

THREE WEEK COURSE IN ICELANDIC AND CULTURE 2011

VIKUSKIPULAG VIKU 1 - SCHEDULE WEEK 1 (subject to minor changes)

	Mán /Mon. 01.08.	Þri /Tue. 02.08.	Mið /Wen. 03.08.	Fim /Thu. 04.08.	Fös /Fri. 05.08.	Lau./Sat. 06.08.	Sun./Sun. 07.08.
08-09							
09-12	Reykjavík-Ísafjörður	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Free for own activities • horse riding • kayak • walking • climbing • bird watching • fjord angling • day trips	Free for own activities • horse riding • kayak • walking • climbing • bird watching • fjord angling • day trips
12-13							
13-14							
14-16		Ísafjörður: University Centre and Places to know. (ends 15:30)	Classes	Málfræði/Questions about grammar	Valnámskeið/ Electives		
16-18			Classes		Valnámskeið/ Electives		
18-19				Bíó/Film in Ísafjarðarbíó 18:00			
19-20							
21-22	IceBreaker at The University Center of the Westfjords. Icelandic pancakes and coffee.						

VIKUSKIPULAG VIKU 2 - SCHEDULE WEEK 2 (subject to minor changes)

	Mán /Mon. 08.08.	Þri /Tue. 09.08.	Mið /Wen. 10.08.	Fim /Thu. 11.08.	Fös /Fri. 12.08.	Lau./Sat. 13.08.	Sun./Sun. 14.08.
08-09							
09-12	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Free for own activities • horse riding • kayak • walking • climbing • bird watching • fjord angling • day trips	Free for own activities • horse riding • kayak • walking • climbing • bird watching • fjord angling • day trips
12-13							
13-14							
14-16	Classes	Valnámskeið/ Electives	Excursion	Málfræði/Questions about grammar	Valnámskeið/ Electives		
16-18	Classes	Valnámskeið/ Electives			Valnámskeið/ Electives		
18-19					Bíó/Film in Ísafjarðarbíó 18:00		
19-20							
20-22					Act alone	Act alone	Act alone

VIKUSKIPULAG VIKU 3 - SCHEDULE WEEK 3 (subject to minor changes)

	Mán /Mon. 15.08.	Þri /Tue. 16.08.	Mið /Wen. 17.08.	Fim /Thu. 18.08.	Fös /Fri. 19.08.	Lau./Sat. 20.08.
08-09						
09-12	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	Morgunkennsla/ Morning classes	FINAL EXAM	Ísafjörður-Reykjavík	Ísafjörður-Reykjavík
12-13			Ísafj-Núpur 12:30			
14-16	Classes	Valnámskeið/ Electives	Theatre: Gísli the Outlaw			
16-18	Classes	Valnámskeið/ Electives	The sites of the Gísla Saga in Haukadal			
18-19						
19-20						
19-22				Final ceremony and dinner		Menningarnótt í Reykjavík/ Cultural night in Reykjavík

IceBreaker

IceBreaker at The University Center of the Westfjords. Icelandic pancakes, coffee and introduction.

Ísafjörður – Places to know

A fun excursion around Ísafjörður where you get to know the town a little bit.

Classes in the morning: Mon-Fri, 09-12

Basics of grammar and vocabulary taught through lectures and exercises. Training in reading and writing skills up to CEFR level **A1-A1**. The course will end with a final exam. The final exam is obligatory but if you want a graded certificate you will have to take the exam.

Classes

Classes in the afternoon will teach you more about Icelandic language and culture.

Electives in the afternoon

In the afternoons you will have a wide variety of electives to choose from. Electives are to be booked via the virtual classroom MySchool on www.uwestfjords.is before or during the course. There are a maximum number of places for each elective.

The electives consist of pronunciation and conversation exercises for small groups, language games, problem-based learning, but here you will also find lectures in easy Icelandic (you will be surprised how much you already understand). Minimum number of places will be required for each course or the course will not be taught.

To offer more variety of electives to choose from the electives are both for students in the *Three week course in Icelandic and Culture* and students in the *Three week course for exchange students*.

Málfræðisurningar/Questions about grammar

Do you have any grammar questions? Here you can come and ask a teacher about grammar, whether you want to know more than what the morning lessons give you, or if you do not understand the grammar that is taught in the morning lesson. These sessions are not obligatory.

Fridays: Watch a film with a teacher

An instructor briefly introduces the film. Films will be in Icelandic (but with English subtitles). After the film there is time for discussion.

The films are both for students in the *Three week course in Icelandic and Culture* and students in the *Three week course for exchange students*.

Excursion

One Wednesday afternoon we plan an excursion.

Gísla Saga theatre and visit to the sites of the saga in Haukadalur

Just opposite Núpur í Dýrafirði is Haukadalur, where Gísli lived before he was outlawed. As Gísla Saga is one of the most famous Icelandic sagas, we think you should visit Haukadalur.

During the final week, there will be an introduction to the famous saga in simple Icelandic, and a visit to one of the settings of the saga, where you will have to use your Icelandic. We will watch an acclaimed stage version of Gísla Saga, performed as a one-man production by Elfar Logi Hannesson. The Gísla Saga programme is included in the course fee and is both for students in the *Three week course in Icelandic and Culture* and students in the *Three week course for exchange students*.

Final ceremony and dinner

The course ends with a basic dinner in probably the best fish restaurant of Iceland, the rustique Tjörúhús in the oldest ensemble of houses in all Iceland.

ActAlone

Act alone festival

Act alone is a theatre festival dedicated to the art of acting alone, a monodrama. The Act alone festival is held every year in the town of Ísafjörður in the Westfjords of Iceland. There is no entrance fee at the Act alone festival. The Comedy Theatre stands for Act alone and the director and founder of the festival is Elfar Logi Hannesson. For more information see the website www.actalone.net.

Saturdays and Sundays: Free time for your own activities

As you are new to the country, in an area far from Reykjavík, you might want to make a day trip to some parts of Iceland, you otherwise would not visit. Vesturferðir, in the town of Ísafjörður, can help you organise a day trips. Please contact www.vesturferdir.is, for more information.