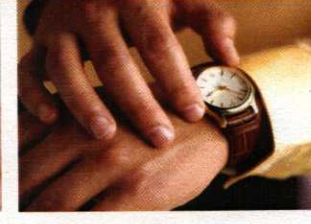
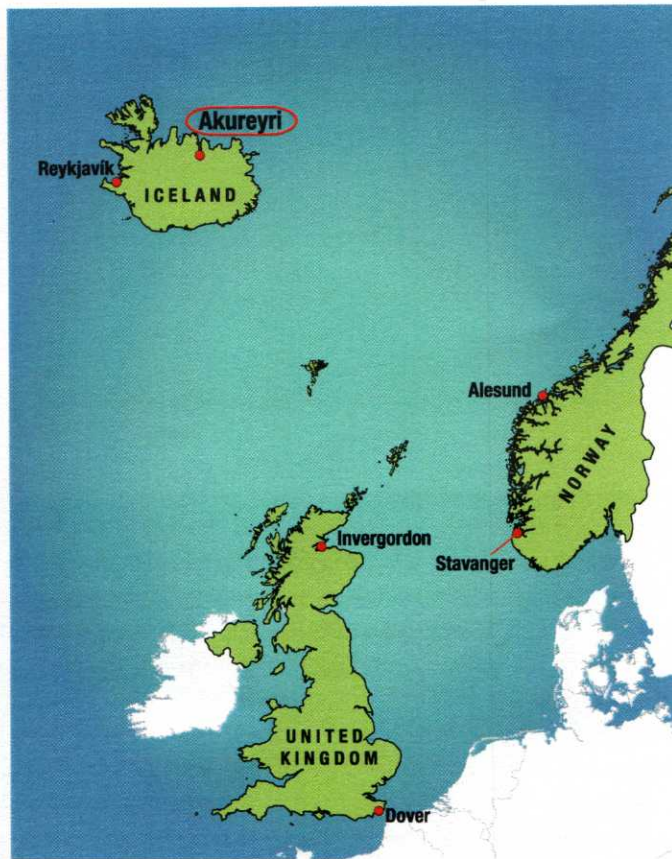


# PORT INFORMATION



## AKUREYRI



### SHOPPING INFO ASHORE

**Watch Channel** Tune in for the latest shoreside shopping information from your stateroom television.

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#### **In Case Of Emergency:**

**Port Agent:** TVG-Zimsen

**Agent:** Íris Hrund Jóhannsdóttir

**24 hrs Duty Tel:** 354 560 0743

354 856 0743

**Email:** cruise@gara.is

#### **Port Adventures:**

Check your ticket for the correct meeting time and location for your tour. Your Port Adventures Team will direct you to transportation.

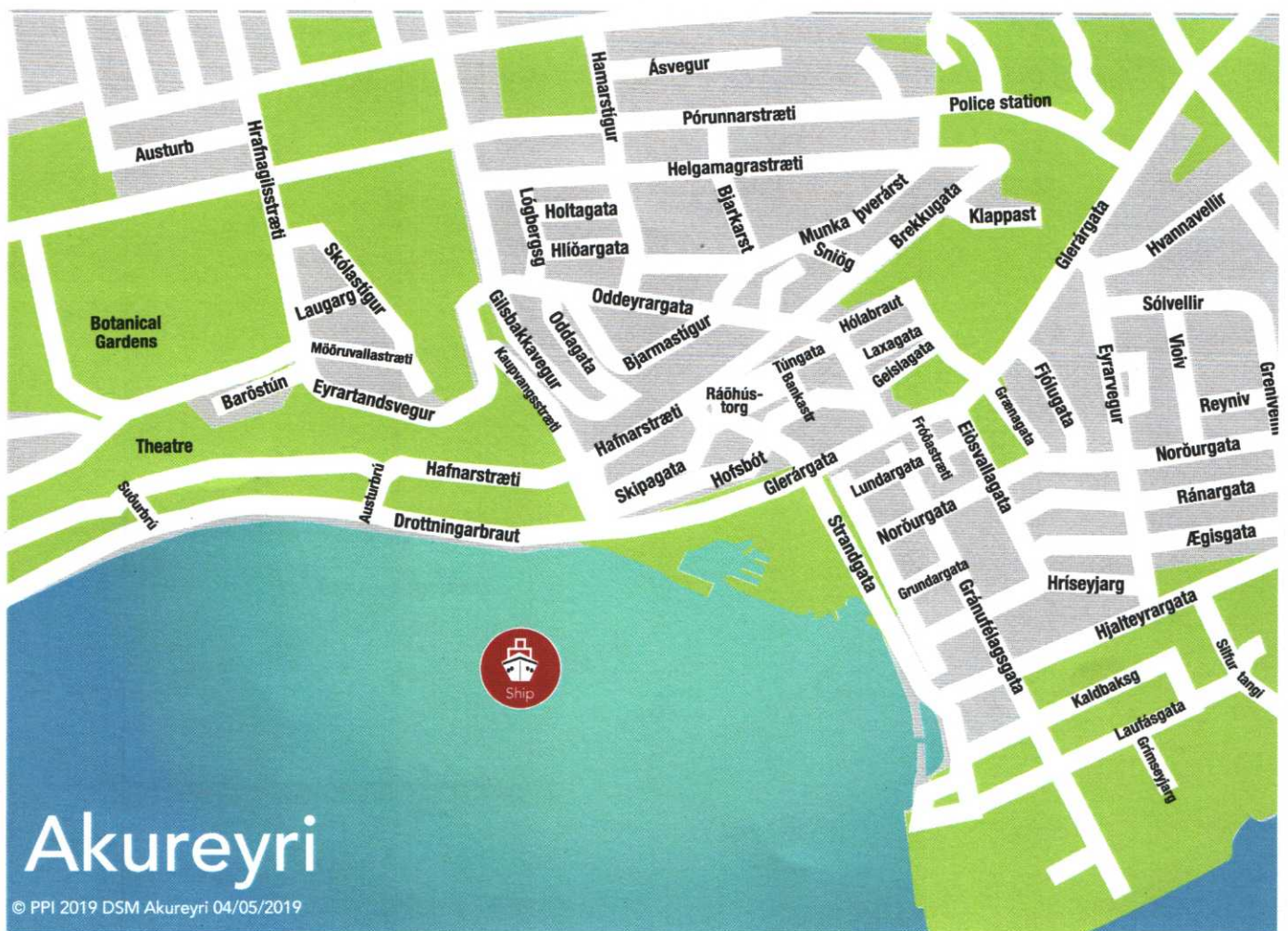
#### **Take Ashore**

- ✓ This Map
- ✓ Passport for adults and children & Key to the World Card
- ✓ Cash & Credit Cards

### Travel Safety Tips

As in any tourist destination, you will want to take some basic precautions to make the most of your time ashore.

- Be aware of your surroundings, especially in crowded areas.
  - Avoid wandering from the main shopping and tourist areas into unfamiliar territory. If venturing out independently, have a plan, use only licensed taxi operators.
  - Leave your valuables in your stateroom safe and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Exercise caution when using ATMs.
  - Cameras and handbags should be carried close to your body or concealed out of sight. People who carry handbags or backpacks are particularly vulnerable to purse snatchers on scooters.
  - When going ashore, each adult is required to carry a Driver's license, passport or other government-issued photo ID. – Note: Some ports may require Guests to carry passports ashore.
  - In general, use the same level of precaution you would use in any tourist destination.
- Please remember that while in a foreign country, you are subject to its laws.



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## AKUREYRI OVERVIEW

The Norse Viking Helgi magri (the slim) Eyvindarson originally settled the area in the 9th century. In the 17th century, Danish merchants based their camps at the current site of Akureyri, which was one of the numerous spits of land in Pollurinn. The main reasons for choosing this spot for trading operations were the outstanding natural harbour and the fertility of the area. The merchants did not live at Akureyri year-round but returned home in the winter. Permanent settlement at Akureyri started in 1778 and eight years later, the town was granted its municipal charter by the king of Denmark (simultaneously with five other towns as well as the whole of Iceland). The king hoped to improve the living conditions of Icelanders by this action because there had never had Icelandic urban areas. As far as the king was concerned Akureyri was unsuccessful because it did not grow from its population of 12. It lost its municipal status in 1836 but regained it in 1862. From then on Akureyri grew because of the excellent port conditions and the productive agricultural region around it.

During World War II, Akureyri was one of three air bases used by the Norwegian-British No. 330 Squadron RNoAF. The squadron was formed on 25 April 1941 and flew Northrop N-3PB bombers. No. 330 Squadron RNoAF also operated Catalina flying boats from Akureyri, which protected convoys from the United States to the United Kingdom and Murmansk from attack by German submarines.

In the 20th century, Iceland experienced an exodus from the countryside to the towns. During the 1990's commerce and service industries grew to be the primary employers in Akureyri. In the early 21st century, fishing industries became more important in Akureyri

as two of the primary commercial fishing companies became more important sources of revenue with expected growth in coming years. The University of Akureyri was founded in 1987 and is growing rapidly.

Since 2004, the former municipality of Hrísey, an island 22 miles to the north, has been a part of Akureyri. Hrísey (with a population of 210) is the second largest island off Iceland and is a site for pet and livestock quarantine. The settlement was previously the site of commercial fish processing. The town is located on the southern part of the island and consists of privately owned land that requires a pass to enter.

**Capital:** Reykjavik

**Location:** Northern Iceland

**Taxi:** BSO is the only cab company at Akureyri. It is situated in the centre and provides 24 hours service. It is possible to get cabs that take up to 8 persons and also special cars for disabled people.

**Currency:** Icelandic Krona

**Language:** Icelandic

**Population:** Approximately 17,754

**Banking:** Banks are generally open weekdays from 9:15am to 4pm and have commission-free currency exchange and 24-hour ATMs.

**Post Office:** The post office is at Skipagata 10, in the city center-

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:30pm

Telephone: 580-1000