



— *Eco-friendly* —

Húsavík

Whale Watching

— *With North Sailing* —



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 one of the first whale watching companies in the world to create a boat powered by electricity. And now, we have two!

Responsible Whale Watching



As a Certified Responsible Whale Watching Operator, we follow a Code of Conduct for responsible encounters with whales.

Nature-Friendly Operation



Respecting nature is at the heart of every decision. We aim to follow sustainable practices to minimise environmental impact.

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 and Innovation

Húsavík Original Whale Watching

“One of the most
incredible days
of my life!”



97% Average Sightings — Since 1995 —

Let's go Whale Watching!

Best time of the day to see whales?

Great news! Any time of day is good to go whale watching. After nearly three decades, we have discovered that there is no specific time of day when whales are more active than others. Whether you are an early bird or a sunset lover, your chance of seeing whales is just as good.

How likely is it to see whales?

Every tour in wild nature is unique, and the element of surprise makes it exciting! But with a noteworthy 97% overall sightings for the last 28 years, the chances are definitely in your favour!

Refreshments on all tours

On all trips, we offer fairtrade hot chocolate and cinnamon buns from the local bakery—perfect for wrapping up a successful tour!

We'll keep you warm!

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

Toilets on board

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

Whale Watching area

On all our tours we visit the same traditional whale watching area within Skjálfandi Bay.



Book now – pay later
Pay online or upon arrival



Total flexibility
To update your booking



Free for children
6 years and younger



Free cancellation
Up to 24 hours before

We recommend booking in advance

northsailing.is

Best Seller

Original Whale Watching

3 HOURS approx.

11.300 ISK
5.000 ISK 7–15 years
FREE 0–6 years

Eco-friendly

Silent Whale Watching

3 HOURS approx.

11.990 ISK
6.000 ISK 7–15 years
FREE 0–6 years

Home of the Puffins

Whales & Puffins

3,5 HOURS approx.

13.300 ISK
6.500 ISK 7–15 years
FREE 0–6 years

Traditional Sailing

Whales & Sails

3 HOURS approx.

11.990 ISK
6.000 ISK 7–15 years
FREE 0–6 years

Citizen Science

Whales, Sails & Science

3,5 HOURS approx.

12.990 ISK
5.000 ISK 7–15 years
FREE 0–6 years

WINTER WHALE WATCHING			SUMMER WHALE WATCHING									WINTER WHALE WATCHING	
MAR	APRIL		MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST		SEPT	OCT	NOV
1 March 31 March	1 April 15 April	16 April 30 April	1 May 15 May	16 May 31 May	1 June 15 June	16 June 30 June	1 July 15 July	16 July 10 Aug	11 Aug 19 Aug	20 Aug 31 Aug	1 Sept 30 Sept	1 Oct 31 Oct	1 Nov 30 Nov
										8:00			
					8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45	8:45		
				9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:15		
	9:30	9:30	9:30					9:15	9:15			9:30	
				10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00 ³	
10:30							10:30	10:30	10:30				10:30
	11:00 ¹	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00				
										11:45	11:30		
							12:00						
					12:45	12:45	12:45	12:30	12:30	12:30			
	13:15	13:15	13:15	13:15						13:00	13:00	13:15	
					13:30	13:30	13:30	13:30	13:30				
				14:00	14:00	14:00	14:00	14:00	14:00	14:00	14:00 ²		
							15:00 [*]	15:00 [*]					
					15:00 [°]	15:00 [°]	15:00 [°]	15:00 [°]	15:00 ^{°4}	15:00 ^{°4}			
			15:30					15:30	15:30	15:30			
					16:00	16:00	16:00						
								16:30	16:30	16:30	16:30		
				17:00		17:00		17:00	17:00				
							17:30		17:30				
					19:30	19:30	19:30	19:30	19:30				

On electric boat Andvari On hybrid-electric sailboat Ópal * Except on Thursdays ° Every Thursday ¹ From 6 April ² Until 15 Sept ³ Until 10 Oct ⁴ Not on a sailboat

Timetable shows availability for the season of 2023 and is subject to change. Visit www.northsailing.is for updates. All prices in this brochure are valid for the season of 2023.

Húsavík Original Whale Watching

A truly memorable whale watching exploration, recommended by thousands of travellers.

“We were lucky to spot feeding humpback whales, a group of dolphins, and on the way home we even had the privilege of encountering a mother humpback whale and her calf. An unforgettable experience!”

Hot chocolate and
cinnamon buns served
on the way home!

More space for passengers

For an even better experience we have reduced the capacity on all our boats down to approximately 80%!

Researchers on board

University of Iceland's Research Centre in Húsavík studies whales and marine life in cooperation with North Sailing, so 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.

Classic Whale Watching on a Traditional Icelandic Oak Boat

Discover the magnificent nature of Skjálfandi Bay, where you can see whales and sea birds in their natural habitat. Explore their world while on board a traditional Icelandic oak boat with our professional and highly qualified crew. Can you imagine a nicer day at sea?

11.300 ISK

5.000 ISK 7–15 years

FREE 0–6 years



Blow



Dorsal fin

Fluke



Silent Whale Watching

Glide silently alongside the whales on an electric boat.
A tranquil whale watching experience.

“Overall, an experience worth everyone’s time! I highly recommend joining this trip as it is as eco-friendly as possible and the crew really knows what they’re doing!”



The electric boat Andvari

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

Departures: 1 May–30 Sept



Eco-Friendly Whale Watching on an Electric Boat

Andvari and Ópal, our **electric and silent boats**, are among the most animal and environmentally friendly whale watching vessels in the world! While quietly sailing through the sea, you will get a unique opportunity to observe the whales with minimal disturbance.

11.990 ISK

6.000 ISK 7–15 years

FREE 0–6 years



3
HOURS

The hybrid-electric sailboat Ópal

Join the award-winning Ópal for a unique sailing
where authentic charm meets modern technology.

Departures: 1–15 June & 1–15 July

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



Whales and Puffins

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



Whale Watching with a Visit to the Friendly Puffins

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.

13.300 ISK

6.500 ISK 7–15 years

FREE 0–6 years



Hot chocolate and cinnamon buns served on the way home! ☕

Skjálfandi Bay *

Puffin Island

Húsavík

“Seeing both whales and puffins was truly an amazing experience that I will never forget.”

- Puffin Island is home to over **100.000 puffins!**
- **60%** of the world's puffins breed in Iceland.



* As shown on the map above, the tour starts by sailing around Puffin Island before heading out to the whale watching area or the other way around. Don't worry—we still spend the same amount of time observing whales as we do on the other tours.

Whales and Sails

Experience the best of Iceland's fantastic wildlife and traditional sailing culture!



"We got to see whales and sail on a really beautiful boat! They even let passengers help raise the sails, which I loved!"

Built on Tradition

Our fleet consists of traditional oak boats that were common fishing boats in Iceland but are nowadays quite rare. All boats have been restored and adapted to a new role without compromising their original character.



Authentic Whale Watching on a Traditional Sailboat

Sail through Skjálfandi Bay on a traditional **Icelandic schooner** and observe an abundance of **marine wildlife** as you take in the stunning surroundings. Learn traditional sailing techniques by participating in hoisting the sails with the crew. Let our schooners inspire you and **discover your inner sailor** on this authentic whale watching adventure!

11.990 ISK

6.000 ISK 7–15 years

FREE 0–6 years



Whales, Sails & Science

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



"The marine biologists on board were great storytellers and carried out scientific research during the tour."

Join the Mission!

15% of your ticket price goes to Ocean Missions, a non-profit organisation in Húsavík focused on ocean conservation, research, and education. Visit their **exhibition room** by the harbour to learn more about their inspiring work.

Educational Whale Watching with a Positive Impact

Together with **Ocean Missions** we want to **inspire people** to take direct action towards ocean conservation by combining science, education and adventures on board our traditional sailing boats. Join us on this meaningful citizen-science whale watching tour and make a **positive impact** on the sustainable future of our oceans.

12.990 ISK

5.000 ISK 7–15 years

FREE 0–6 years



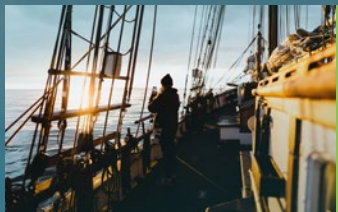
— Even more *Amazing* —

Adventures



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 Ópal.



Whale Watching *Eyjafjörður*

Classic whale watching tours departing from the charming villages of Hjalteyri and Árskógssandur, both within a 30-minute drive from Akureyri.



Sails, Lights & *Winter* Nights

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

— See all Tours and Expeditions at northsailing.is —



Sail with the Authentic
Schooner Ópal
schooneropal.is

📷 [schooneropal](https://www.instagram.com/schooneropal) #schooneropal

— Our Fleet is —

Going *Green*

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

Ópal

1951

Hybrid-Electric



Andvari

1975

Electric



Hildur

1974



Haukur

1973



Garðar

1964



Náttfari

1965



Dagfari

1976



Bjössi Sör

1975



Knörrinn

1963



Sæborg

1977





Puffin

Lundi
24 cm & 500 g

Puffins can dive down to 60 meters underwater!

Humpback whale

Hnúfubakur
16 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 marine mammals.

White-beaked dolphin

Hnýðingur
3 m & 350 kg

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

Minke whale

Hrefna
10 m & 9 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.

Fin whale

Langreyður
23 m & 90 t

Fin whales pee the equivalent of about 3 bathtubs per day!

You might also see these magnificent creatures:



Sei whale
Sandreyður
17 m & 40 t

Pilot whale
Grindhvalur
7,5 m & 2,5 t



Orca
Háhyrningur
9 m & 8 t

Sperm whale
Búrhvalur
16 m & 45 t

Northern bottlenose whale
Andarnefja
9 m & 8 t

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

Blue whale

Steypireyður
30 m & 190 t

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


Wildlife
of Skjálfandi Bay


Team North Sailing

Sharing Love for Nature



We are a **passionate** group of **people** with great respect for whales and wildlife. We share a common goal to offer a unique experience with high involvement of guests while respecting the environment.



Sailing Towards a

Sustainable Future



Since the beginning of our journey, sustainability has been our key destination. We are continuously working towards environmental and social responsibility for a positive impact on our surroundings.

Marine Protection

North Sailing officially supports the ongoing efforts by the **Skjálfandi Marine Protection Group** to establish a Marine Protected Area (MPA) in Skjálfandi Bay.

North Sailing is also an active ally of **Ocean Missions** supporting their creation of the first **Hope Spot** in Iceland with Mission Blue. The Northeast Iceland Hope Spot is another step towards protecting the marine wildlife and ecosystem of Skjálfandi Bay.

Reduce – Reuse – Recycle

We are committed to **reusing** and **recycling** materials and disposing of waste in an environmentally sound manner.

With innovative **redesign** of our boats' propellers, we are working towards reducing fuel consumption. Already installed in our schooner Hildur, the consumption has been **reduced** by 28%.

Additionally, when the whales are within, what we call, the **Eco-Zone** of Skjálfandi Bay, our captains maintain an economical cruising speed, further minimising our environmental impact.

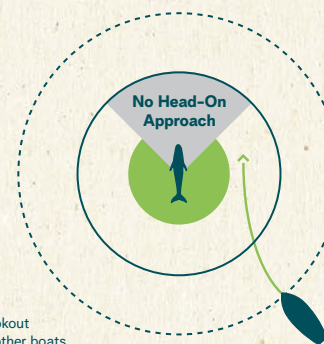
Code of Conduct

Responsible Whale Watching

No Approach Zone
100 m >
Propeller stopped.
Vessels should not approach a whale closer than 100 m and a dolphin closer than 50 m.

Caution Zone
300 m >
Reduce speed. Identify whale behaviour. Max. 3 vessels at a time. All vessels on the same side. Max. 30 minutes.

Searching Zone
3000 m >
Reduce speed. Keep a good lookout and stay in radio contact with other boats.



We abide by a Code of Conduct that emphasises approaching nature and wildlife in Skjálfandi Bay with the utmost care and caution, prioritising minimal disturbance and deep respect while observing the animals from a comfortable distance for their well-being and protection.

Read more at:
northsailing.is
icewhale.is
worldcetaceanalliance.org



The Journey Continues Towards The North Sailing Forest

We have committed to offsetting our Carbon emissions with **Certified Carbon Units*** from Yggdrasill Carbon (YGG) Project in Iceland.

According to our offset plan with YGG, the average offset of one year's CO₂ emissions should take around 25-27 years.

*Forest Carbon Code which complies with ISO 14064 and IST TS 92:2022



— Go Whale Watching —

Welcome on board

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



Unique Wildlife

A chance to see whales and birds in the wild nature of the North.



Lower Impact

A responsible approach to whales, nature, and wildlife.



Friendly Crew

Travel with our experienced and welcoming crew.



Wooden Boats

Sail with beautifully restored traditional wooden boats.



Ocean Research

Supporting whale research and ocean conservation.



Slower Travel

Reconnecting with the natural wonders of the ocean.

“Amazing trip. Great crew. Don’t think twice, just go!”



northsailing

Book your tour at

#northsailing

northsailing.is

write to info@northsailing.is or call +354 464 7272

Top Things to do in Húsavík

- Show your Boarding Card for Discounts -



10%

**Gamli Baukur
Restaurant**

gamlibaukur.is



10%

**Geothermal
Sea Baths**

geosea.is



20%

**Húsavík
Whale Museum**

whalemuseum.is

We accept all major credit cards. Guidance is generally in English. Our guides come from all over the world, so if you have any language request, please ask our staff. Please note that 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. No guarantees can be given for sightings. In the unlikely event that you do not see a whale, you get a return ticket for free.

