

Seydisfjordur, East Iceland, Iceland

A village of roughly 700 souls tucked at the head of a 17 km fjord, Seydisfjordur is where Norwegian heritage meets Icelandic art — rainbow-painted streets, a sky-blue church, and waterfalls tumbling down every mountain flank.

 Mostly pier (tender possible for large ships / ferry days)

 Typical call: 6–8 hrs

 Icelandic Króna (ISK) — cards accepted everywhere

 Icelandic / English widely spoken

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier (500 m to town center); large ships or busy ferry days may tender

Walk to center: ~5 min flat walk to Rainbow Street & Blue Church

Best For: Photography, hiking, art, Icelandic culture

Don't Miss: Rainbow Street + Blue Church, Tvísöngur sound sculpture, Gufufoss waterfall

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  Negotiated; high by Western standards ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Rainbow Street & Blue Church** — The rainbow-painted path leading to Seyðisfjarðarkirkja (the pastel-blue wooden church) is Iceland's most photographed...
 - Tvísöngur Sound Sculpture** — Five interconnected concrete domes on the hillside above town, each resonating with a different tone of the Icelandic...
 - Gufufoss Waterfall Hike** — A scenic 45-minute uphill walk along the Fjarðará River leads to Gufufoss ('Steam Falls'), a
- 19 m curtain waterfall...

 - Technical Museum of East Iceland** — Seydisfjordur was Iceland's first link to the outside world via submarine telegraph cable and the island's first...
 - Skaftfell Center for Visual Art** — Housed in a beautiful 1907 wooden building, Skaftfell runs rotating contemporary art exhibitions and a residency program.

BEST WALKS

- Harbor to Blue Church Stroll** 1 km | 15–20 min | Flat | Free — Walk the harbor road from the pier, turn onto Rainbow Street, and follow the painted path straight to the Blue Church.
- Tvísöngur Sculpture Hike** 2 km return | 45–60 min | Moderate uphill | Free — From the town center, follow signs past the fish factory and up the hillside trail to the five concrete domes.
- Fjarðará River Waterfall Walk** Up to 6 km return | 1.5–3 hrs | Easy-moderate | Free — Head inland along the Fjarðará River path — the valley has over 25 waterfalls.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- No cash needed. Iceland is one of the most cashless countries on Earth — every café, shop, museum, and even public toilets accept cards. Save your Króna for Reykjavik.
- Layer up, always. East Iceland weather changes fast. A 15°C sunny morning can turn rainy and windy within an hour. Pack a waterproof outer layer and comfortable walking shoes.
- Thursday ferry conflict. The Smyril Line's Norröna ferry docks on Thursdays — pier space may be limited, making tendering more likely for some ships. Check your ship's...