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DESIGN & CRAFT

1 GILBERT WATCHMAKER

Want to get into Gilbert's Hall of Fame? Tobey Maguire, Tom Cruise and Yoko Ono are among those who wear the exquisite JS watches, which are designed and assembled by hand in Iceland. Only the highest quality materials are used to produce the watches and every single detail has been given the time needed for perfection. Here you get a unique opportunity to meet the watchmakers. **Laugavegur 62 / 551 4100 jswatch.com**

2 SPARK DESIGN SPACE

The only design gallery in the country, exhibiting outstanding Icelandic design projects. Every three months a new exhibition is produced. You can even purchase unique pieces from former exhibitions in the shop. If you are into design, this is the place to go to get an inside scoop from Sigga, the owner. **Klappartígur 33 / 552 2656 sparkdesignspace.com**

3 KAOLIN CERAMIC GALLERY

A gallery run by nine ceramic artists each with their own unique style. Snug, bright and full of handmade treasures and sculptures where every piece has its own texture and unpredictable pattern depending on the artist – and some pieces just happen. Whether it's choosing a beautiful gift, or just cheering yourself up by buying a unique cup for your morning coffee ritual, this is your place. **Skólavörðustígur 22 / 555 2060 kaolingallery.com**

4 HILDUR HAFSTEIN

Icelandic handicrafts, the Age of Aquarius, the Roma flair and the Buddhist tranquility are all inspirations for Kora Jewellery and quite the recipe for atmospheric and colourful items. Made from semi-precious stones, sterling silver, wooden pearls and recycled old jewellery, the pieces are nourishing for your heart and soul, and always a joy to wear. **Laugavegur 20b / 777 1553 hildurhafstein.is**

5 RAVENS

Don't miss Ravens shop on your leisurely stroll along Laugavegur. It is a treasure trove of authentic Inuit art, Arctic fur, exclusive bags, shoes, skin rugs and custom-made knives. There you can find nature collectables from Greenland and Iceland along with a variety of other exceptional curiosities, including Greenlandic/Danish Isaksen design. Fair trade is the goal. **Laugavegur 15 / 551 1080 / ravens.is Facebook (ravens)**

6 AURUM

The award-winning jewellery designer Guðbjörg K. Ingvarsdóttir is the name behind the unique Icelandic brand, Aurum. The jewellery collection is classical, yet modern, exceptionally feminine and rich in detail. It is modelled on nature and her irregular shapes. With fleeting snowdrops and the movements of butterflies delicately captured into the fine metal pieces. **Bankastræti 4 / 551 2770 / aurum.is**

7 KRAUM

Located in the oldest house in Reykjavik where contemporary designers and craftspeople display their traditional and modern Icelandic work. The joy of creativity is in the blood and you will be surprised at how many good artists, designers and craftspeople can be found here. Using wool, natural stones and wood, to livestock hides and bones, as well as fish skin; the innovative soul will always find a way to create a treasure. **Aðalstræti 10 / 517 7797 / kraum.is**

8 KIRSUBERJATRÉÐ

A historical general store with a new purpose offering a variety of Icelandic design and craft. A group of women with a different approach to creativity make the store a unique blend of styles in art, craft and design for those who long for originality, oddity and peculiarity. With its wooden floors, great windows, old cash register, spacious counters and shelves all the way up to the ceiling, you'll get the feel of the old trade while finding pleasure in contemporary design. **Vesturgata 4 / 562 8990 / Kirs.is**

9 KOGGA

Kogga is Iceland's most revered ceramic artist and innovator in her field. The gallery/studio has, in time, become a fixture of downtown's history, being at it for more than 30 years. Kogga's unique technique offers refined and beautiful designed ceramic objects that are timeless and are a vision for sore eyes. Ask for the popular pieces designed with motives from the work of her late husband, Magnús Kjartansson, one of Iceland's most loved painters. No two pieces are the same. **Vesturgata 5 / 552 6036 / kogga.is**

FASHION

10 HERRAFATAVERZLUN KORMÁKS & SKJALDAR

Men's shoes, shirts, suits, and hats, caps and canes. The trendsetter for gentlemen of all ages offers quality brands in ready-to-wear clothing and accessories as well as its own line of clothing. With a distinctive periodic theme and warm atmosphere built on the good values of quality products and customer service, this is the best kept secret in Iceland and keeps Reykjavik's men looking sharp. **Laugavegur 59 – Basement 511 1817 / herrafataverslun.is**

11 ÖRG

On and off the yoga mat this is the place to treat yourself and do some good at the same time, offering clothing and accessories – mainly for women. Indulge yourself with clear-cut fashion and be comfy and chic, dressing up in Kowtow and alike. Stock up with Manduka yoga products or enhance your beauty with cosmetics from Zuii – focusing on organic and fair-trade. **Laugavegur 58 / 551 5800 / Facebook**

12 GLORIA

Gloria stands for modern simplicity – casual daily wear with a dash of unusual influences. It is the shop behind the popular JET KORINE label, locally designed and produced. Jerome Dreyfuss leather luxury bags, Forte Forte Italian chic street wear, Humanoid, and more. The accessories and clothing are exquisite, street-cool and original, including natural fabrics and

leather in herbal-dyed and earthly colours. If you really want to stand out, you should check out the label's most famous piece, the Life Coat. **Laugavegur 37 / 571 7790 jetkorine.com**

13 SPÚÚTNIK – VINTAGE

When you are looking for something extraordinary, something to spruce up your wardrobe or personal style, Spúútnik is a second-hand heaven. For more than 25 years this immensely popular shop has specialised in an endless variety of vintage clothing for both men and women. Just like numerous others before you, you will be sure to find a treasure at a good price. **Laugavegur 28b / 533 2023 Facebook**

14 SPAKSMANNSPJARIR

With an Icelandic designer of classical utilitarian clothes, this is one of the coolest shops in town. The unique designs are housed in sections, and you can wear them in a multitude of ways, separated into many pieces and pieced back together for a completely different look. Using only high-quality textiles and abstaining from fashion trends, the pieces will last a lifetime. **Bankastræti 11 / 551 2090 spaksmannspjarir.com**

15 FARMERS AND FRIENDS

Farmers Market is a cool brand that merges old and new, romantic and punk, farmstead and city life. An instant success since it began in 2005 it works in the best textiles from Iceland and as far as Australia and India. You'll discover clothing and accessories fit for all occasions. A visit to this beautiful lifestyle store, set in a contrasting industrial neighbourhood, is worth the trip. **Hólmastöð 2 / 552 1960 farmersmarket.is**

OTHER FAVOURITES

16 LUCKY RECORDS

Looking for something rare in music? On vinyl or CD? New or second-hand? This is Iceland's biggest record store – by far. Selected the best three years in a row with more than 40,000 items covering a

huge variety of musical genres, from jazz and soul to electronic and classical, and of course an impressive Icelandic section. It is the collector's paradise, basking in a friendly, chilled atmosphere. Located next to Hlemmur bus station. **Rauðarárstígur 10 / 551 1195 Facebook**

17 GJAFIR JARÐAR – SPIRITUAL SHOP

Are you spiritually minded? Want to try healing or know about your future? Or are you just curious about the curative powers of crystals? You'll encounter serenity upon entering this spiritual store where you can also make an appointment with a healer or clairvoyant. It offers various stones and crystals and an assortment of jewellery, incense, relaxation music, meditative CDs, spiritual books, tarot cards, flower essences and more. **Laugavegur 50 / 517 2774 gjafirjarðar.is**

18 FÓTÓGRAFI

The owner of this tiny studio is not only an excellent photographer with a quirky eye for his subjects, as his book about Reykjavik proves, but also a collector of cameras and photographic artefacts displayed in his shop. His popular Reykjavik moments are sold in the shop and he also offers a collection of work from other superb contemporary Icelandic photographers, so you can take a piece of the city home with you. **Skólavörðustígur 22 / 821 5600 Facebook**

19 SANGITAMIYA THE NECTAR MUSIC

Almost like Aladdin's cave, this extraordinary musical-instrument store is full of musical treasures from all over the world, founded in the spirit of the artist and visionary Sri Chinmoy. You'll completely forget time once inside and it's hard to resist trying out the various (some strange looking) instruments peeking out from every corner. All of the staff is musically trained and will be happy to assist. Music lover or not, this is just the place to visit and get some inspiration for your journey. **Grettisgata 7 / 551 8080 sangitamiya.is**

20 FRÚ LAUGA – GROCERIES

With the freshest produce straight from the farmer, this wonderful grocery shop is reminiscent of times when local corner shops and personal interaction with your grocer were a way of life. With meat and vegetables from local farmers, bread, and fish from the local fishermen, the owners are sticklers for integrity. They will provide you with the best ingredients on offer every time. **Öðinsgötu 1 / 534 7165 / frulauga.is**

21 MADISON ILMHÚS – PERFUMERY

In this fashionable house of fragrances they see perfume as a work of art. Madison is sure to provide you with the perfect fragrance or exquisite cosmetics. It's evident that the products are made with passion, everything carefully selected with a touch of class, the real beauty secrets of Europe. Be sure to take your time here, have a manicure or make-up for any event – you will walk out looking your best. **Aðalstræti 9 / 571 7800 / madison.is**

22 OLD HARBOUR SOUVENIRS

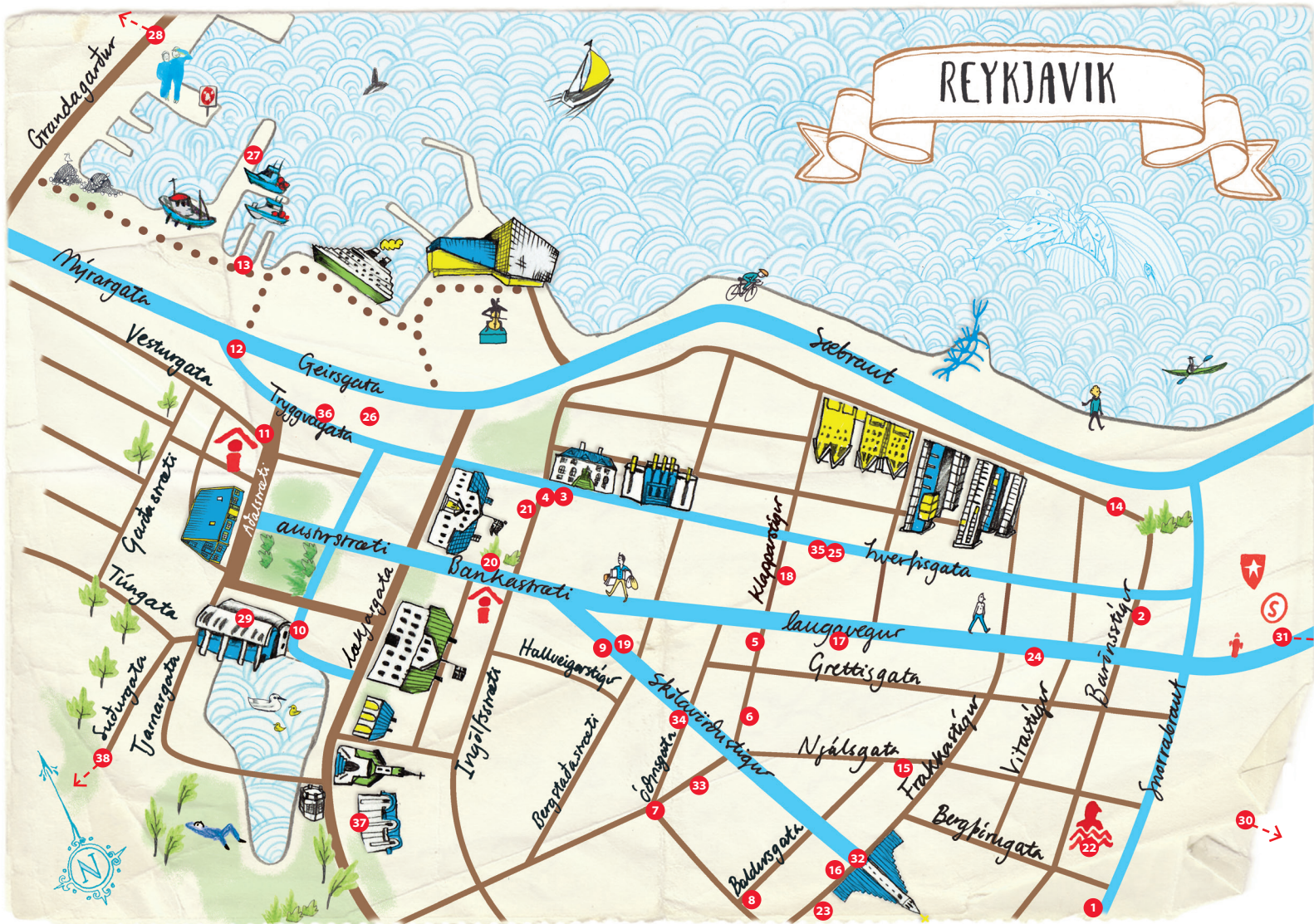
Looking for something typically Icelandic? At Reykjavik's Old Harbour this inviting little shop has not only the typical souvenirs but a good selection of Icelandic design and craft. You'll find 100% authentic hand-knitted woollen sweaters, jewellery design, textile and ceramic design. It doesn't end there. Cosmetics and seasoning from Icelandic herbs and yummy chocolate are on offer and it's also a charming area to go for a stroll. **Geirsgata 5c / reykjavikoldharbour.is**

23 BÚRÍÐ – THE PANTRY

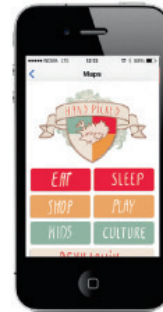
Just follow your nose – Búrið prides itself with the best 'stink' in town. Located in an up-and-coming area close to the harbour, you can get cheeses from around the globe, together with their own selection of divine jams, chutneys and nibbles, as well as cured meats and olives – heaven for food lovers. Búrið also runs popular workshops in English where you can learn all about the Icelandic skyr and delve into the country's cheese history. **Grandagarður / 551 8400 / burid.is**



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HANDPICKED ICELAND IS FOR TRAVELERS SEEKING AN AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCE



Need a trusted, local friend to help you get the most out of a short visit to Reykjavik? Then hold on tight to this little map. A group of picky locals have chosen some of their favorite places that they recommend to their own friends – making sure you'll find a nice blend of local, unique, green, and fun experiences!

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EAT

1 ROADHOUSE

If you want a hearty meal made from scratch, you will just love this place. The menu reels off the best and juiciest burgers in town (including a veggie version), steaks and succulent baby back-ribs that are low and slow smoked on the spot, barbecued with their own Roadhouse sauce. It showcases the greatest of American dishes – with an Icelandic twist. Try the homemade fries from real potatoes topped with bacon and cheese for starters, and don't leave without downing the scrumptious milkshake, 'Peanut butter Lover', for dessert. **Snorrabraut 56 / 571 4200 roadhouse.is**

2 ARGENTINA STEAKHOUSE

A favourite steakhouse for many locals, serving dinner thanks to a mouth-watering menu, Argentinean style of course. Warm and cosy with a crackling open fire, Argentina offers quality Icelandic grass-fed beef, tender lamb and excellent seafood, all grilled on wooden charcoal. Only the best quality is good enough for their customers, and the same also goes for the service. **Barónsstígur 11 / 551 9555 argentina.is**

3 HVERFISGATA 12 – PIZZA

An eclectic mix of American rustic, old carnival and part museum, this pizza joint has multiple rooms, but still manages to give a sense of being private and personal. With a comfy bar and a restaurant that revolves around gourmet pizzas, starters, side courses, cocktails and draught beers. The pizza toppings are fresh, out of the ordinary and they summarise the dramatic interior by set designer Hálfán Pedersen. **Hverfisgata 12 / 437 0203 hverfisgata12.is**

4 DILL RESTAURANT

Small but stylish with its raw concrete interior, intimate vibes and sporting an open kitchen where you can enjoy watching pros at work. Gunnar Karl Gíslason is the executive chef at this restaurant inspired by the New Nordic Cuisine Manifesto. Using what surrounds them and embracing the Old Icelandic traditions in their own way, the team here allows the ingredients to shine in their own simplicity and, most importantly, have fun while they're at it. **Hverfisgötu 12 / 552 1522 dillrestaurant.is**

5 GLÓ – VEGETARIAN RAW FOOD

Health food that tastes rich and exotic – even mouth-watering! Nutritious,

aromatic, colourful and pampering to your taste buds, this restaurant is truly one of a kind. Founded and run by the foremost raw-food cook in the world, Solja, your taste buds will thank you, whether your choice is the soup of the day, light meat dishes, vegetarian or raw. Try the juice Bar or sip a quality coffee or tea with a slice of cake or sample their exceptional raw-food dessert. **Laugavegur 20b / 553 1111 / glo.is**

6 GARDURINN – VEGETARIAN

The only pure vegetarian restaurant in town. Not a veggie? You'll still be amazed at the tasty and satisfying fare served with freshly baked bread at this small, modest place. Open for lunch as well as afternoon refreshments, such as tea or organic fair-trade coffee with a delightful slice of cake. During summertime, check out the back garden. **Klappartígur 37 / 561 2345 heart-garden.is**

7 SNAPS BISTRO

Whether you're in the mood for lunch, brunch or dinner, or just hanging out at the bar with some snacks, this is the place to visit. With French-inspired cuisine, your taste buds will be tickled by the first-rate menu and quality wine selection. Comfortable lighting, newspaper-covered walls and a relaxed and intimate atmosphere, it's popular among the local crowd. **Bórsgata 1 / 511 6677 / snaps.is**

8 ÞRÍR FRAKKAR

Anything oceanic – fish, whales, even birds, has been the focus of this popular restaurant in Reykjavik since 1989. It is one of the few family-run restaurants in the city and will sustain you with excellent, friendly service and fair prices (even better during lunch-time). The focus is on seafood, but they also offer soups and even a vegetarian dish. The fish stew is the best you will ever taste! **Baldursgata 14 / 552 3939 3frakkar.com**

9 OSTABÚÐIN RESTAURANT

A gourmand's paradise where cheese and other delicatessens laden the shelves, and

where you can enjoy a healthy, tasty lunch in the nice restaurant downstairs. Slurp on the soup of the day or the fish which is always the freshest they can get their hands on, or enjoy an Italian bruschetta and a salad dish, depending on the chef's quirks. You may not be able to leave without being tempted by the deli on your way out. **Skólavörðustígur 8 / 562 2772 ostabudin.is**

10 BERGSSON MATHÚS

A hip restaurant with a vision. Little in size but big at heart, it draws the smart crowd cherishing health and wellbeing above all. Salads, soups, homemade bread and delicious Mediterranean dishes made from the best raw ingredients they can get their hands on. Whether you want fast or slow food, cold or warm, it caters for your wish to stay healthy and full of energy through breakfast or brunch, closing its doors at dinnertime. **Klappartígur 37 / 561 2345 heart-garden.is**

11 FISKFÉLAGIÐ – FISH COMPANY

Situated almost underground with stone walls, subtle lighting, wooden poles and a lounge by a raging open fire. The menu takes you on an imaginative journey around the island's fishing grounds and the world's herbal gardens. Whether it's for lunch or dinner, you'll leave content and maybe even amazed at the endless possibilities of preparing seafood or Icelandic lamb. Considered one of the best in seafood for years, enjoy an alfresco meal on their cobblestoned terrace in summer. **Vesturgata 2a / 552 5300 fishcompany.is**

12 ICELANDIC FISH AND CHIPS

When in Iceland, gourmands have no reason to stay away from delicacies such as fish and chips. Grab a bite at this open and perky place, next to the Volcano museum, where the chefs have developed this popular dish into a healthy meal. Using only Omega 3 oils, the freshest fish, spelt batter, oven-baked chips and the local skyr for different flavoured dips, you won't want to miss this organic bistro at Tryggvagata 11. **Tryggvagata 11 / 511 1118 fishandchips.is**

13 KOPAR RESTAURANT

Cosy and romantic surrounded by stone-clad walls boasting a rustic chic interior and waterfront views smack on the old harbour. The fish is super fresh and this restaurant is possibly the only place in town with Icelandic rock crab on the menu. Emphasis is placed on local and sustainable fare, serving hearty, delicious meals for all – youngster or oldie, veggie or carní. If you want to get more sea bound, ask for their festive sailing tours. **Geirsgata 3 / 567 2700 koparrestaurant.is**

CAFÉ / BAR

14 KEX HOSTEL – BAR

'Sæmundur í sparflötunum' is the gastro 'pub' at Kex Hostel, housed in an old biscuit factory and furnished with salvaged materials. Kex is extremely popular with the cool crowd, best known for its lively music scene where celebrated and upcoming musicians meet for concerts and jam-sessions. It is swanky with an exciting, ever-changing menu as the chef likes to use his creative flair while focusing on wholesome, local ingredients. **Skúlagata 28 / 561 6060 kexhostel.is**

15 REYKJAVIK ROASTERS

A cosy little café with grandfather chairs and old furniture where the aroma of freshly roasted coffee beans fills every corner. It's the freshest brew in town as the baristas do their own roasting and grinding on the premises. A real asset to Reykjavik's coffee culture with award-winning staff and yummy breads and cakes. Grab a bag of their freshly roasted coffee on your way out or you can sign up for a workshop on how to make better coffee at home. **Káratígur 1 / 517 5535 reykjavikroasters.is**

16 KAFFI LOKI

Go upstairs and enjoy the view over Hallgrímskirkja and the enormous wall painting from Norse mythology while letting your palate go absolutely native. Here the Icelandic culinary heritage, much cherished by islanders and visitors alike,

is the focus. The freshly baked flatbread and rye bread, fish stew, and lamb soup are just a few must-eats and they taste exceptionally good in this unpretentious café – and so does their incredible rye bread ice cream for dessert! **Lokastígur 28 / 466 2828 / loki.is**

17 SANDHOLT BAKERY

A family run bakery for almost a century! Great coffee and delicious pastries, cakes or cookies, or try out some of the light dishes at this surprisingly roomy coffee house with its comfy sofas and light décor. They make the best sourdough bread by using a unique 100 year old method, not to mention the assortment of lip-smacking chocolates handmade by Ásgeir Sandholt, pastry chef and chocolatier – the 5th in the World Chocolate Masters in 2011! Opens from 6:30 and free Wi-Fi. **Laugavegur 36 / 551 3524 / Facebook**

18 CAFÉ ROSENBERG

This is one of Reykjavik's popular live-music venues, in all genres; every night is a music night. Warm, vintage and cosy, where the closeness to the small stage creates an intimate atmosphere, it's almost like a private jam session. A favourite among the music-loving locals for years, plus you'll find other events from time to time such as stand-up comedy. Kitchen is open from 5pm, food and drinks at reasonable prices. Closed on Sundays. **Klappartígur 29 / 551 2442 Facebook**

19 KAFFI MOKKA

Espresso, art and cultural atmosphere since 1958. This old-fashioned café is run by the same owners and the unchanged interior is deep-rooted in Icelandic culture and has a special place in the heart of every bohemian, both as a café and an ambitious art gallery. The first in Iceland to serve real espresso, cappuccino, and café latte, and tempting you with their famous house waffles. Drink in the echoes of the '60s! **Skólavörðustígur 3a / 552 1174 mokka.is**

20 LOFT HOSTEL

The café and bar on the fourth floor of this trendy new hostel is a hidden secret in

central Reykjavik. It offers Chemex coffee, wine and beer from local breweries, as well as sweet and savoury treats. Awesome soup at lunch time frequently veggie style with sourdough bread. The hostel's 40-sq-ft balcony boasts a great view over the city and it's precisely the spot to enjoy bright summer nights or the Northern Lights during winter. Certified by Nordic Ecolabel, The Swan. **Bankastræti 7 / 553 8140 lofthostel.is**

21 101 BAR

Located on the 101 Hotel's ground floor, this posh bar and restaurant has a stylish lounge with long leather couches and an inviting fireplace. Just the place to relax with a cocktail or vino and graze on some snacks from the bar menu. Open until midnight during the week and 1am on weekends. **Hverfisgata 10 / 580 0101 101hotel.is**

FUN

22 SUNDHÖLLIN – SWIMMING

This geothermal swimming pool has served locals for decades. It has an indoor pool with two diving boards, two outdoor hot tubs and a sauna. Enjoy a walk to this fabulous destination for some serious fun and grab a classic Icelandic hot dog afterwards. **Barónstígur / 411 5350**

23 SCULPTURE GARDEN – EINAR JÓNSSON

A break from the 'must see' hustle, this beautiful hidden spot is a perfect little detour from your stroll downtown. Here you can rest and view mystical and captivating sculptures in bronze casts by Iceland's first sculptor – Einar Jónsson. Open year-round and free of charge, entry is at the back of the museum. **Eiríksgata / 551 3797 / lej.is**

24 HÁRSKERI ALMÚGANS – BARBER

Entering this barber shop is like stepping back in time. Containing chairs that have served three generations, you just walk in off the street and have a haircut while listening to music and getting to know the

barber, who is quite a character and also a musician and an assembler of amazing ship models that can be seen at the shop. **Laugavegur 62 / 562 2240**

25 SALSA ICELAND

This is for people who love to dance salsa or would like to learn. This dance studio offers free salsa nights every Thursday at RIO sports bar at Hverfisgata 46. Free drop-in lessons for beginners at 8pm, Taxi dancers (paid dance partners) from the student team, and open dancefloor for everyone from 9pm to midnight. Great fun! **salsaiceland.is / 511 2422**

26 KOLAPORTIÐ – MARKET

Reykjavik's longstanding weekend market, the merging point of rich and poor, young and old. With a wonderful seafood market and fresh farm produce Icelandic style, it also offers a vast variety of stalls selling new and second-hand goods. Quite the place for excellent bargains, rare treats and lots of fun. **Tryggvagata 19 / 562 5030 kolaportid.is**

27 SPECIAL TOURS – SAILING ADVENTURES

Why not explore Reykjavik from a different angle? At the same time you can go whale watching, observe cute puffins on the Puffin Express, enjoy adventures such as sea angling where the crew will barbecue your catch, or try the Northern Lights by boat tour if you're here in winter. Special Tours is a member of the Blue-Flag Eco-label and is a gold member in Vakinn, Iceland's quality system for tourism. **Ægisgarður 13 / 560 8800 specialtours.is**

28 WHALES OF ICELAND – EXHIBITION

Take a journey through an 'ocean' of whales at the biggest whale exhibition in Europe. Here you can learn in an interactive way about these mammals in a magical space. Walk among more than 20 real-size models of the species found along the Icelandic coast, and take a closer look at these gentle giants of the sea. **Fiskislið 23-25 / 571 0077 whalesoficeland.is**

29 REYKJAVIK CITY HALL

Located at the north end of the capital's big pond, Tjörnin, you might stumble upon some cultural events here. Regardless, check out the huge topographical model of Iceland and you'll also find a tourist information desk and a restaurant. Enjoy the pond's birdlife through the vast windows while enjoying refreshments at the seafood restaurant Við Tjörmina. **Tjarnargata 11 / 411 1111 / reykjavik.is**

30 NAUTHÓLSVIK GEOTHERMAL BEACH

Ylströndin is the only golden beach in Reykjavik and a very popular place for sea swimming and sunbathing in summer. Here you can find a manmade lagoon where the cold sea and hot water merge into one, plus an outdoor 38°C hot tub and steam bath. There's a service centre with a changing room and showers. Open year-round, check for opening hours. Afterwards try Nauthóll restaurant for a real treat. **Nauthólsvegur / 511 6630 nautholsvik.is**

ART

31 NYLÓ – THE LIVING ART MUSEUM

Walk into this venue for a new kind of contemporary art. Nyló lures with events beyond art exhibitions such as live performances, music, poetry readings, theatre and so much more. It's a fun 30-minute ride on bus 12 from Hlemmur. Free admission. **Völufell 13-21 / 551 4350 / nyllo.is**

32 HALLGRÍMSKIRKJA

Not just a magnificent building that towers over central Reykjavik. It's a terrific vantage point to view the city's scenery, but there's also a great music hall and a gallery. Check the church's program for events and services. It will be worth your while as Hallgrímskirkja has a vast 5275-pipe organ and one of the leading choirs in Iceland. **Hallgrímsborg 1 / 510 1000 hallgrímskirkja.is**

33 TÝSGALLERÍ

A tiny intimate space that features ambitious individual art exhibitions. You can also buy a piece of art crafted by recognised artists. It's the first gallery to offer visual descriptions for

the blind and visually impaired. **Týsgata 3 / 699 5652 / tysgalleri.is**

34 MENGÍ – CULTURAL HOUSE

A little bit of everything, hosting music, an art store and offering exhibitions that focus on experimental art. You'll find diverse musical events going on every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On top of that they have their own record label. **Öðinsgata 2 / 588 3644 / mengi.net**

35 KLING & BANG GALLERY

Take in the challenging impressions and contexts of creative thought by both young and older artists featuring cutting-edge exhibitions. The art space changes depending on the exhibition, so it's like entering a new frame every time you check out a show. **Hverfisgata 42 / 696 2209 / this.is**

36 REYKJAVIK MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHY

A great way to get a sense of cultural diversity captured in contemporary photographs exhibited and accessible for all. In 2014 it was chosen as one of 10 best free museums in Europe according to The Guardian. **Tryggvagata 15, 6th floor / 411 6300 ljósmyndasafnreykjavikur.is**

37 NATIONAL GALLERY OF ICELAND

Appreciate the principal collection of Icelandic visual art, mainly from the 19th and 20th centuries. Exhibitions are held regularly in three different spaces so you can be sure to find something interesting. Get a taste of Icelandic culture through local and international Icelandic perspectives. It's also great to visit the museum's beautiful building, shop and wonderful café. **Frikkirkjuegurvegur 7 / 515 9600 / listasafn.is**

38 THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ICELAND

Strap yourself in for a journey through history and see Icelandic treasures, a cultural heritage from the nation's earliest settlement to the modern day. Walk into the Viking Age or check out the new interactive exhibition that will delight all ages. Don't miss the museum shop or the café on the first floor. **Suðurgötu 41 / 530 2200 thjodminjasafn.is**