



— *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 make. We aim to minimise environmental impact by following sustainable practices.

### Highly Qualified Crew



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

### Pioneers in Whale Watching



As 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!”





# Let's go Whale Watching!

## The best time of 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 29 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 of our boats.

## Whale Watching area

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



**Book now – pay later**  
Pay online or upon arrival



**Free for children**  
6 years and younger



**Total flexibility**  
To update your booking



**Free cancellation**  
Up to 24 hours before

We recommend booking *in advance*  
**northsailing.is**

## Best Seller

## Original Whale Watching

**3 HOURS** approx.

**12.990 ISK**  
6.500 ISK 7–15 years  
FREE 0–6 years

## Eco-friendly

## Silent Whale Watching

**3 HOURS** approx.

**13.990 ISK**  
7.000 ISK 7–15 years  
FREE 0–6 years

## Home of the Puffins

## Whales & Puffins

**3,5 HOURS** approx.

**14.990 ISK**  
7.500 ISK 7–15 years  
FREE 0–6 years

## Traditional Sailing

## Whales & Sails

**3 HOURS** approx.

**13.990 ISK**  
7.000 ISK 7–15 years  
FREE 0–6 years

## Citizen Science

## Whales, Sails & Science

**3,5 HOURS** approx.

**14.490 ISK**  
7.000 ISK 7–15 years  
FREE 0–6 years

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Best Seller

# 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 on all tours!



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.



Blow



Dorsal fin

Fluke



## The Original Húsavík 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?

12.990 ISK

6.500 ISK 7–15 years

FREE 0–6 years



Book this tour





# Silent Whale Watching

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


“Amazing experience in a wonderful scenery! Eco-friendly sailing with the Andvari boat and a very nice crew. We saw some humpback whales close and it was fantastic! Extraordinary experience and beautiful emotions in Húsavík!”



“You can hear the whales breathe!”

“I highly recommend taking the silent electric boat. You also help the environment and have a much richer experience.”



Hot chocolate and  cinnamon buns served on the way home on all tours!

## Eco-Friendly Whale Watching on an Electric Boat

Andvari, our **electric and silent boat**, is among the most animal and environmentally friendly whale watching vessels in the world! While quietly sailing around Skjálfandi Bay, you get a unique opportunity to observe the whales with minimal disturbance.

13.990 ISK

7.000 ISK 7–15 years

FREE 0–6 years



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# 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 their 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**. Learn traditional sailing techniques from our friendly crew and participate in hoisting the sails. Let our schooners **inspire you** as you take in the stunning surroundings on this authentic whale watching adventure from Húsavík!

**13.990 ISK**

**7.000 ISK** 7–15 years

**FREE** 0–6 years



Book this tour



# Whales and Puffins

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

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

Skjálfandi Bay \*

Puffin Island

Húsavík



## 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 magical 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.

**14.990 ISK**

**7.500 ISK** 7–15 years

**FREE** 0–6 years



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# 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. After the tour, visit their **exhibition room** for a guided walkthrough and learn more about their inspiring projects.

## 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.



**14.490 ISK**

**7.000 ISK** 7–15 years

**FREE** 0–6 years



Book this tour



# Árskógssandur Whale Watching

Join us for an unforgettable whale watching adventure from the charming village of Árskógssandur, only a 30-minute drive from Akureyri.

*"It was a wonderful experience. We saw a lot of whales. Also, the crew was very nice and helpful. I truly recommend the whale watching Árskógssandur."*



## Welcome to Árskógssandur

The picturesque village of Árskógssandur is located on the western shore of Eyjafjörður, only a 30-minute drive north of Akureyri. With breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and the tranquil waters of the fjord, Árskógssandur is the perfect place for a pleasant visit with seaside adventures.



## Classic Whale Watching from Árskógssandur village

Step aboard our **traditional** wooden vessel and sail around the scenic **Eyjafjörður** for a chance to watch whales and dolphins in their natural surroundings. Our **friendly** crew will share knowledge about the area and these amazing creatures throughout the tour.

**11.990 ISK**

**6.000 ISK** 7–15 years

**FREE** 0–6 years



Book this tour





# Greenland & Iceland

Step aboard our traditional wooden sailboats for an arctic sailing of a lifetime. Week-long expeditions in the magnificent wonders of Scoresby Sound in East Greenland and amazing multi-day tours around the coast of Iceland.



**Schooner Ópal**  
[schooneropal.is](http://schooneropal.is)  
@schooneropal

**Schooner Hildur**  
[schoonerhildur.is](http://schoonerhildur.is)  
@schoonerhildur

## Stop dreaming, start exploring!

Imagine yourself, sitting in the onboard wooden hot tub, floating past magnificent icebergs while observing the awe-inspiring nature and wildlife of the Arctic. Join our experienced and friendly crew for a real sailing adventure around the coasts of Iceland and Greenland.

Explore our expeditions at  
[northsailing.is](http://northsailing.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.

★ Did you know that Skjálfandi Bay is occasionally visited by a rare 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  
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 [northsailing.is](http://northsailing.is)

# 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 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. Following installation on our schooner Hildur, 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.

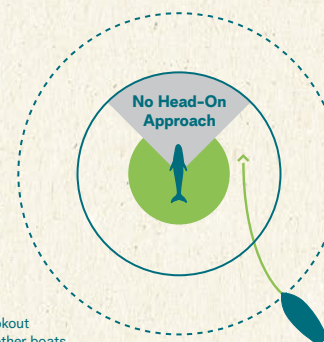
### Code of Conduct

## 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](https://northsailing.is)

[icewhale.is](https://icewhale.is)

[worldcetaceanalliance.org](https://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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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!



## Friendly Crew

Travel with our experienced and welcoming crew.



## Lower Impact

A responsible approach to whales, nature, and wildlife.



## Ocean Research

Supporting whale research and ocean conservation.



## Wooden Boats

Sail with beautifully restored traditional wooden boats.



## Unique Wildlife

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



## Slower Travel

Reconnecting with the natural wonders of the ocean.

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



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## Top Things to do in Húsavík

- Show your Boarding Card for Discounts -



10%

**Gamli Baukur  
Restaurant**

[gamlibaukur.is](http://gamlibaukur.is)



10%

**Geothermal  
Sea Baths**

[geosea.is](http://geosea.is)



20%

**Húsavík  
Whale Museum**

[whalemuseum.is](http://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, which will be valid for the ticket holder only.

