

Eskifjörður, East Iceland, Iceland

A serene East Iceland fishing village backed by Mount Hólmvatnindur, Eskifjörður offers an honest taste of Icelandic life — colorful boathouses, a Victorian herring station, and the world's finest Iceland Spar calcite mine nearby.

Pier (most ships dock)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

ISK — cards accepted everywhere

Icelandic (English spoken by all)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — most cruise ships dock at the town quay; large vessels may tender

Best For: Geology, herring history, fjord scenery, authentic Icelandic village life

Walk to center: 5-10 min from pier to town center; 20 min to Randulff's Sea House

Don't Miss: Randulff's Sea House restaurant and the Iceland Spar (Helgustaðanáma) mine

Getting around: Taxi ~\$6-15 USD · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Randulff's Sea House & Herring Museum** — Step inside this 1890 Norwegian herring station — a preserved bunkhouse where 'herring girls' lived, with a traditional restaurant below serving...
- Helgustaðanáma Iceland Spar Mine** — The world's most famous transparent calcite deposit, historically used in optics and possibly as the Viking 'sunstone' compass.
- East Iceland Maritime Museum** — Housed in a restored 1816 building, this museum covers East Iceland's fishing, whaling, and shark-hunting heritage with vintage boats and authentic...
- Eskifjörður Geothermal Swimming Pool** — The local sundlaug: outdoor lap pool, hot pots at varying temperatures, steam bath, and waterslides — all with fjord and mountain views.
- East Fjords Scenic Drive & Tunnel** — Drive the tunnel from Eskifjörður to neighbouring Neskaupstaður or wind through the mountain road to Seyðisfjörður — one of Iceland's most photogenic...

BEST WALKS

- Strandgata Shoreline Stroll** 1.5 km · Flat · 20 min one way — Walk along the main harbor road past the iconic red wooden boathouses, the Maritime Museum, and down to Randulff's Sea House at the far end of town.
- Bleiksárfoss Waterfall Walk** 1 km round-trip · Easy · 20 min — A short, gentle uphill walk from the town center leads to Bleiksárfoss, a multi-tiered waterfall tumbling down the hillside at the edge of Eskifjörður.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		39°	31°	14d
Jun		54°	45°	14d
Aug		56°	47°	14d
Sep		52°	43°	17d
Oct		43°	35°	21d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:19AM–8:34PM · Aug 4:41AM–9:16PM · Sep 6:18AM–7:21PM · Oct 7:50AM–5:31PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cash-free Iceland: Cards (Visa/Mastercard) work everywhere — cafés, the pool entry, even vending machines. No need to exchange currency.
- Layer up: East Fjords weather swings fast — sunny and 15°C to cold rain in an hour. Bring a waterproof outer shell, mid-layer, and sturdy walking shoes.
- Mine visit needs wheels: The Helgustaðanáma calcite mine is ~12 km from town. Book a ship excursion or pre-arrange a car — there are no local taxis on demand.
- Eat at Randulff's: This 1890 herring station is the town's culinary landmark. Try the seafood soup or go adventurous with hákarl (fermented shark) and Brennivín schnapps.
- Hit the hot pot: Iceland's geothermal pools are a rite of passage. Eskifjörður's sundlaug is cheap, local, and relaxing with fjord views — bring a towel (or rent one).
- No souvenirs from the mine: Helgustaðanáma is a protected site — it is strictly forbidden to remove any stones. Photograph freely, take nothing.

Eskifjörður, East Iceland, Iceland — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Klifbrekku Waterfalls

A series of beautiful cascading waterfalls in a scenic valley.

P Cruise port / terminal