

GO-FISHING ICELAND

Visit Iceland

Practical Information

Climate

Iceland enjoys a much milder climate than its name and location adjacent to the Arctic Circle would imply. A branch of the Gulf Stream flows along the southern and the western coast greatly moderating the climate. However, this brings mild Atlantic air in contact with colder Arctic air resulting in a climate that is marked by frequent changes in weather and storminess. Furthermore this leads to more rainfall in the southern and western part than in the northern part of the island.

The main summer tourist season is from late May to early September. During the first half of this period the sun stays above the horizon for almost 24 hours and the interplay of light and shadows on mountains, lava fields and glaciers yield an ever changing landscape. However, even during the middle of summer the sky is frequently cloudy or overcast and the sunshine does not warm the air much. Hence, during daytime, the air is usually cool ("refreshing" is the local euphemism) and cold during night time.

<i>Daylight</i>	<i>Sunrise</i>	<i>Sunset</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>3:55 a.m</i>	<i>10:12 p.m</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>2:42 a.m</i>	<i>11:32 p.m</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>3:23 a.m</i>	<i>11:00 p.m</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>4:58 a.m</i>	<i>9:22 p.m</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>6:29 a.m</i>	<i>7:33 p.m</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>7:55 a.m</i>	<i>5:48 p.m</i>

<i>Average temperature</i>	<i>°C</i>	<i>°F</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>7,2</i>	<i>44,9</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>13,1</i>	<i>55,6</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>15,2</i>	<i>59,4</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>13,3</i>	<i>55,9</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>13,0</i>	<i>55,4</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>6,1</i>	<i>43,0</i>

Clothing

During summertime tourists should bring a windbreaker, rainwear, a thick pullover (wool or fleece) and sturdy walking shoes. Travellers who are camping or heading into the interior will need warm underwear and socks, rubber boots and a warm sleeping bag. Anglers should bring chest waders & wading shoes.

Importation of used fishing equipment

Visitors are asked to adopt strict bio security measures! Infectious disease agents such as viruses and the parasite, *Gyrodactylus salaris*, have never been detected in fresh water fish in Iceland. Importation of used fishing equipment such as fishing rods, reels, hooks/lures/flyes, waders and nets is strictly prohibited unless it has been disinfected by approved methods.

Disinfection must be carried out by a veterinarian from the country of embarkation and a certificate of disinfection presented when transporting the equipment to Iceland. If a certificate cannot be obtained, the fishing equipment must be handed to customs officers upon entering the country for immediate disinfection at owner's expense (approx EUR: 30 per person). The process is carried out by staff at the Keflavik International Airport. Process usually doesn't take long (only few minutes).

Flights

There are two Icelandic airlines offering scheduled flights to Iceland.

Icelandair, www.icelandair.is

Iceland Express www.icelandexpress.is

Documentation & Visas

Citizens from the European Economic Area (comprising the EU, Switzerland and Liechtenstein), US and Canada need only a passport valid for at least three months after the planned date of arrival to enter Iceland for up to three months.

Currency

Icelandic Krona. Visa and Eurocard/Mastercard credit cards and Maestro and Visa Electron are accepted widely.

Language

Icelandic, but most Icelanders speak relatively fluent English as well.

Electricity

Most facilities operate on 220-volt, 50-cycle system. A Converter will be necessary for any electrical items that require a 110-volt, 60-cycle system.

Duty-free

One of the following choices allowed on arrival:

1 litre of alcohol and 1 litre of wine.

1 litre of alcohol and 6 litre of beer.

1 litre of wine and 6 litre of beer.

One carton of cigarettes per person can be brought into the country

In case of an emergency dial 112

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