

# The Akranes Museum at Garðar

The Garðar Museum gives you a glimpse into the bygone times of Akranes with its collection of old things and objects from centuries past. The Museum also houses a blacksmith's forge, the Icelandic Sports Museum, diverse temporary exhibitions, a coffee house and a museum shop. The Museum has an outdoor area exhibiting old houses and old boats. Guided tours are available.

#### **Blacksmithing**

The Icelandic championship in blacksmithing has been held in Akranes in recent years, always at the beginning of June. The championship takes place in the blacksmith's forge at Garðar Museum.

#### Akranes lighthouse

The Akranes lighthouse is open all year round. There is a staircase all the way to the top where you can enjoy the spectacular view in every direction. Concerts and art exhibitions are held in the lighthouse during opening hours.

# Come golfing

The Garðavöllur golf course is one of the best 18-hole courses in Iceland and it has great practice facilities. It doesn't hurt having the beautiful Akrafjall mountain watching over the course. Garðalundur park is nearby.

## Jaðarsbakkar swimming pool

The swimming pool at Jaðarsbakkar is an outdoor pool with hot tubs and a flume. Come and have a dip in the warm water pumped in from Deildartunguhver, the most powerful thermal spring in Europe.

#### **Akranes Harbour**

The harbour area is always lively with its many different piers where boats and ships unload their catch and moor. You can throw in a fishing line from one of the piers or hire a boat to go sea angling.

# Langisandur beach

Langisandur beach is a one-kilometre long sandy beach that has been awarded the Blue Flag environmental certification. A walking and cycling path runs alongside the beach and nicely connects one part of the town to another. Many people visit the beach on sunny days and it is the location for sea swimming all year round.

#### Garðalundur park

Garðalundur park is a great place for a get-together. It has many different types of trees, lovely walking paths, ponds and facilities for having fun. You can play volleyball, football, frisbee golf, etc. and you can bring your own food and use the on-site barbecue. The perfect place for a picnic with the family or friends.

# Walking and cycling

It is easy to walk and cycle in Akranes. The coastline offers many opportunities for outdoor recreation and exercise. The Akrafjall mountain is within walking distance and the Garðalundur park has everything a nice walking route could have.

# Akrafjall

Akrafjall is the town's crowning jewel with its rich bird life and hiking routes for every ability and the view from the top is spectacular.

# The Irish Days festival is for the whole family.

The festival is held at the beginning of July every year to celebrate the town's settlers who came from Ireland. There are a lot of fun things to do and see for the whole family. The festival lasts from Thursday to Sunday.

#### Camping site at Kalmansvík

The camping site is located just above the Kalmansvík sandy beach and has a beautiful view over the sea and lovely walking paths nearby. The site is very well equipped with access to electricity and a service centre with showers and toilets. Shops and services are close by.

# Diverse shops and great restaurants