EVENTS IN ICELAND 2018

JANUARY

NEW YEAR’S DAY
After midnight, people gather either for parties in downtown or at the harbor, where they celebrate the night away until the early hours of the morning. January 1

THE THIRTEENTH
Icelanders enjoy thirteen days of Christmas. The last day is celebrated with bonfires, bidding farewell to the last of the Icelandic Yule Lads. January 6

DARK MUSIC DAYS
Annual contemporary music festival with the focus on performing and getting to know new compositions and performers worldwide. January 25-27. darkmusicdays.is

WOW REYKJAVIK INTERNATIONAL GAMES
Athletes compete at a high level in various sports in world class facilities in Laugardalur in Reykjavik. January 25 - February 4. rig.is

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

FEBRUARY

REYKJAVÍK WINTER LIGHTS FESTIVAL
A culture festival that celebrates winter and light with multiple events. February 1-4. vetrarhatid.is

RAINBOW REYKJAVIK WINTER PRIDE
Rainbow Reykjavik LGBT Winter Pride Festival combines amazing nature, nightlife and northern lights in fantastic international and local company. February 8-11. rainbowreykjavik.is

ART IN THE LIGHT
The Art in the Light festival celebrates the return of the sun after a long winter by transforming Seyðisfjarður town (East Iceland) and landscape into a brightly lit hub of activity. February 16-17. listiljosi.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 22-24. kexland.is

MARCH

REYKJAVÍK FOLK FESTIVAL
A three-day musical feast at Kex Hostel Reykjavik, celebrating the diversity and breadth of the Icelandic folk music scene. March 1-3. folkfestival.is/en

STOCKFISH FILM FESTIVAL
A platform in Reykjavik to encourage collaboration between domestic and international film communities. March 1-11. stockfishfilm.is

APRIL

AK EXTREME
AK Extreme is a four day festival with events scheduled at Mt. Hlíðarfjall and in downtown Akureyri. The main event is the Eimskip Container Big Jump in downtown Akureyri. April 5-8. akx.is

ICELAND WITERS RETREAT
Each participant is enrolled in a total of five two-hour small-group writing workshops led by internationally acclaimed authors. April 11-15. icelandwritersretreat.com

EVE FANFEST
Presentations, tournaments, and developer roundtables. Parties, pub crawls, and community camaraderie, gathering, vacation and experience. April 12-14. fanfest.evenonline.com

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER
The first day of Harpa, the first summer month of the old Icelandic calendar. The holiday always falls on the first Thursday after April 18 and has been a bank holiday since 1921. April 19

CHILDREN’S CULTURE FESTIVAL
Children’s culture, culture for children and culture with children, these are the three main aspects of the Reykjavik Children’s Culture Festival. April 17-22. childrenculturefestival.is

ICELAND WINTER GAMES
Iceland Winter Games (IWG) is running into its 4th year, starting in 2014 as a single event, AFP world tour Freeskiing competition, with events ranging from ski- and snowboard competitions, to the Icelandic National Dog sledding championship. April 23-25. icelandwintergames.com

SUZUKI MIDNIGHT RUN
Relay bike race where team members take turns cycling on Iceland’s Ring Road in less than 72 hours. June 26-30. wowcyclothon.is

SUZUKI MIDNIGHT RUN
Half marathon, 10 k and a 5 k race. The half marathon course is both challenging and beautiful with a wonderful view. June 21. marathon.is/midnight-run

WOW CYCLOTHON
Relay bike race where team members take turns cycling on Iceland’s Ring Road in less than 72 hours. June 26-30. wowcyclothon.is

JUNE

REYKJAVÍK ART FESTIVAL
Iceland’s premier cultural festival, bringing together the best in local and international theatre, dance, music and visual art. June 1-17. listahatid.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 3

THE FESTIVAL OF THE SEA
Family event held in Reykjavik on the weekend of June 2-3, down by Reykjavik west harbour. Grandagarður (next to the Maritime museum). June 2-3. 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 9. thecolorrun.is

NATIONAL DAY OF ICELAND
Commemorating Iceland’s independence 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

ARCTIC OPEN
International golf tournament which takes place in Iceland’s northern capital Akureyri, in the light of the midnight sun. June 20-23. arcticopen.is

SECRET SOLSTICE FESTIVAL
Heid during the summer solstice weekend, in Laugaradalur where you’ll be able to party at a time when the sun never fully sets in Iceland. June 21-24. secretsolstice.is

THE VIKING FESTIVAL
Since 1995 Viking village in Hafnarfjarður has been a playground of Vikings demonstrating most aspects of Viking culture: Ships, cuisine, handcraft, storytelling, archery, games, music and battle demonstrations. fjorukrain.is

FEBRUARY

ORATION MMXVIII
Iceland’s premier Black Metal festival, Oration, will take place for the third and final time at Gaminí Bló, Reykjavík, Iceland. March 7-9. orationrecords.com

SÓNAR REYKJAVIK
International festival of Advanced Music and new Media Art with attention in curation, combining a playful nature, the avant-garde, with newest trends in dance and electronic music. March 16-17. sonarreykjavik.com

DESIGN MARCH
For four days, Reykjavík plays host to hundreds of openings, exhibitions, workshops and events spreading across the city. March 15-18. designmarch.is

SuMFEST
SuMFest is the summer's biggest music fest in Reykjavík. July 1-31.

VAKA FOLK ARTS FESTIVAL IN AKUREYRI
Icelandic folk music scene. July 30 - August 4. vakaen/vaka-2017

THE KING'S WEEK
Celebrating the birthday of the King of Iceland on August 17, 1944. The event includes music and cultural events in Reykjavik.

THE COLOR OF ICELAND
Iceland’s biggest music festival. August 18-20.

THE ICELANDIC BURGERS FESTIVAL
A food festival held in Reykjavik, featuring burgers from around the world. August 24. icelandicburgersfestival.is

THE REYKJAVÍK FOLK ARTS FESTIVAL
A cultural and art festival held in Reykjavik from August 24-26, featuring folk artists from around the world. August 24-26.

THE SAILORS PRIDE DAY
A cultural event in Reykjavik on the 2nd of September, celebrating the history and culture of the sailors. September 2.

THE SEEDS OF THE FUTURE
A film festival that celebrates the art of animation. September 22-23.

THE ICELANDIC ISLANDS FESTIVAL
A festival celebrating the islands of Iceland. October 5-7.

THE ICELANDIC CITIES FESTIVAL
A festival celebrating the cities of Iceland. October 5.

THE GREAT REYKJAVÍK INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
An international film festival that takes place in Reykjavík. October 11-21.

THE ICELANDIC MUSIC AWARDS
A night to celebrate the Icelandic music industry. October 19.

THE ICELANDIC LANGUAGE DAY
A celebration of the Icelandic language. November 18.

THE ICELANDIC PILGRIM FESTIVAL
A festival celebrating the pilgrimage to Iceland. November 29-30.

THE ICELANDIC NATIONAL DOG SLEDDING CHAMPIONSHIP
A competition for dog sledding teams. December 1-3.

THE ICELANDIC SURFING FESTIVAL
A festival celebrating the sport of surfing in Iceland. December 2-3.

THE ICELANDIC ICE FESTIVAL
A festival celebrating the ice and icelandic culture. December 13-16.

THE ICELANDIC SNOWBOARDING FESTIVAL
A festival celebrating snowboarding in Iceland. December 13-16.
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**JULY**

🌟 **FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL IN SIGLFUÐJÓRÐUR**
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 4-8. siglfestival.com/english

🌟 **THORVALDSDALUR TERRAIN RUN**
he oldest terrain run in Iceland. It took place for the first time in 1994 and every year since. The run is held early July each year in the borvaldsdalur Valley in northern Iceland. July 7. thorvaldsdalur.umse.is

🌟 **EISTNAFLUG**
Eistnaflug Music Festival – Three days of non stop rock and heavy metal in Neskaupsstaður (East Iceland). July 11-14. eistnaflug.is

🌟 **KEXPORT**
KEX Hostel and KEXP Radio invite you to an outdoor marathon concert extravaganza from noon till midnight. Free concert with several bands and musicians. July 13-14. kexland.is

🌟 **MEDIEVAL TRADING WEEKEND**
At Gáisir in Eyjafjördur (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

🌟 **SWAMPSONER**
Takes place in Bolungarvík 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 3-5. myrarbolli.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 7-12. gaypride.is

🌟 **FIREFWORKS SHOW AT JOKULSARLON**
Annual event by Jokulsarlon in the Vatnajökull Region. Illuminated icebergs bathed in colour from the magnificent fireworks show. August 11. visitvatnajokull.is

🌟 **ACT ALONE THEATRE FESTIVAL**
The festival is held every year in the town Sudureyri in the Westfjords of Iceland. There is no entrance fee at the Act Alone Theatre Festival. August 9-11. 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 18. culturenight.is

🌟 **REYKJAVIK MARATHON**
(42,2 km, 21,1 km & 10k). This event goes hand-in-hand with the Reykjavik Cultural Night. August 18. marathon.is

🌟 **THE NIGHTS OF LIGHTS**
The culture and family festival Nights of Lights is held every year in Reykjavik and has some festivities to celebrate the city. August 31-Sept 3. ljosanott.is

🌟 **REYKJAVIK JAZZ FESTIVAL**
The festival celebrates the Icelandic jazz scene as well as featuring collaborative projects and international stars. September 5-9. reykjavikjazz.is

🌟 **REYKJAVIK INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**
RIFF is one of the foremost film festivals in Europe, placing emphasis on presenting progressive, independent cinema. September 27 - October 7. riff.is

🌟 **IMAGINE PEACE TOWER (illumination)**
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. 9-9. imaginepeacetower.com

🌟 **THE MOORLAND FESTIVAL**
The Nordic House in Reykjavik will be filled with writers of children’s books from far and near, children’s literature enthusiasts and hundreds of excited kids. October 11-14. myrin.is

🌟 **CYCLE MUSIC AND ART FESTIVAL**
International and local platform for contemporary art music and visual arts and the intersection between both disciplines. October 25-28. cycle.is

🌟 **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 7-10. icelandairwaves.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. November 14-18. lokal.is

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

**AUGUST**

🌟 **ICELANDIC BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND**
Towns and organizations host various festivals all over the country. Party, concerts, family-oriented gatherings, music and sport. August 4-6.

🌟 **INNIPÚKINN**
Innipúkinn music festival is a indoor option for those not going for the happy-camper spirit during this Icelandic bank holiday party weekend. August 3-5. innipukinn.is

🌟 **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 12.00. December 31. hlaup.is

🌟 **NEW YEAR’S EVE**
With everyone taking part in the biggest firepower display you’ll ever see, public bonfires are lit all around the country, followed by very lively nightlife.

iceland.is/press-media/events