



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

HÚSAVÍK

WHALE WATCHING

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



NORTH SAILING
SINCE 1995



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 of 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



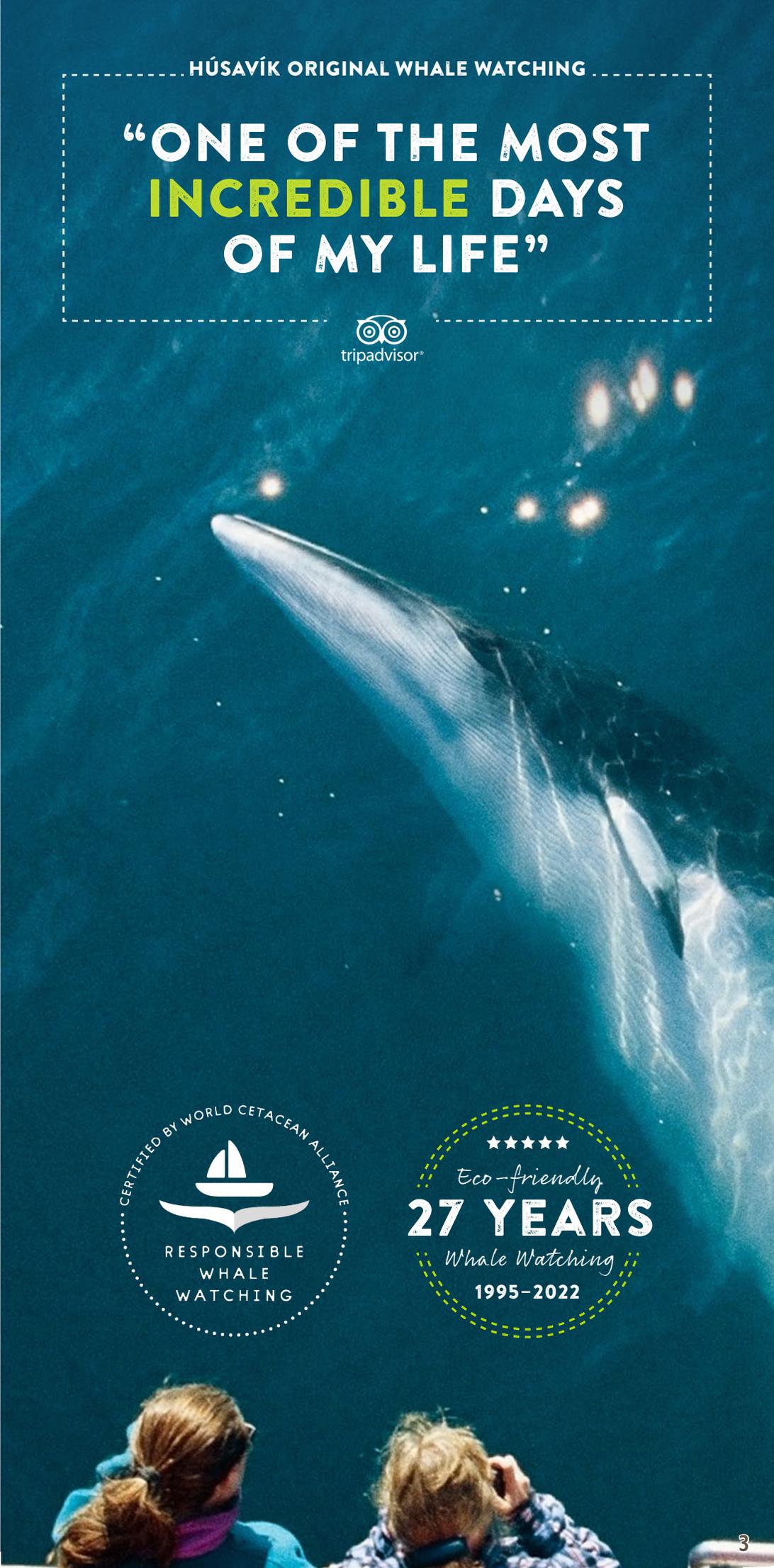
Being pioneers in whale watching and sustainable tourism, we have received numerous awards for innovation, regional development and sustainability.



**AWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE,
SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION**

HÚSAVÍK ORIGINAL WHALE WATCHING

“ONE OF THE MOST
INCREDIBLE DAYS
OF MY LIFE”



We recommend booking in advance!

98% AVERAGE SIGHTINGS

Summers 2015-2021

LET'S GO WHALE WATCHING!

CARBON NEUTRAL

Silent Whale Watching



3 HOURS APPROX.

SEASON **1 MAY-30 SEPT.**

FROM **10.990 ISK** ADULTS

4.000 ISK 7-15 YEARS
FREE UNDER 7 YEARS

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TRADITIONAL SAILING

Húsavík Whales & Sails



3 HOURS APPROX.

SEASON **21 MAY-31 AUG**

11.990 ISK ADULTS

4.200 ISK 7-15 YEARS
FREE UNDER 7 YEARS

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BEST SELLER

Húsavík Original Whale Watching



3 HOURS APPROX.

SEASON **1 MARCH-30 NOV.**

10.990 ISK ADULTS

4.000 ISK 7-15 YEARS
FREE UNDER 7 YEARS

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CITIZEN SCIENCE

Whales, Sails & Science



3,5 HOURS APPROX.

SEASON **JUNE-AUGUST**

12.690 ISK ADULTS

4.300 ISK 7-15 YEARS
FREE UNDER 7 YEARS

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NEW TOUR

HOME OF THE PUFFINS

Húsavík Whales & Puffins



3,5 HOURS APPROX.

SEASON **16 APRIL-19 AUG.**

12.990 ISK ADULTS

4.400 ISK 7-15 YEARS
FREE UNDER 7 YEARS

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We'll keep you warm!



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

Refreshments on board



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

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 seven summers, the chances are definitely in your favour!

Toilets on board



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

Whale watching area



On all our tours we visit the same traditional whale watching area!

WINTER WHALE WATCHING				SUMMER WHALE WATCHING								WINTER WHALE WATCHING		
MARCH		APRIL		MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST		SEPT	OCT	NOV
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On electric boat Andvari

On hybrid-electric sailboat Opal

* Except on Thursdays

° Every Thursday

Timetable shows availability for the season of 2022 and is subject to change. Visit www.northsailing.is for updates. All prices in this brochure are valid for the season of 2022.



“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



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. Explore the home of the whales onboard a traditional Icelandic oak boat with our professional and highly qualified crew. 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.

10.990 ISK

4.000 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”



The electric boat Andvari



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

Departures available on Andvari **1 May-30 Sept**



Keep your eyes open for:



Blow



Fluke



Dorsal fin

 **CARBON-NEUTRAL**

SILENT WHALE WATCHING



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

Andvari and Opal, our electric and silent boats, are 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!

10.990 ISK ON ANDVARI

11.990 ISK ON OPAL

4.000 ISK 7-15 years

FREE Under 7 years



3
HOURS

The hybrid-electric sailboat Opal



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

Hot chocolate and  served on the way home



Departures available on Opal **21 May-15 July**

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



Hot chocolate and  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 100.000 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”



Join the mission!



By joining this tour, 15% of your ticket price is contributed to Ocean Missions, a non-profit organisation founded and based in Húsavík, Iceland. Ocean Missions work primarily on ocean conservation, research and education, and your contribution will benefit their inspiring research and science-related projects.



Traditional renovation



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



Departures available on Opal 21 May-15 July

Hot chocolate and cinnamon buns served on the way home

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.

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



CITIZEN-SCIENCE TOUR

WHALES, SAILS AND SCIENCE



Participate in ocean research, micro-plastic analysis and gain a deeper insight into the life of whales and birds.

We want to inspire people to take direct action toward ocean conservation by combining science, education and adventures onboard our traditional sailing boats in the wonderful ocean world of Skjálfandi Bay. Join us for this meaningful 3,5-hour citizen-science tour and have a positive input on the sustainable future of Skjálfandi Bay.

12.690 ISK

4.300 ISK 7-15 years

FREE Under 7 years



EVEN MORE AMAZING ADVENTURES

are waiting for you!



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 20 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!

— SEE ALL TOURS AND EXPEDITIONS AT NORTHSAILING.IS —

OPAL

1951

Opal is
HYBRID-ELECTRIC

Our fleet is GOING GREEN

North Sailing has taken a big step into making the fleet green by designing and building **two electric** boats! The perfect addition to the beautifully **restored fleet** of traditional oak boats and sailing vessels.

ANDVARI

1975

Andvari is
CARBON-NEUTRAL



HILDUR

1974



HAUKUR

1973



GARDAR

1964



NÁTTFARI

1965



SALKA

1976



KNÖRRINN

1963



BJÖSSI SÖR

1975



SÆBORG

1977





Puffin

Lundi
24 cm & 500 gr.

Puffins can dive down to 60 meters underwater!

Harbour porpoise

Hnísa
1,5 m & 70 kg.

Harbour porpoises are one of the smallest marine mammals.

Humpback whale

Hnúfubakur
17 m & 35 t.

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



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.

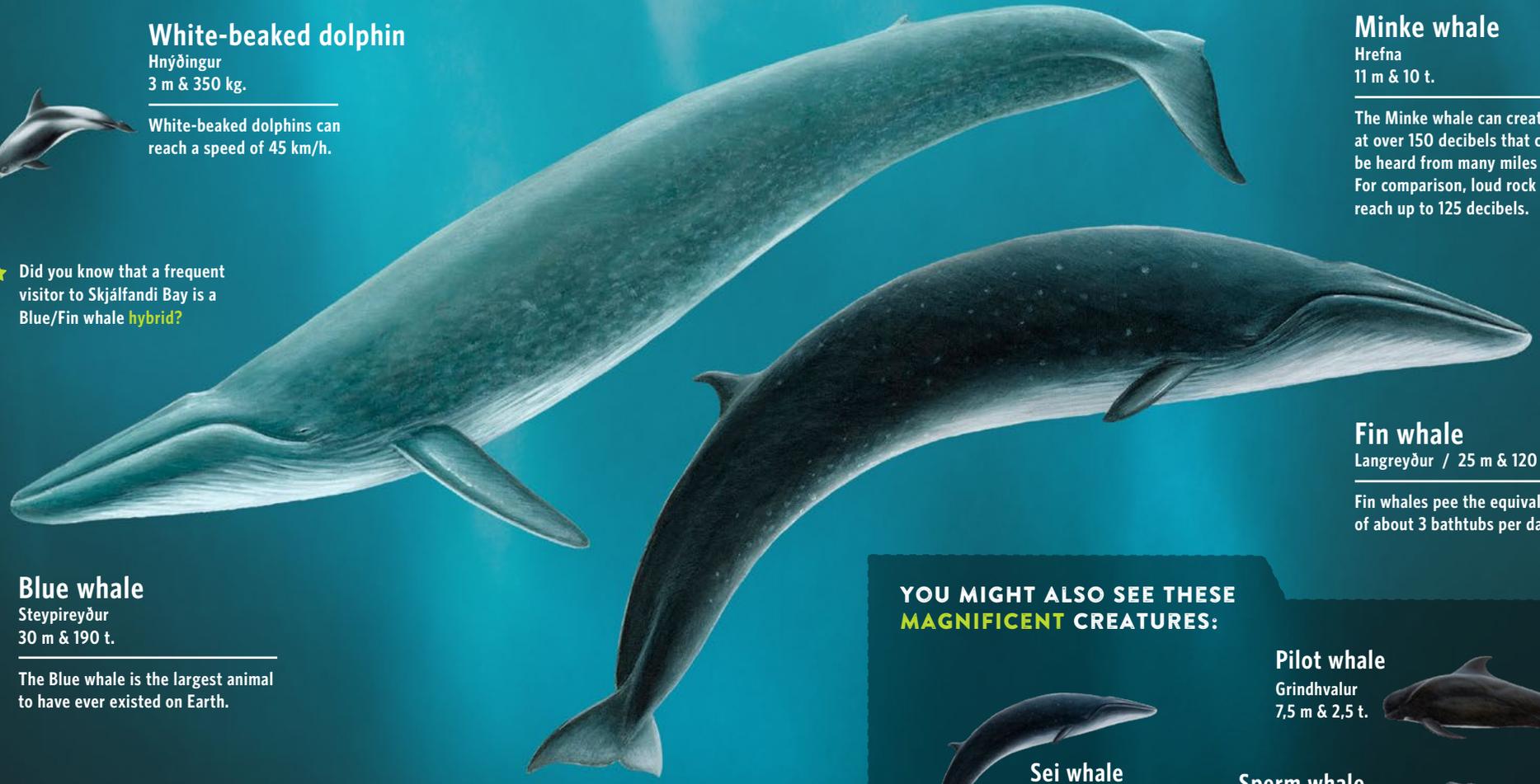
White-beaked dolphin

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.

Fin whale

Langreyður / 25 m & 120 t.

Fin whales pee the equivalent of about 3 bathtubs per day :)

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

Búrivalur
16 m & 45 t.



Orca

Háhyrningur
9 m & 9 t.



Northern bottlenose whale

Andarnefja
9 m & 8 t.

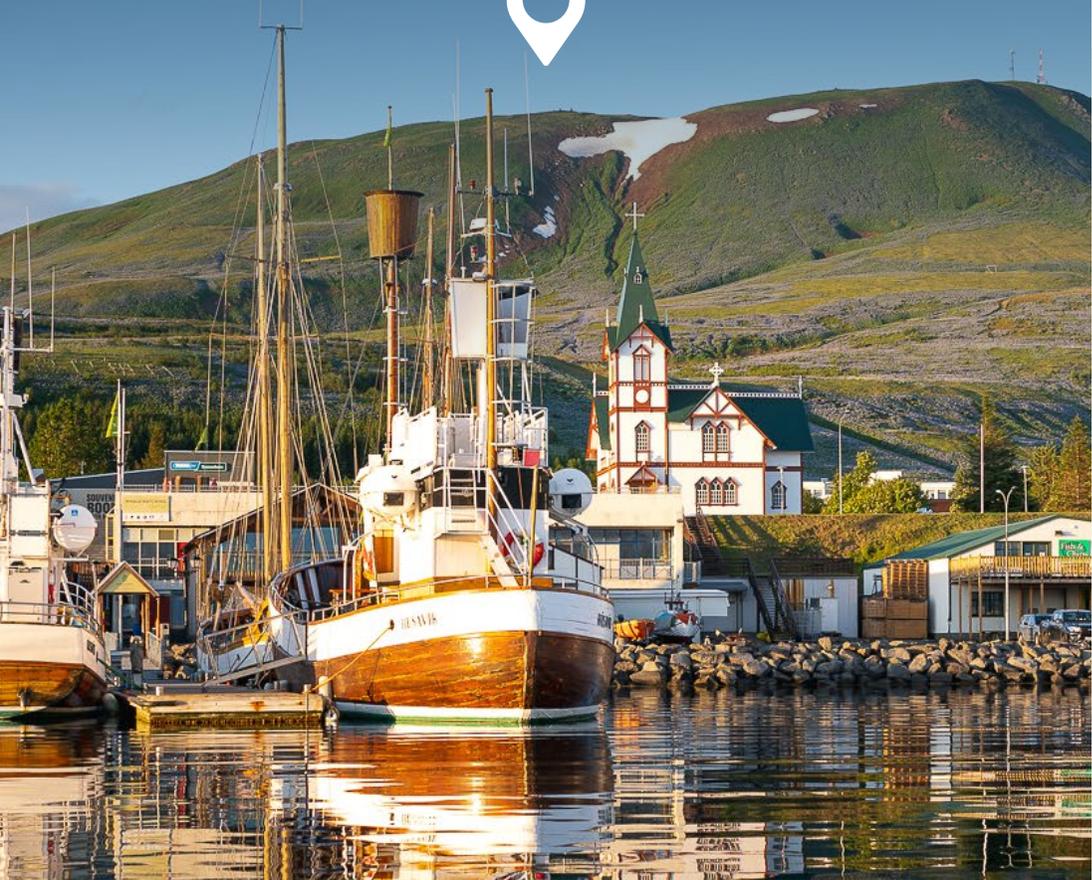


Wildlife OF SKJÁLFANDI BAY

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

Our favourite

TOP THINGS TO DO IN HÚSAVÍK



SHOW YOUR BOARDING CARD FOR DISCOUNTS

GAMLI BAUKUR RESTAURANT

10%



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 enjoy the lively harbour atmosphere.

www.gamlibaukur.is

GEOTHERMAL SEA BATHS



10%

With infinity views over Skjálfandi Bay, Geosea is the perfect place to relax after your whale watching tour. If you're lucky, you might even spot a whale blow in the distance!

www.geosea.is

HORSE RIDING COMBO TOUR



COMBO DISCOUNT

All our whale watching tours can be combined with a 1,5-hour horse riding tour at Saltvík Horse Centre. For the best price book the Whales and Horses combo tour at northsailing.is.

www.saltvik.is

HÚSAVÍK WHALE MUSEUM



20%

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

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!

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.

GREEN ENERGY

In addition to balancing our CO₂ emissions, we're the only whale watching company in Iceland going the extra mile by offering carbon-neutral tours on electric boats powered by renewable energy.



CONTRIBUTE TO THE NORTH SAILING FOREST AND WETLAND RESTORATION

We offset the CO₂ emitted by our operation by planting trees through Kolviður - the Iceland Carbon Fund and restoring wetlands through The Icelandic Wetland Fund.

RESPONSIBLE WHALE WATCHING

Code of Conduct

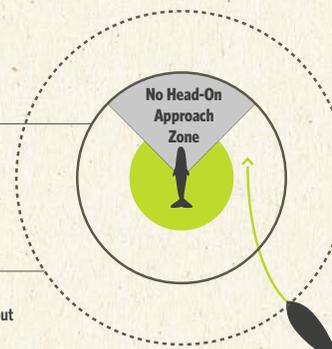
North Sailing is a certified responsible whale watching operator by the World Cetacean Alliance. We abide by a Code of Conduct and train our staff to approach and be around the animals with utmost care and caution. We want you to be able to observe the incredible

wildlife of Skjálfandi Bay with great respect and minimum disturbance. Even though a close encounter is always a fascinating experience, how close we get is on the animals' terms. We aim to set an example for others and help protect the spectacular wildlife of Skjálfandi Bay.

 **Caution-Zone**
50m >
Propeller stopped

 **Approaching-Zone**
300m >
Reduce speed to -5-6 mph,
limit number of vessels,
-20-30 min

 **Searching-Zone**
3000m >
Reduce speed, keep a lookout
and stay in radio contact



Read more at:

northsailing.is
icewhale.is
worldcetaceanalliance.org

Team North Sailing

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Join the **North Sailing family** for a whale watching adventure of a lifetime!



"WE'RE BEYOND HAPPY THAT WE SAILED WITH NORTH SAILING"



"THESE FOLKS ARE TOP NOTCH EVERY STEP OF THE WAY"

- DISCOUNTS -

Your boarding card grants you...

10%

10% discount at
GeoSea Baths Húsavík

10%

10% discount at
Restaurant Gamli Baukur

20%

20% discount at
The Húsavík Whale Museum

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**



Free for children
6 years and younger



Free cancellation
Up to 24 hours before



Book now - pay later
Pay online or upon arrival



Total flexibility
To update your booking

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.



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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.

