



////// **ECO-FRIENDLY** ///

HÚSAVÍK

WHALE WATCHING

////// **SINCE 1995** ///



NORTH SAILING
SINCE 1995



2020

Welcome to

HÚSAVÍK

THE WHALE CAPITAL OF ICELAND



The North Sailing family welcomes you to a world of adventures.
An eco-friendly and sustainable world, highly respectful of nature
and wildlife. A world of responsible whale watching.

Local Experts



We are a dedicated family company established in 1995. Our Original Whale Watching tour has built a reputation for the town of Húsavík as the Whale Capital of Iceland.

Go Carbon-Neutral!



We became the first whale watching company in the world to create a vessel powered by electricity. And now, we have two!

Responsible Whale Watching



By prioritising the safety of passengers and wildlife, we ensure a responsible and sustainable approach to whale watching.

Nature Friendly Operation



Respecting nature is the goal for every decision. We adhere to a strict code of conduct for responsible whale watching.

Highly Qualified Crew



Our highly qualified and professional crew has extensive sailing experience and wildlife knowledge.

Pioneers in Whale Watching



Being pioneers in whale watching and sustainable tourism, we have received numerous awards for innovation, regional development and sustainability.



**AWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE,
SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION**

HÚSAVÍK ORIGINAL WHALE WATCHING

“ONE OF THE MOST
INCREDIBLE DAYS
OF MY LIFE”



★★★★★
Eco-friendly
25 YEARS
Whale Watching
1995-2020



Pick your tour!

HÚSAVÍK
ORIGINAL
WHALE
WATCHING



BEST SELLER

10.690 ISK


3.900 ISK 7-15 years

FREE Under 7 years

NS-1



SILENT
WHALE
WATCHING



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WHALES
AND
PUFFINS



HOME OF THE PUFFINS

12.990 ISK

4.400 ISK 7-15 years

FREE Under 7 years

NS-5



WHALES
AND
SAILS



TRADITIONAL SAILING

11.990 ISK

4.200 ISK 7-15 years

FREE Under 7 years

NS-3



LET'S GO WHALE WATCHING!

Refreshments on board



Hot **chocolate** and cinnamon buns served on all tours on the way home! A **family** recipe.

We'll keep you warm!



We provide everyone with **warm overalls**. However, we still recommend bringing warm clothes, hats and gloves.

Toilets on board



No need to worry, there are **toilets** on **all boats**.

All our tours are approx. 3 hours



Except Whales and Puffins where we spend an extra 30 minutes sailing around Puffin Island.

What is the best time to go?



All times are good to go whale watching! Whether it's in the morning, midday, or afternoon, it all comes down to a little bit of luck since we're dealing with wild nature. But with an average **98% success rate** in the last five summers, the chances are definitely in your favour!

We recommend
booking in advance!

WINTER WHALE WATCHING						SUMMER WHALE WATCHING					
MARCH		APRIL		MAY		JUNE	JULY		AUGUST		
1 March	16 March	7 April	16 April	1 May	21 May	1 June	1 July	16 July	11 Aug	20 Aug	
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on electric boat Andvari on hybrid-electric sailboat Opal

WINTER WHALE WATCHING					
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15 Sept	30 Sept	15 Oct	31 Oct	30 Nov	
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98% AVERAGE
SIGHTINGS

Summers 2015 - 2019

Whale watching area




All our tours visit the same traditional whale watching area!



“THE WHOLE EXPERIENCE WAS ABOVE
AND BEYOND OUR EXPECTATIONS.
WE SAW A POD OF 15 OR MORE HUMPBACK
WHALES FOR OVER AN HOUR”



Hot chocolate and 
cinnamon buns served
on the way home

Wow!

BEST SELLER

HÚSAVÍK ORIGINAL WHALE WATCHING



An unforgettable whale watching exploration,
recommended by thousands of travellers.

Discover the magnificent nature of Skjálfandi bay where you can see whales, dolphins and sea birds in their natural habitat. Our professional and highly qualified crew will guide you and take you smooth sailing on a traditional Icelandic oak boat to explore the home of the whales. Can you imagine a nicer day at sea?

Researchers on board



University of Iceland's Research Centre in Húsavík studies whales and marine life in good cooperation with North Sailing. You might see researchers working on board, don't hesitate to ask them about their work if you wish to learn more.

Keep your eyes open



Let's see if you can spot a whale before the crew does! When searching for whales, the crew relies on their vision, binoculars and their experience in reading nature.

10.690 ISK

3.900 ISK 7-15 years

FREE Under 7 years



“WE HAD THE BEST TIME EVER ON THE ECO
TOUR. THE SHIP WAS COMFORTABLE,
THE CAPTAIN MADE US FEEL AT HOME AND
INFORMED US OF THE ECOSYSTEM OF THE BAY”



*Don't worry, we will
talk during the tour!
It's only the electric
boat that is **silent** :)*



The electric boat Andvari



Join the **quiet** Andvari for a breathtaking trip and
experience the whales in an **eco-friendly** way.

*Hot chocolate and
cinnamon buns served
on the way home*



SILENT WHALE WATCHING



Glide silently alongside the whales on an electric boat.
A tranquil whale watching experience you will never forget.

Andvari, our electric and silent boat, is one of the most animal
and environmentally friendly whale watching vessels in the world!
While gliding silently through the sea, you have a chance to quietly
watch the whales, which causes them minimum disturbance.
An unforgettable experience!

10.690 ISK

3.900 ISK 7-15 years

FREE Under 7 years



“SEEING THE PUFFINS, WHALES AND
PORPOISES WAS A TRULY AMAZING
EXPERIENCE THAT I WILL NEVER FORGET”



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cinnamon buns served
on the way home

HOME OF THE PUFFINS

WHALES AND PUFFINS



The perfect combination. A whale watching excursion
with a stop by the peaceful Puffin Island.

How could your whale watching tour possibly get better? Of course
by sailing around Puffin Island, the home of thousands of puffins! In this
authentic wildlife adventure, whale and puffin watching are combined.
In addition to seeing whales in their natural habitat, you get to see the
funny little puffins nesting, flying around and diving for food.

12.990 ISK

4.400 ISK 7-15 years

FREE Under 7 years



SKJÁLFAÐI BAY

Puffin Island

Húsavík

The tour starts by sailing
around Puffin Island before
heading out to the whale
watching area or the other
way around.

Puffin Island is home to
over 200.000 puffins



★ 60% of the world's puffins
breed in Iceland

“ON THE RETURN TRIP, WE ALL HELPED RAISE THE SAILS TO GET BACK. NOTHING LIKE SAILING IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC IN COMPLETE SILENCE, THE ONLY SOUND IS THE BOAT MOVING THROUGH THE WATER”



Traditional **renovation**



Our schooners Opal, Haukur and Hildur used to be fishing boats but have now been renovated into two masted schooners.

The hybrid-electric sailboat Opal



Join the **award-winning** Opal for a unique experience, where authentic charm meets modern technology.

⚡ Departures available on Opal 21 May - 15 July

Hot chocolate and
cinnamon buns served
on the way home

Keep your
eyes **open** for:



Blow



Fluke



Dorsal fin

TRADITIONAL SAILING

WHALES AND **SAILS**



Get close to the whales on board a traditional Icelandic sailboat and learn the old ways of sailing.

Discover the magic of the ocean in this beautiful sailing on board our authentic Icelandic schooners. This tour gives you a great opportunity to enjoy the wildlife — the whales and birds of Skjálfandi bay — while discovering your inner sailor. Take part in a real sailing adventure and learn from our experienced crew!

11.990 ISK

4.200 ISK 7-15 years

FREE Under 7 years



All our sailing tours are powered by the boats' engines as we can't count on the wind in the sails to be our primary source of power. However, we will use every opportunity that comes to hoist the sails.

GEOTHERMAL SEA BATHS

10%

GET 10% DISCOUNT, JUST SHOW
YOUR NORTH SAILING TICKET




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www.geosea.is



*An absolute
must try!*

WHALE WATCHING + GEOSEA BATHS = THE PERFECT DAY!

Make the most of your stay in Húsavík!

HÚSAVÍK WHALE MUSEUM

Can't imagine how big the whales really are? You don't have to! See the real, life-size blue whale skeleton and all the others at the Húsavík Whale Museum.

www.whalemuseum.is



Show your
boarding pass
for the discount.

20%

HÚSAVÍK SWIMMING POOL

Soak in the Icelandic culture! Become a local and talk about politics, weather and everything in between while de-stressing in the hot tub. Check if you can read the washing instructions in Icelandic!

EXPLORATION MUSEUM

Experience the history of exploration from the first Viking navigation to the moon landing. One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind!

HÚSAVÍK MUSEUM

This is your chance to see a polar bear in Iceland! In the Húsavík Museum you'll get entrance to the Folk Museum, the Maritime Museum and the Natural History Collection. See the challenging conditions of past times and get an idea of how Icelanders survived cold winters for hundreds of years.

HÚSAVÍK HARBOUR

Stroll down to Húsavík harbour where local fishermen have set out to sail for centuries – and still do. Drop by at one of the restaurants down by the harbour and watch as the boats head out to the bay.

HÚSAVÍK MOUNTAIN

The best view of town is at the top of Húsavík Mountain, eyeing the Arctic Circle and even far off to the glacier highlands! Overlooking Húsavík and Skjálfandi bay on a beautiful summer day can easily be the highlight of your trip to Iceland.

HÚSAVÍK CHURCH

Built in 1907, it's one of the most picturesque churches in all of Iceland. Just open the door, admission is free.

LAKE BOTNSVATN

Lake Botnsvatn is one of Húsavík's unspoiled natural gems. Take an hour-long walk around the lake and make sure to sip the fresh water from the mountain stream.

HÚSAVÍK PARK

The Húsavík Botanical Garden is our Central Park. Walk around the tranquil surroundings and the duck-filled stream. You can't find a better area for a picnic.

HARBOUR INFO CENTRE

Need an answer to your questions? The local experts at the Harbour Info Centre have all the answers. Whether it's about opening hours, things to do or the untold secrets of Húsavík, you don't have to look any further!

Our favourite TOP THINGS TO DO IN HÚSAVÍK


Welcome



Feeling hungry?



10%

GAMLI BAUKUR RESTAURANT

Whether you're up for a fresh catch of the day prepared to perfection, a tender, flavourful steak or a healthy salad, Gamli Baukur Restaurant is the place to be. Perfectly located by the sea, there's no better place in Húsavík to take in the lively harbour atmosphere. Make sure you don't miss out on the famous fish soup!

+354 464 2442 / www.gamlibaukur.is

Show your boarding pass for the discount.

Hold your horses!



HORSE RIDING COMBO

Want to make new furry friends? All our whale watching tours can be combined with a two hour horse riding tour with our colleagues at Saltvík Horse Centre. Either before or after your whale watching tour, enjoy riding along the coastline with fantastic views. Just get in touch and we will arrange it for you.

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OUR FLEET IS GOING GREEN

The *only* ones
in Iceland

HONOURING THE ICELANDIC HERITAGE

We are the only company in Iceland offering whale watching on traditional gaff rigged sailing boats. We play an important role in preserving the knowledge of handling and maintaining traditional sailing.



100 years old
in 2018!



DONNA WOOD 1918

Donna Wood is the Danish representative in our fleet. Originally built as a lighthouse ship, it underwent a massive restoration in 1990 equipping it with rigging and sails. Donna is now one of our frequent travellers, docking regularly in Iceland, Greenland and Svalbard.



HILDUR 1974

Hildur is named after the founder's mother, Hildur Jónsdóttir. As a tribute to her, this boat is traditionally referred to as "the grandmother" of North Sailing.



HAUKUR 1973

After having successfully served as a traditional whale watching boat in our fleet for five years, Haukur was renovated and transformed into a beautiful two mast schooner. A resemblance to the old shark and fishing schooners that were common around Iceland in the 19th century.

POWERED BY NATURE

North Sailing has taken a big step into making the fleet green by designing and building two electric boats that are silent and carbon-neutral!

Our schooner Opal is the first ship in the world to be installed with a regenerative plugin hybrid-electric propulsion. A unique technique that has received worldwide attention and awards for the eco-friendly initiative.

Innovation Awards



2016
Tourism For Tomorrow
Finalist 2016



2015
World Responsible
Tourism Silver Awards

OPAL 1951

Opal is the German representative in our fleet. It's the most technologically advanced vessel in the Icelandic whale watching industry! Powered by electricity or under sails, it's simply amazing sailing quietly on board the schooner.



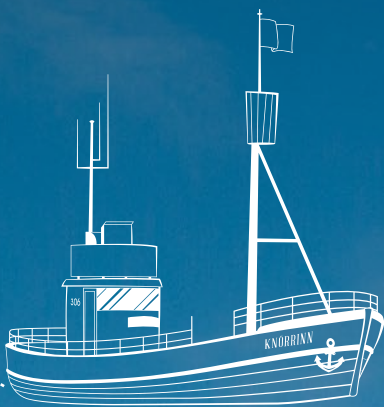
Opal is
HYBRID-ELECTRIC

BUILT ON TRADITION

The fleet consists mainly of traditional oak boats that were once common fishing boats in Iceland but are nowadays quite rare. By maintaining them we preserve cultural heritage. Nearly all the vessels have been restored and adapted to a new role without compromising their original character.

Why use oak boats?

Oak boats have many advantages to plastic and steel boats. Their robust build makes them strong, reliable and safe. The low fuel consumption rate makes them more silent and eco-friendly!



KNÖRRINN 1963

Knörrinn was the first boat in Iceland to begin scheduled whale watching trips, so one could say it's been around the dock! Having survived the famous extreme weather in April 1963, it was nicknamed the "Lucky Boat", which has followed it ever since.



BJÖSSI SÖR 1975

Originally a whaling boat, Bjössi Sör has luckily gotten a new and better role. It's one of the last traditional oak boats ever built in Iceland, preserving the Icelandic cultural heritage. Bjössi Sör is named after Sigurbjörn Sörensen, the father of North Sailing's founders.



SÆBORG 1977

Sæborg is the newest and youngest addition in our fleet. Originally built for a local family in Húsavík, it is finally back home after years on the fishing grounds in the South. It always feels good being back home!



GARDAR 1964

Garðar is named after Garðar Svavarsson, a Swedish Viking who is believed to have been the second Scandinavian to reach Iceland. He settled down in the most beautiful place on the island, now called Húsavík!



NÁTTFARI 1965

Náttfari is named after Garðar Svavarsson's slave, Náttfari. He escaped as his master set sail towards what is now Scotland. He is believed to have been the first permanent resident of Iceland, in the 9th century.

ANDVARI 1975

Andvari is an old Norse name meaning "a gentle breeze that glides silently through the air". It fits perfectly as Andvari is the fleet's second silent electric boat, and is ready to sail quietly with passengers to traditional whale watching areas.



Andvari is
CARBON-NEUTRAL

Sailing towards A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



Since the beginning of our journey, sustainability has been our key destination. We are proud to invite you on board Andvari and Opal, the only whale watching boats in Iceland powered by renewable energy!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CARBON-NEUTRAL?

A carbon footprint is defined as the totality of an organisation's CO₂ emission.

In order to become carbon-neutral, our carbon footprint is carefully measured by gathering data on all our activities. Using this information, we determine the total size of our emissions and set reduction goals based on reducing consumption and using a variety of low-carbon equivalencies and carbon offsets.

GREEN ENERGY

In addition to balancing our CO₂ emission, we're the only whale watching company in Iceland going the extra mile by offering completely carbon-neutral tours. Running on renewable energy, the boat doesn't emit any CO₂ as it is powered by green electricity.

REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE

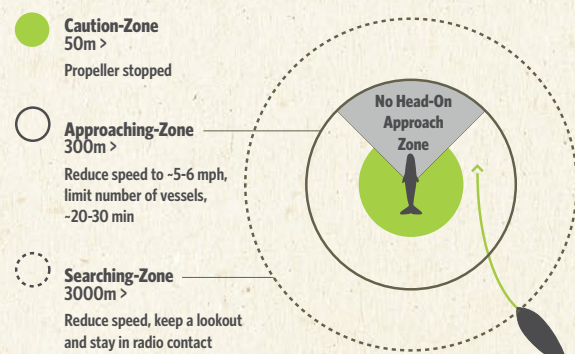
We strive to make economical use of our resources and we always take environmental issues into account. We're committed to reusing and recycling materials, and disposing of waste in an environmentally sound manner.

Code of Conduct

RESPONSIBLE WHALE WATCHING

We have to remember that whales are wild animals and to be able to visit them in the future we need to be patient and show them respect. We will try to get you close but how close we get is always on the animal's terms as we aim to minimise disturbance.

This is a Code of Conduct we aim to abide by, however, there are many variables to consider when out at sea, such as the weather, number of whales, prey availability, if there are calves present, animal behaviour and so on and so forth.



More info about the Code of Conduct can be found at www.northsailing.is and www.icewhale.is.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE NORTH SAILING FOREST!

Kolviður - Icelandic Carbon Fund

We chose Kolviður - the Icelandic Carbon Fund to offset the CO₂ emitted by our operations. We planted exactly 5275 trees last year, covering more than 2 hectares of land that will soon become a leafy North Sailing forest!

THE ONLY WHALE WATCHING OPERATOR IN ICELAND OFFERING "CARBON EMISSION FREE" TOURS!

CERTIFICATIONS AND SUPPORT



North Sailing supports the 'Meet Us Don't Eat Us' project which encourages tourists to enjoy whales in their natural habitat rather than on their plate.



North Sailing opposes whale killing and supports the protection of endangered species by being a partner of IFAW - International Fund for Animal Welfare.



North Sailing prints at an eco-labelled printing company.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS



2016
Tourism For Tomorrow
Finalist 2016



2015
World Responsible Tourism
Silver Awards - Best Innovation
for Carbon Reduction



2015 & 1996
Environmental Award
from the Icelandic
Tourist Board



2007
The Innovation Award
from the Icelandic
Travel Industry



EXPERIENCE GREENLAND

Live on board a traditional sailing ship for 7 amazing days in the natural wonders of Scoresby Sound in East Greenland.



SAILING THE EDGE OF THE ARCTIC

3-day expedition crossing the Arctic Circle during Summer Solstice on board the award-winning sailboat Opal.



WHALE WATCHING FROM HJALTEYRI

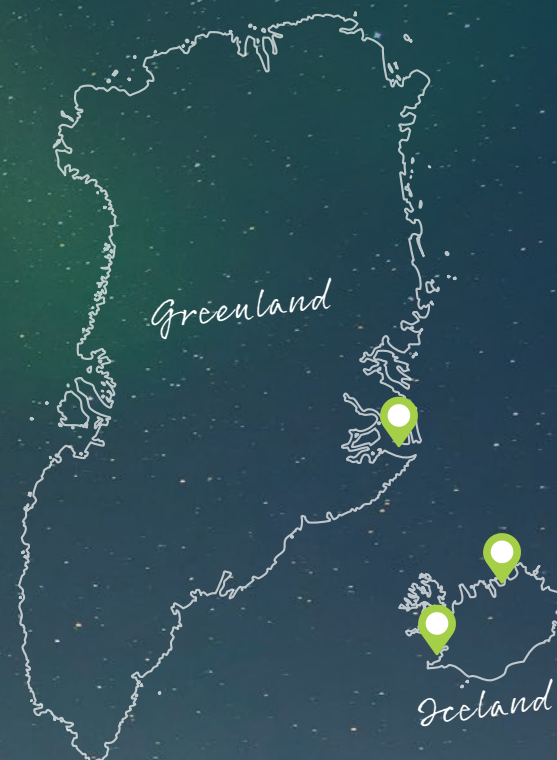
A classic whale watching tour from the charming village of Hjalteyri, located only 15 minutes from Akureyri.



SAILS, LIGHTS & WINTER NIGHTS

Winter evening tours from Reykjavik on the hybrid-electric sailboat Opal. Get a chance to see the northern lights!

EVEN MORE AMAZING
ADVENTURES
are waiting for you!



— FURTHER INFO ON ALL TOURS AND —
EXPEDITIONS AT WWW.NORTHSAILING.IS



Puffin

Lundi
24 cm & 500 gr.

Puffins can dive down to 60 meters underwater!

Humpback whale

Hnúfubakur
17 m & 35 t.

Humpback whales can eat up to 1.5 tonnes of food per day.

Harbour porpoise

Hnísa
1,5 m & 70 kg.

Harbour porpoises are one of the smallest examples of marine mammals.

Minke whale

Hrefna
11 m & 10 t.

The Minke whale can create sounds at over 150 decibels that can be heard from many miles away. For comparison, loud rock concerts reach up to 125 decibels.

White beaked dolphin

Hnýðingur
3 m & 350 kg.

White beaked dolphins can reach a speed of 45 km/h.

★ Did you know that a frequent visitor to Skjálfandi bay is a Blue/Fin whale **hybrid**?

Blue whale

Steypireyður
30 m & 190 t.

The Blue whale is the largest animal to have ever existed on Earth.

Wildlife OF SKJÁLFANDI BAY

YOU MIGHT ALSO SEE THESE MAGNIFICENT CREATURES:

Pilot whale

Grindhvalur
7,5 m & 2,5 t.

Sei whale

Sandreyður
20 m & 40 t.

Sperm whale

Búrhvalur
16 m & 45 t.

Orca

Háhyrningur
9 m & 9 t.

Northern bottlenose whale

Andarnefja
9 m & 8 t.

See more about the whales and birds at www.northsailing.is

Team North Sailing

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

North Sailing is owned and run by a local family in Húsavík. Three generations take part in daily operations and the fourth one is already lending a hand.

The North Sailing family has the advantage of working with an accomplished and highly skilled team.

The team consists of a dynamic group of experienced and enthusiastic individuals. Most of them are locals but North Sailing has also been fortunate in having people from all over the world with a passion for whales, sailing and nature joining the team, adding different perspectives to the group.



"WE'RE BEYOND HAPPY THAT WE SAILED WITH NORTH SAILING.
THESE FOLKS ARE TOP NOTCH EVERY STEP OF THE WAY"



BOOKING & INFO

Visit us at

THE WHALE WATCHING CENTRE

Get information and tickets from our whale watching experts at the information centre, located opposite the picturesque Húsavík church.



Contact us

+354 464 7272
INFO@NORTHSAILING.IS

Book in advance

If you haven't, drop by at our Ticket Centre and check for availability as we have frequent departures! If you've already booked, we kindly ask you to arrive 30 minutes before departure at the Ticket Centre.

Book online

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WE RECOMMEND

YOUR BOARDING PASS GRANTS YOU:

10% discount at
GeoSea Baths Húsavík

10%

20% discount at
The Húsavík Whale Museum

20%

10% discount at
Restaurant Gamli Baukur

10%

10% discount at
North Sailing's Souvenir Store

10%

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Membership and licences



#NORTHSAILING

We accept all major credit cards and foreign currency. Guidance generally in English. Our guides come from all over the world so if you have special requests on language, please ask our staff. Please note that tours may vary. No guarantees can be given for sightings and timings can change slightly as the sailing routes can differ. The natural environment is untamed and therefore we do not control the animals, the weather and other elements of nature. In the unlikely event that you do not see a whale, you get another ticket for free.

YOUR BUCKET LIST

- ☒ Go whale watching with North Sailing 
- ☐ Take a selfie with a whale 
- ☐ See a puffin 
- ☐ Sail like a viking on a real sailboat 
- ☐ Witness a whale breaching 
- ☐ See a Blue whale, the biggest animal ever 
- ☐ Sail like a pioneer on an electric boat 

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And don't forget to visit



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