

Grundarfjordur, Snaefellsnes, Iceland

A small fishing village beneath Iceland's most-photographed mountain, Grundarfjordur delivers dramatic scenery and authentic Iceland — no tourist strip malls, no crowds.

Pier (small ships) or Tender (large ships)

Typical call: 6-8 hrs

ISK / Cashless (cards everywhere)

Icelandic, English widely spoken

Snaefellsnes Peninsula gateway

MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Smaller ships dock at pier (max 240m); larger vessels anchor and tender ashore

Best For: Kirkjufell photos, whale watching, Snaefellsnes Peninsula tours

Walk to Kirkjufell: ~2.5 km (35–40 min) from the tender pier along a flat path

Don't Miss: Kirkjufellsfoss waterfall with the mountain behind it — the classic shot

Getting around: Taxi Varies (expensive) · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Kirkjufell Mountain & Waterfall Walk** — Walk the flat 2.5 km coastal path to Kirkjufellsfoss and Iceland's most-photographed mountain.
- Whale Watching from the Harbor** — Láki Tours operates whale-watching boats directly from Grundarfjordur harbor.
- Snaefellsnes Peninsula Day Tour** — A bus tour of 'Iceland in Miniature' — black pebble beach Djupalonsandur, the basalt arches at Arnarstapi, Saxholl volcanic crater, and...
- Vatnshellir Lava Cave** — An 8,000-year-old lava tube inside Snaefellsjokull National Park.
- Sea Kayaking Under Kirkjufell** — Guided sea kayaking departs near the harbor, letting you paddle through the calm fjord with the mountain towering overhead.

BEST WALKS

- Harbor to Kirkjufellsfoss** 5 km return · Flat · 70–80 min · Free — The main walk: follow the gravel/paved path alongside Route 54 from the harbor pontoon to Kirkjufellsfoss waterfall.
- Town Stroll & Baejarfoss Waterfall** 1.5 km return · Easy · 30 min · Free — From the harbor, walk into town past the colorful houses and Grundarfjardarkirkja church, then continue inland to the quieter Baejarfoss waterfall — far fewer cruise...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		41°	33°	16d
Jun		52°	44°	13d
Aug		54°	47°	12d
Sep		50°	43°	19d
Oct		44°	38°	18d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:57AM–9:10PM · Aug 5:19AM–9:52PM · Sep 6:55AM–7:58PM · Oct 8:26AM–6:09PM

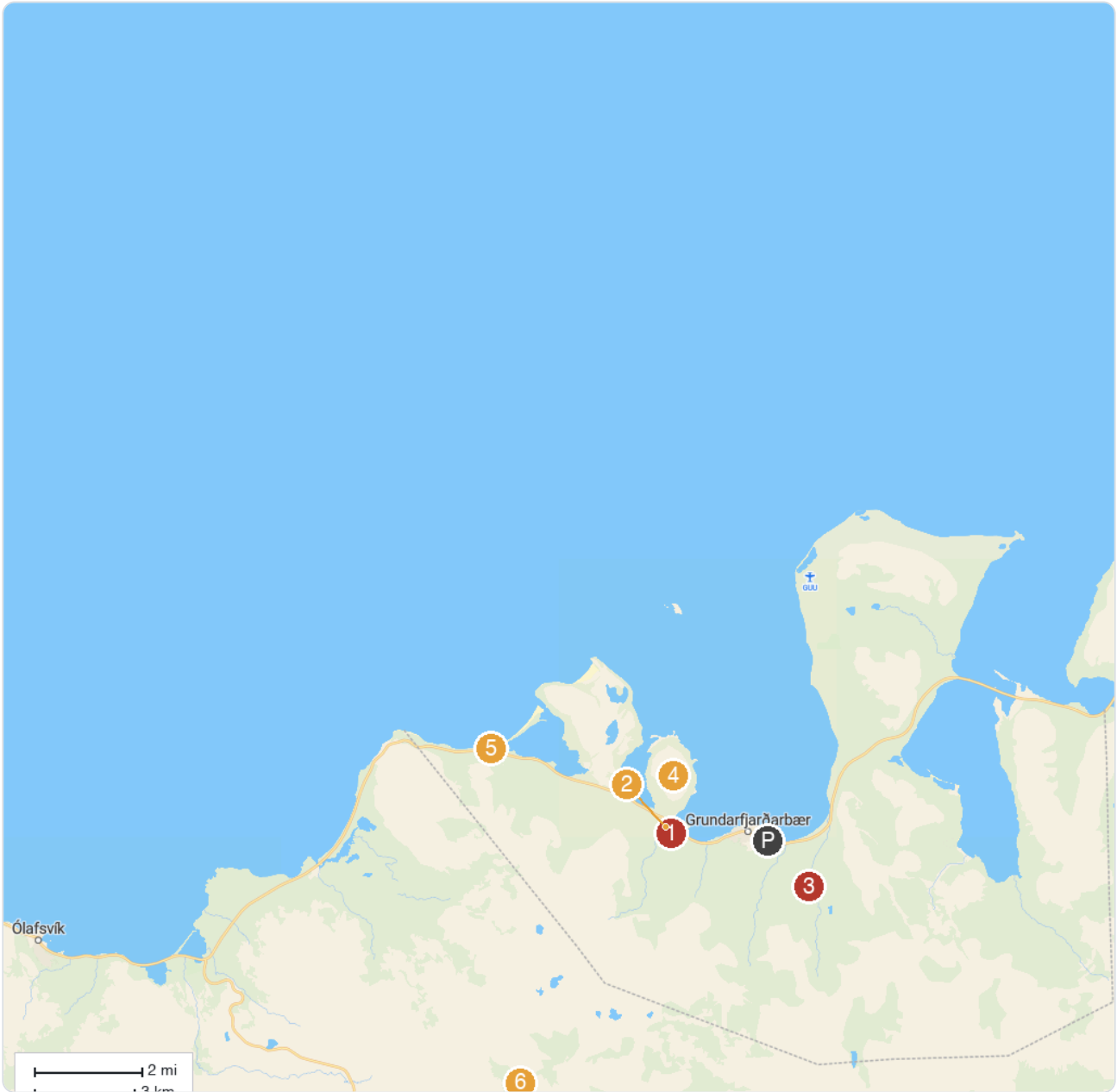
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Iceland is cashless. You don't need Icelandic Krona — every café, shuttle, and waterfall parking meter takes Visa/Mastercard or contactless payment.
- Dress for wind, not just cold. Snaefellsnes weather changes fast — sun, rain, and 60 km/h gusts can happen in the same hour. A windproof, waterproof outer layer is essential.
- Book whale watching and tours before departure. Grundarfjordur is small — Laki Tours boats and shuttle buses fill up fast on cruise days. Book directly with the operator in advance.
- Don't climb Kirkjufell without a guide. The mountain looks climbable but is genuinely dangerous — steep, loose rock, and no marked trail. Stick to the waterfall viewpoints.
- Orca sightings are seasonal (winter–spring). Herring-following orcas are most common November–March. Summer visits still yield minke whales and dolphins.
- No drones at Kirkjufellsfoss. Strictly prohibited at the waterfall and within Snaefellsjokull National Park to protect wildlife and other visitors.

Grundarfjordur, Snaefellsnes, 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.



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| 1 Kirkjufell Waterfall Viewpoint | Scenic viewpoint offering stunning views of Kirkjufell mountain and waterfall. | 2 Kirkjufellsfoss | Beautiful tiered waterfall directly opposite Kirkjufell mountain. |
| 3 Grundarfoss | Picturesque waterfall cascading into a serene river valley. | 4 Kirkjufell Mountain | Iconic, cone-shaped mountain, often called 'Church Mountain'. |
| 5 Giant Padlock | Large, decorative padlock sculpture symbolizing love and commitment. | 6 Bjarnarfoss | Dramatic waterfall plunging over basalt columns into a canyon. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |