professional riders and beginners alike. Starts and finish by lake Laugarvatn. July 8. goldencirclechallenge.com

**MEDIEVAL TRADING WEEKEND**
At Gásir in Eyjafjarðarklaustur (North Iceland) a medieval trading village is re-created on a historical site, demonstrations in medieval crafts and games. July 14-16. gasir.is

**LAUGAVEGUR ULTRA MARATHON**
The course takes runners through areas of outstanding natural beauty at the same time as being a challenging course.
July 15. marathon.is/ultramarathon

**KEXPort**
KEX Hostel and KEXPK Radio invite you to an outdoor marathon concert extravaganza from noon till midnight. Takes place in the back alley of KEX Hostel. A free concert with several bands and musicians. July 15. kexland.is

**LungA**
A festival in Seydisfjordur in East Iceland, that celebrates creativity, art and culture in general, through a week of workshops, lectures and other activities, ending in a weekend of celebration, exhibitions and concerts. July 16-23. lunga.is

**CHALLENGE ICELAND**
1900 m swim, 90 km bike, 21 km run
The world's northernmost half distance race, where athletes swim in an untouched crystal clear glacial lake and run and bike in the picturesque, diverse fjord landscape. July 23. challengeiceland.is

**REYKHOLT CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL**
Reykholt Festival is an international music festival held in historic Reykholt, the birth place of Snorri Sturluson in Borgarfjörður, the last week of July every year. July 28-30. reykholtshatid.is

**BRAEÐSLAN MUSIC FESTIVAL**
A renowned music-festival Braeðslan has been held in the old rendering house in Bakkagerði in Borgarfjörður eystra (East Iceland). July 29. braedslan.is

**AUGUST**

**ICELANDIC BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND**
Towns and organizations host various festivals all over the country. Partying, concerts, family-oriented gatherings, music and sport. Almost everyone goes off to camp at festivals around the country. August 5-7.

**INNIPÚKINN**
Innipúkinn music festival is held both inside, and in Reykjavik. It’s the indoor/city option for those not going for the happy-camper spirit during this Icelandic bank holiday party weekend.
August 4-6. innipukinn.is

**SWAMPSOCER**
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. August 5-6. myrarbolti.com

**REYKJAVIK PRIDE**
Every second weekend of August, gays, lesbians and more, come out in force and style to parade and party in Reykjavik. August 8-13. gaypride.is

**REYKJAVIK JAZZ FESTIVAL**
The Reykjavik Jazz Festival is dedicated to presenting the best in Icelandic Music. The Jazz in Iceland is all about connecting with the international music scene.
August 9-13. reykjavikjazz.is

**FIREWORKS SHOW AT JOKULSARLON**
Annual event by Jokulsarlon in the Vatnajokull Region. Illuminated icebergs bathed in colour from the magnificent fireworks show in natures most spectacular surrounding creates an extraordinary experience for spectators.
August 12. visitvatnajokull.is

**ACT ALONE**
A theatre festival dedicated to the art of acting alone, monodrama. The Act Alone festival is held every year in the town Sudureyri in the Westfjords of Iceland and always on the second weekend of August. There is no entrance fee at the Act Alone Theatre Festival.
August 12-13. actalone.net

**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.
August 19. culturenight.is

**REYKJAVIK MARATHON**
(42,2 km, 21,1 km & 10K). Attracts more than 10,000 runners in all events, including more than 600 from abroad. Reykjavik Marathon became a member of AIMS (Association of International Marathons and Distance Races) in 1984. This event goes hand-in-hand with the Reykjavik Cultural Night. August 19. marathon.is

**LÓKAL THEATER FESTIVAL**
Annual event in Reykjavik that introduces cutting edge theatre to audiences in Iceland and connects local theatre practitioners with fellow artists and presenters from abroad.
August 23-27. lokal.is

**THE REYKJAVIK 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

**SEPTEMBER**

**THE NIGHTS OF LIGHTS**
The culture and family festival Nights of Lights is held every year in Reykjanesbaer (by Keflavik airport). Starts on Thursday when the Keflavik Cliffs are lit up. Art, theatre and music performed by groups and individuals, to a spectacular finale under a blaze of fireworks.
August 31-Sept 3. ljosanott.is

**THE ICELANDIC TATTOO EXPO**
The Icelandic Tattoo Expo takes place at Hótel Saga, featuring some international artists.
September 1-3. icelandictattooexpo.com

**FOOTBALL 2018 WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS**
The Icelandic men’s national football team meets Ukraine at Laugardalsvöllur in a qualifying game for the 2018 FIFA World Cup.
September 5. ksi.is

**REYKJAVIK INTERN. LITERARY FESTIVAL**
Held since 1985 and is one of the most important international literary festivals in Europe. September 6-9. bokmenntahatid.is

**REYKJAVIK INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**
RIFF is one of the foremost film festivals in Europe, placing emphasis on presenting progressive, independent cinema.
September 28 – October 8. riff.is

**OCTOBER**

**IMAGINE PEACE TOWER (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.
Oct. 9-Dec. 8. imaginepeacetower.com

**FOOTBALL 2018 WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS**
The Icelandic men’s national football team meets Kosovo at Laugardalsvöllur in a qualifying game for the 2018 FIFA World Cup.
October. 10. ksi.is

**CYCLE MUSIC AND ART FESTIVAL**
International and local platform for contemporary art music and visual arts and the intersection between both disciplines.
October 26-29. cycle.is

**NOVEMBER**

**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.
November 1-5. icelandairwaves.is

**ICELAND NOIR**
Iceland Noir, Iceland’s first festival of crime fiction takes place in Reykjavík with two-and-a-half days of interviews and panels at the Nordic House and with associated events taking place around the city.
October 12. iceland-noir.ioy.squarespace.com

**DECEMBER**

**THE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE**
This feast of sights and sounds in downtown Hafnarfjörður offers live entertainment, beautiful handcrafted items and some homemade Icelandic delicacies: December 1-24. visithafnarfjordur.is

**OSLO CHRISTMAS TREE**
Placed in Austurvöllur Square, in downtown Reykjavik 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.

**YULE LADS**
Every year the Yule Lads go in their annual bath in the Myvatn Naturebath where guests can join them and have some fun. The bath takes place two weeks before Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS**
Icelanders go for Christmas in a big way, lots of activities all through the holidays.

**NEW YEAR’S EVE 10 K RUN**
Many participants dress up and run in costumes. Starts and ends infront of HARPA concert hall and conference centre at 12 o’clock.
December 31. hlaup.is

**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.
iceland.is/press-media/events