



#### 1 1X6 GUESTHOUSE

Attractively rustic, expressive, cosy with each room an original creation. This small accommodation is uniquely designed and run by a local wood sculptor offering the discerning traveller a rough-hewn and truly innovative environment. Natural hot pot always ready. Vesturbraut 3, Keflavík 421 2282 / 777 6166 / 1x6.is

#### 2 ENSKU HÚSIN

If you are interested in staying in a place which breathes history, family tradition and great hospitality, this is the place. Accommodation is available in a renovated old house, "Lambalækur," or the charming old fishing lodge, which in the early 20th century was the first such lodge in Iceland. The family that own this place pride themselves in providing homemade meals from their own local produce such as fresh fish or lamb. We recommend eating in! Við Langá, Borgarnes 437 1826 / 865 3899 / enskuhusin.is

#### 3 HÚSAFELL Í HÁLSAVEIT – THE OLD FARM

This traditional Icelandic house has, to a large extent, maintained its original look primarily because renovation work has respected the history and character of the house. It's pleasing appearance harks back to olden days and is filled with history while offering a cosy and pleasant stay. The surrounding glaciers, waterfalls and lava offer many amazing photo opportunities. Húsafell í Hálsaveit, Reykholt, Borgarfjörður / 895 1342 / husafell.is

#### 4 HOTEL BÚDIR

One of the most stunning countryside hotels in Iceland, it sits in a lava field on the western tip of the Snaefellsnes peninsula. Guests have an impressive view of the famous Snaefellsjökull glacier. Apart from luxurious rooms, the restaurant has been referred to as "The Mecca of Icelandic cooking," due to its unique and delightful cuisine. Snaefellsnes / 435 6700 / budir.is

#### 5 HOTEL EGILSSEN

This cosy little hotel is set in a newly converted historic house in the heart of Stykkishólmur. The rooms are small but ingenious and feature the luxury of organic, coconut-based mattresses. Owner Greta is famous for her most delicious healthy breakfast (not included in the price) which you don't want to miss. And if you're lucky

you might get a story or two from the locals in the Guest Lounge. Aðalgaata 2, Stykkishólmur 554 7700 / egilsen.is

#### 6 HEYDALUR Í MJÓAFIRÐI

Heydalur is paradise – with its beautiful nature and friendly inhabitants! Simple accommodation but great people and delicious food emphasising local and organic origin. During your stay you can occupy yourself with hiking, kayaking, horseback riding and fishing or just relaxing in one of three natural thermal springs. Ísafjarðardjúp, Súðavík (rural) 456 4824 / 892 0809 / heydalur.is

#### 7 SVEITASETRID GAUKSMÝRI

With a friendly staff that loves nature and horses it's not surprising the equestrian theme is strongly present. This rather pleasant lodge has small but cosy rooms with stunning views. Highly recommended is a horseback ride followed by a visit to the restaurant where home-grown vegetables and home-baked bread are both sources of local pride. Gauksmýri, Hvammstangi (rural) 451 2927 / 869 7992 / gauksmyri.is

#### 8 LÓNKOT

In a magnetic setting in Skagafjörður, Lónkot is a family owned hotel offering rooms in a retro/eclectic style. This boutique hotel also has an amazing restaurant that is a must try (see Hand Picked - Eat). A visit to the bathhouse, with its large hot tub, is the perfect way to unwind or you can enjoy a drink at the top of the sightseeing tower enchanted by the setting sun. Breakfast is included and should not be missed! Hofsóss (rural) / 453 7432 / lonkot.com

#### 9 VEGMÓT – THE OLD HOUSE

This small, charming century-old house, dating back to 1914, has been refurbished by its owners, creating a unique atmosphere from traditional decor and objects from the past. The house is perfect for a family or newlyweds on a honeymoon! We recommend the hot tub in the beautiful garden late at night listening to the waves lap the shore. Magical! Vegmót also offers alternative accommodation options. Vegmótum, Dalvík 466 1060 / 865 8391 / dalvikhostel.com

#### 10 SKEIÐ GUESTHOUSE

Hidden at the end of an enchanting valley "Svarfaðardalur", this small cosy lodge is ideal for people wishing to enjoy Icelandic nature in a remote setting. It's a great place to hike, birdwatch, go horseback riding or simply to enjoy the peace and quiet with a sauna bath. The welcoming and creative spirit of the host and inspirational culinary art also guarantee a memorable experience! Svarfaðardalur, Dalvík (rural) 466 1636 / thule-tours.com

#### 11 SKJALDARVÍK GUESTHOUSE

Accommodation with each room offering its own style and charm created by the friendly owners. Enjoy a refreshing soak in the outdoor hot tub with views of the Eyjafjörður fjord or relax in the guest library-lounge. An unhurried environment where you can enjoy a calming horseback ride followed by a great meal in the restaurant. Skjaldarvík, Akureyri (rural) 552 5200 / skjaldarvik.is

#### 12 KALDBAKSKOT COTTAGES

Small and cosy cottages located in the midst of spectacular nature with abundant bird-life and breathtaking views over the bay. Located just outside Húsavík, the whale-watching capital of the north, you'll often be rewarded with the mesmerising sight of a humpback whale while standing on the terrace. At a nearby pond you can catch a fish and have it cooked for dinner. And the breakfast in the old stable is a must. Kaldbakur, Húsavík (rural) 892 1744 / cottages.is

#### 13 HÓTEL REYKJAHLLÍÐ

Located on the shores of Lake Myvatn with amazing views and abundant natural beauty. Make sure you ask for a room upstairs with a lake view (no elevator, mind). The rooms are spacious and unpretentious, the breakfast is excellent and served by friendly staff. There are great opportunities for hiking and other outdoor fun-filled activities. Reynihlið, Myvatn 464 4142 / myvatnhotel.is

#### 14 HÚSEY

This cute farm is located in the far east of the country by the sea. You feel like you have arrived at the end of the world! It is surrounded by beautiful, untouched nature that is best explored on horseback – and is especially memorable during the bright,

summer nights. Seals are common visitors to the nearby beaches. This small and basic accommodation is great for nature lovers! Húsey, Egilsstaðir (rural) 471 3010 / 695 8823 / husey.de

#### 15 BLÁBJÖRG

Located in a meticulously renovated fish factory, Blábjörg is situated on the seashore with a perfect view of the fjord and an excellent location for bird watching and hiking. The rooms are minimalist but very comfortable. On the first floor you'll find a hot tub and sauna. Directly outside you can jump into and swim in the ice cold sea. It's a perfect place to relax and get ready for the next adventure. Brautarholt, Borgarfjörður Eystri 861 1792 / blabjorg.is

#### 16 SKÁLANES

A truly unique place that doesn't just serve as a guesthouse but also a place of learning. It is attractively remote and working towards self-sufficiency, from picking wild herbs to brewing their own beer. If you want something different from your vacation, this is the place to go, located within its own 1,250 hectare nature reserve. And they make their own eider down duvets. Hafnargata 42, Seyðisfjörður 861 7008 / skalanes.com

#### 17 ALDAN HOTEL

A quaint little hotel full of character with white wooden furniture that looks as if it could have come from an antique dolls house. In reality it is the old bank house! Yet, the hotel has all modern amenities and it is a must to eat at their restaurant (see Hand Picked - Eat). The same owner also runs Hotel Snaefell which is a bit smaller but also full of charm. Norðurgata 2, Seyðisfjörður 472 1277 / hotelaldan.com

#### 18 EGILSSTAÐIR GUESTHOUSE

An exceptional old and restored farmhouse overflowing with traditional charm and offering attractively decorated rooms. The building is situated near a picturesque lake and within walking distance from Egilsstaðir. It is a working farm so you might spot local animals such as sheep helping themselves to the hotel's grass. We highly recommend the fabulous food in the cosy dining room (see Hand Picked - Eat). Egilsstaðir 1, Egilsstaðir 471 1114 / lakehotel.is

#### 19 HOUSEHOLD SCHOOL HALLORMSTAD

If you don't mind skipping luxury this old and charming schoolhouse for girls is great for those seeking a little privacy and want to experience an 80-year-old environment. With no staff during nights and only two rooms with private bathrooms it's a quiet place, unsurprisingly. Breakfast is served in Hotel Hallormsstaður, a three-minute walk away. The school is surrounded by a beautiful forest – not so common in Iceland! Hallormsstaður, Egilsstaðir 471 2400 / 471 1763 / hushall.is

#### 20 MJÓEYRI COTTAGES

In a location like no other, these small, cosy cottages sit on the beautiful shore of the Eskifjörður fjord. Each house is well equipped with their own porch offering an astonishing view. Outside there is a newly built bath house with showers, sauna and a hot tub – sitting in the hot tub is almost like sailing on the fjord without the sea-sick part! Strandgata 120, Eskifjörður 477 1247 / 696 0809 / mjoeyri.is

#### 21 TÆRGESEN

Tærgeesen is situated in the old part of Reyðarfjörður, close to the harbour. Fittingly, really, as the house was built around 1870. The architecture is therefore unique and they have preserved it so the rooms remain quite small giving the guesthouse a special charm. They also offer a great variety of food and it's a real pleasure to dine in the beautiful restaurant. Búðargata 4, Reyðarfjörður 470 5555 / 892 9136 / taeragesen.com

#### 22 HRIFUNES GUESTHOUSE

A super-cosy bed and breakfast in the south of Iceland. This old community house has been remade in a cool, country style and is ideally located for visiting many of Iceland's beautiful, natural wonders. The food is homemade and we thoroughly recommend eating there. It boasts a very personal and unique atmosphere making it a pleasure to relax in front of the fire after an eventful day. Skaftártunga, Kirkjubæjarklaustur 863 5540 / hrifunesguesthouse.is

#### 23 ÞAKGIL

You'll be blown away by the magnificent nature on your way to this beautiful valley 20km from Vík. Surrounded by mountains,

you'll appreciate the small and simple cottages (or campsites) and hiking trails that are in close proximity to Mýrdalsjökull glacier. The common dining room is set in a natural cave lit by torches – great for sitting and enjoying a barbecue in the evenings. Höfðabrekkuafrétti, Vík í Mýrdal (Road 214) / 893 4889 / thakgil.is

#### 24 VATNSHOLT – COUNTRY LODGE

A country lodge in a beautiful setting above a lake, with magnificent views all the way to the famous Eyjafjallajökull glacier. The rooms are excellent although the cottages are quite small. Hosts provide excellent service and great food in the restaurant (see Hand Picked - Eat). A variety of animals at a local farm will certainly attract the interest of the children, making this place a desirable option for the entire family. Vatnsholt 2, Selfoss (rural) 899 7748 / stayiniceland.is

#### 25 HJARDARBÓL GUESTHOUSE

An old farmhouse converted into basic but very homely accommodation close to Hveragerði. Owner Helga is very competitive when it comes to homemade jams. At breakfast you can sample the fruits of her labour and choose from one of her many winning varieties to go with her equally renowned homemade bread! Hjarðarból, Ólfus (rural) 567 0045 / 840 1574 / hjardarboli.is

#### 26 HOTEL GRÍMSBORGIR

If you like a touch of elegance and romance "away from it all," this is the place. The apartments and rooms are bright and stylish and vary in size – and are perfectly situated for travelling the "Golden Circle" and visiting Thingvellir national park. The gourmet Restaurant Grímsborgir serves local food guaranteed to not disappoint. Ásborgir 30, Selfoss (rural) 555 7878 / grimsborgir.com





**1 KAFFITÁR**  
Professional service and passion for coffee has been the driving force of Kaffitár since 1990. Kaffitár offers a diverse range of coffee drinks and delightful treats to go with them. Well-trained staff put their heart and soul in every sip. Kaffitár has been awarded for their environmental policy and has taken the coffee culture to a higher level in Iceland importing and roasting their own produce.  
**Stapabraut 7, Njarðvík**  
420 2700 / kaffitar.is

**2 THE SETTLEMENT CENTRE**  
In a charming old wooden house in Borganes the cuisine lovingly features traditional and national flavours; Mussels from Breidafjörður Bay, whole Icelandic Lacostine, and beef from local farm Leirulækur. Sometimes there is entrecote steak on the menu that simply melts in the mouth. And if you are passing by around lunch time they also offer gorgeous buffet - full of delicious salads, healthy soup and home baked bread.  
**Brákarbraut 13-15, Borgarnes,**  
437 1600 / landnamssetur.is

**3 LANGHOLT GUESTHOUSE**  
A country guesthouse offering an ambitious à la carte menu with an astonishing view over Snæfellsjökull! Trout, place, cod and other fruits of the ocean are served with home baked bread and other delicatessen. Broth, patés, bread and cakes are all home made and taste amazingly good.  
**Ytri Garðar, Snæfellsbær**  
435 6789 / langholt.is

**4 HOTEL BÚDIR**  
One of the most beautiful country hotels. Set in a spectacular setting on the Snæfellsjökull peninsula Hotel Budir boasts one of the best restaurants in Iceland. Known for its fish and lamb dishes, the menu features only the best available ingredients such as wild herbs, mushrooms and berries from the surrounding countryside accompanied by selected wines, all presented in a romantic atmosphere.  
**Snæfellsnes (rural)**  
435 6700 / budir.is

**5 FJÖRUHÚSÍÐ RESTAURANT**  
Unique dishes cooked on a ledge by the rocky shore, where the surf pounds the beach around the old pier. Sit outside with a blanket to keep you warm and bask in

the amazing scenery. The menu features a variety of delicacies sure to delight anyone; seafood soup, home-baked bread, cakes and waffles with cream and apple pie to die for!  
**Hellnar, Snæfellsbær**  
453 6844 / fjoruhusid.is

**6 LEIFSBÚÐ**  
Good, hearty fish soup served with newly baked bread, toasted bread with cheeses from Búðardalur and a hearty chicken salad. Fantastic! Or, if you prefer, enjoy the delicious home baked cakes, cookies or even ice cream. The Daalmen are revered for their cheese-making and in the evening you should try a cheeseboard with a bottle of red wine.  
**Búðarbraut 1, Búðardalur**  
434 1441 / Leifsbúð | Facebook

**7 SIMBAHÖLLIN CAFÉ**  
Simbahöllin is a beautiful and homely café featuring original interior, hardwood floors, stairways and furniture dating from 1916. They take pride in offering one of the best Belgium waffles in Iceland - and it's true! And if you crave a really good coffee on your travels this is the place to stop by. They also offer tasty pies, soup and meals made from the available local products of the Westfjords.  
**Fjarðargata 5, Þingeyri**  
899 6659 / Simbahöllin | Facebook

**8 BRÆDRABORG**  
Local and unique café serving only delicious and fresh food. The bread and cakes, jams, dressings, hummus and soups are homemade from the freshest ingredients and with recipes that go back generations. Berries, vegetables, rhubarb and herbs are grown by the café or handpicked from the local area. Choose between mouthwatering organic dishes to sugar-coated pastries like grandma used to bake. Don't miss out on the homemade granola bar and the cream-cheese cake!  
**Aðalstræti 22b, Ísafjörður**  
456 3322 / borea.is

**9 TJÖRUHÚSÍÐ RESTAURANT**  
Food and rustic atmosphere at its best in Tjörúhúsið, located by the harbour in an old fish warehouse. Nothing fancy but the seafood dishes are as fresh as it gets. We recommend the sea buffet where children eat for free. Everyone leaves a little bit happier and often with new friends from

the communal table arrangement!  
**Neðstakaupstað, Ísafjörður**  
456 4419 / Tjoruhusid | Facebook

**10 LITLIBÆR SKÖTUFIRÐI**  
This small but beautiful stone-laden turf house from 1895 offers coffee and home-made pastries made in the traditional housewife's way. In Litlibær you can purchase local handicrafts and experience a moment of quiet reflection in the picturesque nature in the West.  
**Skötufjörður, Ísafjarðardjúp (rural)**  
894 4809 / 456 4809 / Litlibær | Facebook

**11 ÖGUR TRAVEL RESTAURANT**  
This place focuses on pure and fresh ingredients from local suppliers inspired by the food traditions and history of the Vestfjords. The menu features a delicious seafood soup made from freshly caught fish with freshly baked bread, home-baked cakes and hearty sandwiches. The restaurant is located in an old community house and makes for a perfect spot for travellers.  
**Ögur Ísafjarðardjúpi (rural)**  
857 1840 / ogurtravel.com

**12 SORCERY CAFÉ**  
Interesting, to say the least! This small restaurant at The Museum of Icelandic Sorcery & Witchcraft in Holmavík, specialises in courses of Blue Mussels. The mussel is harvested from the depths of a nearby fjord, its fresh taste is simply... spellbinding! (sorry about that!) Served outdoors from 11:00-18:00, inside from 18:00-21:00.  
**Höfðagata 8, Holmavík**  
451 3525 / galdrasnyning.is

**13 ÁSKAFFI**  
Just like in Grandma's house! Áskaffi welcomes you with an aroma of coffee and the finest hot chocolate. This historic café presents old-fashioned pastries. The cake of the day, often called "hnallþóra," meaning "a big cake," is a favourite. Áskaffi dips further into the past offering a taste of traditional food preserved in the old salting, smoking and pickling style.  
**Glaumbær, Sauðárkrókur (rural)**  
453 8855 / askaffi.is

**14 LÓNKOT RESTAURANT**  
Culture and cuisine. Skagafjörður's veritable treasure chest of ingredients makes for inspired choices skillfully presented by a discerning chef. Lónkot is renowned for innovation, utilising ingredients such as

flowers and plants, berries and herbs gathered from the surrounding countryside, as well as seafood and puffins from the fjord. Small, family-owned place that makes you feel welcome.  
**Höfsós (rural)**  
453 7432 / lonkot.com

**15 HANNES BOY CAFÉ**  
Herring, lobster, whale meat, salmon, salted cod and the freshest catch of the day is among many of the fish dishes available. Did we say "fresh"? - you can practically watch the catch come in from the harbour that's just a few feet from the restaurant. If weather permits you can sit outside overlooking the boats and savour even more the atmosphere of this beautiful fishing town. For a casual lunch try Rauðka (next door neighbour) run by the same people.  
**Gránugata 19, Siglufjörður**  
467 1550 / hannesboy.is

**16 RUB 23**  
This trendy restaurant encourages customers to create their own marinades (or 'rubs') for their fresh fish and lamb dishes. If you're not so experimental or keen on turning your meal into a science project, you can select from their sushi remix, arctic char, or the popular and surprising Sushi Pizza.  
**Kaupvangsstræti 6, Akureyri**  
462 2223 / rub23.is

**17 KAFFI BJÖRK**  
Kaffi Björk is a chic and atmospheric coffee house in the midst of the beautiful Botanical Garden in Akureyri. Open all year round, visitors can enjoy the changing seasons, whether sitting outside in the sunshine or inside sheltered from the elements. A range of cold, healthy platters and warm soups and drinks are always available. Comfortable seating area, beautiful surroundings and interesting architecture makes this place a sought after meeting place.  
**Eyrarlandsvegi 30, Akureyri**  
460 5600 / cafebjork.is

**18 PALLURINN**  
The award winning chef, Volundur Volundarson was born and grew up on the banks of the famous Laxá River in Abaldalur. He proudly serves guests his signature dishes of roasted lamb and seafood. Guests dine in a heated tent overlooking Skjálfandi Bay in a pop-up restaurant with a fun and relaxed atmosphere.  
**Húsavík / 845 3477 / Pallurinn | Facebook**

**19 GAMLI BISTRO**  
If there is an original Icelandic country tavern, it is Gamli Bistru (The old farm) - a casual, non-fast-food restaurant in Reykjavíkið where local musicians might just take the stage and then exit just as unceremoniously. It's a great place to sit outside on a sunny day, quench your thirst with a local beer or two before heading off to the thermal baths at lake Mývatn.  
**Reynihlið, Mývatn**  
464 4170 / myvatnhotel.is

**20 VOGAFJÓS**  
A unique location, that's for sure! A cowshed is the setting with visitors enjoying meals while watching cows being milked. Vogafjós offers local and homemade food such as cheese made from their cows' milk and bread baked in the geothermal heat of nearby geysers. The smoked lamb is delicious and so is the pan-fried trout and lamb.  
**Vogafjós, Mývatn**  
464 4303 / vogafjos.net

**21 SÆNAUTASEL**  
A re-built old turf house from 1843 and famous for its story. Here you can experience a real traditional household, Icelandic food and hospitality. If you ask for Eyþor, who lived here until he was eleven-years-old, you might be lucky and get a guided tour like no other. Try Flatbread with paté, smoked lamb or salmon from the nearby lake, meat soup and not forgetting the pastries and hot chocolate for dessert.  
**Merki, Jökuldalur (rural)**  
855 5399 / 471 1086

**22 EGILSSTAÐIR GUESTHOUSE**  
A visit to the restaurant is a culinary delight. The guesthouse sits next to Egilsstaðir farm that has a herd of 70 cows providing the hotel with all its dairy products and high quality beef. Most of the ingredients used is sourced locally or from around east Iceland. Beside the food this historic house boasts a unique charm and exceptional location overlooking the picturesque Lagarfjót.  
**Egilsstaðir (rural)**  
471 1114 / lakehotel.is

**23 ALDAN HOTEL**  
Simply put, the food is outstanding! The menu is based on the best of whatever Iceland has to offer at any given time; lamb, reindeer meat, beef and countless species of fish. There are delicious salads made from organically produced vegetables from

Vallanes, while Autumn brings a welcome addition to their pantry with delicacies such as wild mushrooms from the woods, berries and Icelandic herbs. Taking a detour from Route 1 is definitely worth it!  
**Norðurgata 2, Seyðisfjörður**  
472 1277 / hotelaldan.com

**24 SKAFTFELL**  
Skafftelli is a quirky cafe/art gallery furnished in the spirit of the late artist Dieter Roth. It has a laid-back vibe that appears to be popular with young locals and tourists alike. Try their local beer on tap to accompany the seafood pizza. Upstairs at Skafftelli's contemporary art space there's usually an interesting exhibition worth seeing.  
**Austurvegur 42, Seyðisfjörður**  
472 1633 / skafftelli.is

**25 RANDULLFS SEAHOUSE**  
Built in 1890 to land and process herring and providing fishermen's lodging in the upstairs quarters. Now it offers travellers traditional food from east Iceland such as reindeer, fresh seafood delicacies, shark-meat and dried fish (both widely acknowledged as being one of the very best in Iceland). Apart from the food we recommend a visit to the old fisherman's lodging which has remained untouched for 80 years, or rent a boat outside and go fishing!  
**Strandagata 96, Eskifjörður**  
477 1247 / 696 0809 / mjoeyri.is

**26 SESAM BREADHOUSE**  
Ambitious craft bakery producing excellent bread and pastries located at the heart of Reyðarfjörður - a fjord ringed with beautiful mountains. The atmosphere is relaxed and the service is personal. It offers a wide variety of treats making it a great stop during a journey on the east coast.  
**Hafnargata 1, Reyðarfjörður**  
475 8000 / sesam.is  
Sesam Brauðhúsið | Facebook

**27 HALLORMSSTAÐUR HOTEL**  
The hotel is famous for its gourmet evening buffets presenting delightful and varied courses of locally sourced lamb, beef, vegetables and seafood. Situated in one of Europe's largest nature reserves with beautiful hiking trails, this place is a welcome rest and relaxation spot for the tired and hungry serving a light lunch menu during the day, as well as pastries and coffee.  
**Hallormsstaður, Egilsstaðir (rural)**  
471 2400 / 471 1763 / hotel701.is

**28 KLAUSTURKAFFI**  
Icelandic cuisine with an emphasis on ingredients from the surrounding countryside. Try the succulent lamb or reindeer meat, and the intriguingly named "stone brambles" or "larch boletus mushroom." Every day throughout summer they offer both lunch and coffee buffets featuring home-baked bread and cakes.  
**Skríðuklaustur, Egilsstaðir (rural)**  
471 2992 / skriduklaustur.is

**29 HOTEL FRAMTÍÐ**  
A cosy restaurant overlooking the small harbour and colourful fishing boats. It's perhaps not surprising that the popular daily special is always the "catch-of-the-day," whether it is cod, trout, halibut, redfish, plaice or haddock. Apart from their good but small menu they also make pretty good pizzas.  
**Vogaland 4, Djúpvogur**  
478 8887 / 478 8187 / hotelframtid.com

**30 THE LANGOUSTINE HARBOUR RESTAURANT**  
As the name suggests, it's langoustine straight from the boats in the harbour. The langoustine is selected on the boats which is rare but guarantees better quality. You can order it whole, as soup (French style), just tails or in baguettes. Whether shellfish is your thing or not you are going to find something to your liking here.  
**Hafnarbraut 4, Höfn í Hornafirði**  
478 1200 / humarhofnin.is

**31 PAKKHÚS RESTAURANT**  
Fabulous seafood, fresh local ingredients and located by the harbour. Pakkhúsið is a new, stylish converted warehouse where you'll find langoustine prepared in a variety of ways, wonderful fresh fish or meat and a dessert called Skyr Volcano! They also have a very tasty local beer called Vatnajökull beer made from glacier water and hints of thyme.  
**Krossseyjarvegi 3, Höfn í Hornafirði**  
478 2280 / pakkhus.is

**32 SMYRLABJÖRG**  
Traditional, Icelandic family-owned farm located 2km from the Vatnajökull glacier specialising in homemade cooking from local products of the Southeast. The buffet is excellent and is literally filled with wholesome food. Here you can almost taste all the different flavors of Iceland in one place.

**33 HALI GUESTHOUSE**  
Traditional Icelandic food using ingredients from the surrounding countryside; meat broth, arctic char from glacial streams, lamb, and rhubarb compote. During summer they offer a simple buffet in the evenings and coffee and cakes during the day. This building (resembling a book-shelf!) was built in memory of one of our beloved authors, Þorbjörg Þorbjörnsdóttir and if you want to learn more the exhibition is well worth visiting.  
**Höfn í Hornafirði (rural)**  
478 1073 / hali.is / thorbergsetur.is

**34 SLIPPURINN EATERY**  
With a slow food ideology and a touch of Scandinavian cuisine the young Master Chef Gísli Matthías Auðunsson offers creative and innovative takes on the Island's most traditional dishes using local ingredients and home grown herbs. This eatery is located in one of the most unique harbours in Iceland and they have managed to create a raw and cool environment in this old steel workshop.  
**Strandvegur 76, Vestmannaeyjar**  
481 1515 / slippurinn.com

**35 VATNSHOLT BED AND BREAKFAST**  
This farm has been changed into a gourmet restaurant and a cosy B&B. The restaurant is located in the old barn though you might not notice. They place great emphasis on fresh ingredients sourced from the farm - the highlight being beef that has been raised on a diet of fruit. Lamb, fresh trout and salmon is also on the menu. All home-cooked and baked, naturally.  
**Vatnsholt 2, Selfoss (rural)**  
899 7748 / stayinIceland.is

**36 GRÆNA KANNAN CAFÉ**  
The Café serves food and drink made from organic ingredients, all of which are home-produced such as fruits and vegetables from the local greenhouse - everything from delicious cakes, pies and bread from the bakery to marmalade, jam, chutney, salsa sauces and soups. Located in beautiful setting in Sólheimar which is one of the oldest eco villages in the world.  
**Sólheimar, Selfoss (rural)**  
480 4477 / 480 4400 / solheimar.is

**37 TRYGGVASKALI**  
A brand new restaurant located in the oldest house in Selfoss. Sitting on the bank at Ölfusá river the house originally served as a base for workers while building the bridge. Today Tryggvaskali is a fine dining restaurant focusing on local seasonal ingredients from the region including fresh salmon from the river.  
**Tryggvatnveg, Selfoss**  
482 1390 / tryggvaskali.is

**38 RED HOUSE RESTAURANT**  
Located in a small village in the south, The Red House (Rauða húsið) offers delectable seafood catch-of-the-day dishes cooked to perfection. The house is close to the seaside and you can actually hear the ocean waves just outside the windows. In the winter months you may even see the aurora borealis from the backyard if you're lucky!  
**Búðarstíg 4, Eyrarbakka**  
483 3330 / 897 8512 / raudahusid.is

**39 LINDIN**  
Set in the beautiful surroundings of Laugarvatn in a charming old house, the restaurant Lindin is only a few metres from Fontana Spa. With each new season their à la carte menu emphasises fresh local ingredients. We highly recommend their lamb fillet and fresh fish of the day choices. After a visit to the spa this place completes the day.  
**Lindarbraut 2, Laugarvatn**  
486 1262 / laugarvatn.is

**40 GEYSIR BISTRO**  
The trendy Geysir Bistro is an ideal place to stop for a fancy lunch, a glass of wine or an afternoon snack made with the best local ingredients sourced from local farmers. Afterwards a walk across the street to the natural wonders of the spouting geothermal area featuring the famous geysir Strokkur is ideal. Another of the World's strangest wonders crossed off your list!  
**Haukadalur, Selfoss (rural)**  
480 6800 / geysircenter.is

**41 THE LITTLE COFFEE SHOP**  
Without doubt the most quirky service station on the national ring road. Apart from fuel for your vehicle you can also fill up on numerous different servings of homemade bread with thick layers of salmon, herring and other toppings, not to mention hearty Icelandic meet soup. This place is also a Mecca for football lovers with the walls papered with photos from Icelandic football history.  
**Helliheidi, between Reykjavik and Hveragerði / 557 7601**



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