

DJÚPIVOGUR, ICELAND

Nestled by the picturesque Hamarsfjörður in East Iceland, Djúpvogur is a small coastal village with a long history as an important fishing hub. A regional trading centre since as early as 1589, Djúpvogur is officially the only 'Cittaslow' in the country: a town dedicated to easy, slow living and the promotion of personal and environmental health

KEY INFO

Currency: Icelandic Krona (1 USD = 138.88 ISK) **Languages:** Icelandic (98% speak English)
Population: 450 (377,533 Iceland) **Drive on the:** Right
Emergency #: 112 **Pharmacy:** Lyfja Djúpvogvi 🌐 🇮🇸
Drinking water: Tap water is drinkable **Protection:** Standard health precautions
Time Zone: GMT **Wi-Fi:** Hotels
ID Requirements: Photo ID/Passport (non-EU) **Post Office:** Pósthús Djúpvogur, Búland 1, 765 🌐 ✉️

PORT LOCATION

Small ships can dock, but most cruise ships use tenders to ferry guests ashore (1NM | 10-15-min).

Getting Around: The distance from the pier to anywhere in town is less than 800m (10-min walk). The gangway can be steep, but once in the village walking around is easy. There is no public transport serving the local area, though a bus connects Djúpvogur with Reykjavik. The pier is next to Langabúð, for a café, toilets and heritage museum 1.

🗺️ [Click here](#) for hiking routes in the area

Taxis: Available (best booked in advance). 730 kr + 341 kr/km. Check payment options with driver.

Tourist Bus: There is no Hop-On Hop-Off Sightseeing Bus

Tourist Information: Locals hand out maps on the pier 1

Port Facilities: Tourist Information, Private Tours, Toilet

Port Address: Djúpvogshöfn, Djúpvogur, Eastern Region, Iceland 🌐

DJÚPIVOGUR HIGHLIGHTS

Auðunn's Stone & Mineral collection: A private collection of rocks and minerals, with a selection for purchase too. Run by the collector. 10a-5p | Free | 230m from port (3-min walk) | 🌐 🗺️ 2

JFS Handcrafts: Charming stone-garden, selling locally crafted jewellery made from Icelandic stones and other local souvenirs. 10a-6p | Free | 500m from port (7-min walk) | 🌐 🗺️ 3

Bóndavarða: Historical rock landmark on the top of the hill. The landmark itself isn't much to look at, but the views are well-worth the hike. 24 Hours | Free | 950m from port (15-min walk) | 🌐 4

Djúpvogur Lighthouse: North of town, this square, orange lighthouse makes for an enjoyable hike. Short and stumpy, you can climb to the top. 24 Hours | Free | 1.2km from port (16-min walk) | 🌐 🗺️

Eggin i Gleðivík: On the walk to the lighthouse, you'll stumble upon 34 giant granite eggs. This waterfront installation represents local bird species. 24 Hours | Free | 800m from port (11-min walk) | 🌐

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REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Papey: The island of Papey can be reached on a boat tour. On the island you'll find a bright orange lighthouse (built: 1938) and a small black and white wooden church. 1-hour boat | [🌐](#)

Stöðvarfjörður: Another quaint village, on the northern shore of the fjord that gives it its name. Also home to an impressive stone collection – this time, Petra's collection (**Steinasafn Petru** | 9a-5p | [📍](#)) and a great handicrafts store in the old Salt House (**Salthúsmarkaðurinn** | Hours unknown | [📍](#)). 79km from port (1-hr drive) | [🌐](#)

SOMETHING TO EAT OR DRINK

Hotel Framtid: Dining options in Djúpvogur are somewhat slim, but this hotel – a converted 1905 merchant's house – serves up a strong menu of local options. Particularly good for seafood soup.

Harðfiskur: Keep your nose peeled for this strong-smelling, chewy, wind-dried fish snack. [Read more](#)

LOCAL SOUVENIRS

Rocks fascinate locals in this remote corner of Iceland, for both geological and mythical reasons. You'll find plenty of locally made **handicrafts**, including knitwear, jewellery, and pottery too.

CITTASLOW

Originally conceived by Italian journalist Carlo Petrini in 1986, upset by the arrival of McDonalds at the Spanish Steps in Rome. He sought to create a movement that would return the world's towns and cities to human speed. The essence of the movement is to take time to really savour and live your life, and to source and make things locally wherever possible. Look for the **orange snail** with a village on its shell in shop windows, highlighting their commitment to embracing these ideals. [Read more](#)

LOCAL LINGO

Hello	Halló	Please	Vinsamlegast (<i>lit: kindly do..</i>)
Goodbye	Bæ	Thank you	Takk
Toilet/Restroom	Klósett	Cruise Ship Port	Skemmtiferðaskips Höfn



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