



## RUNAVÍK, FAROE ISLANDS


The Faroe Islands – an archipelago of 18 islands in the North Atlantic Ocean – is an autonomous territory of the Kingdom of Denmark. Runavík is the commercial hub and largest settlement on Eysturoy Island, nestled along the Skálafjørður fjord, surrounded by mountains.

### KEY INFO

**Currency:** Faroese Króna (1 USD = 6.86 DKK) **Languages:** Faroese, Danish (English is widely spoken)  
**Population:** 575 (53,444 Faroe Islands) **Drive on the:** Right  
**Emergency #:** 112 **Pharmacy:** Eysturoy Apotek, 6 Mýravegur, Runavík 620   
**Drinking water:** Tap water is drinkable **Protection:** Standard health precautions  
**Time Zone:** GMT (Winter), GMT+1 (Summer) **Wi-Fi:** Port, Hotel Runavík  
**ID Requirements:** Photo ID/Passport (non-EU) **Post Office:** Posthús, 57 Heiðavegur, Saltangará 600 

### PORT LOCATION

Cruise ships dock at the King's Harbour Cruise Quay, which is right in the centre of Runavík.

**Getting Around:** If staying in Runavík, walking is by far the best way to explore as the town is small and the cruise port is right in the centre. Public buses (from 20 kr | ) connect Runavík with other villages and towns. Taxis offer a good option for going further afield – Runavík is connected with the Faroe Islands capital, Tórshavn, via the Eysturoyartunnilin underwater tunnel (16.5km | 21-min drive).

**Taxis:** Taxis are available. Fares start at 75 DKK +/-km

**Tourist Bus:** There is no Hop-On Hop-Off Sightseeing Bus, though locals often offer guided bus tours

**Tourist Information:** In Terminal. [Click here for a tourist map of Runavík](#).


**Port Facilities:** Tourist Information



**Port Address:** King's Harbour Cruise Quay, 3, 600 Fiskivinnuhavnin, Saltangará, Faroe Islands 



### TÓRSHAVN HIGHLIGHTS

Tórshavn – as the capital of the Faroe Islands – offers slightly more by way of cultural landmarks for tourists, and while on a different island, is easily reachable by car thanks to the underwater tunnel.





**The National Gallery of The Faroe Islands:** Established in 1989 and specialising in Faroese art (from 1830s to today), the gallery's collection numbers about 2,800 works of art.  
11a-5p | 90 kr | 16.5km from port (21-min drive) |  | 

**Skansin:** A historic fort with cannons, WWII guns, and a white and red-striped lighthouse.  
| 24 Hours | Free | 16.5km from port (21-min drive) | 

**The Nordic House:** This grass-roofed cultural centre is a good spot for music events and art exhibitions.  
9a-5p (Mon-Fri), 10a-5p (Sat), 12p-5p (Sun) | Free | 16.5km from port (21-min drive) |  | 


**Tjóðsavnið (Faroe Islands National Museum):** Learn about the nation's natural and cultural history, in this national museum set in an old farmhouse. Ticket provides access to three museum sites: permanent gallery, open-air museum, and former whaling station.  
10a-5p | 80 kr | 16.5km from port (21-min drive) |  | 


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## RUNAVÍK & NEARBY HIGHLIGHTS

While Runavík is the commercial hub of Eysturoy Island, it is undeniably small and offers few tourist attractions. The welcome is warm and genuine, and natural beauty abounds in the surrounding parkland.

**Toftavatn:** This beautiful park centres around a lake of the same name. Stick to the path as you hike around the lake. 24 Hours | Free | 1.6km from port (23-min walk) | 

**World War II Fortress:** In nearby Nes, explore this British-built fortress – a reminder of the Faroe Islands’ involvement in WWII. The islands were occupied by the British for five years (Operation Valentine) in response to Germany occupying Denmark. 24 Hours | Free | 5km from port (8-min drive) | 

## SOMETHING TO EAT OR DRINK

**Faroese Salmon:** Many of the world’s best sushi restaurants insist on sourcing their salmon here. The islands’ largest employer, Bakkafrost, is one of three salmon companies in the Faroe Islands.

**Skerpikjøt:** Faroe Islands translates to ‘Sheep Islands’, so it’s little surprise that they’re known for delicious lamb here too. Skerpikjøt is dried, fermented mutton... nicer than it sounds! [Read more](#)

**Aquavit:** This ‘water of life’ is quite fiery. It’s a distilled spirit made from potatoes and grains, flavoured with plenty of herbs and spices.

## LOCAL PRODUCTS

**Faroese wool products** are a top buy from the Faroe Islands. If you enjoy knitting your own creations, then [Navia](#) is a leading local yarn and wool manufacturer. **Cut glass figurines** and other decorative and practical items are very popular and typical of the Faroe Islands, as are ceramics – something the archipelago shares with Denmark. Stamp collectors will have a field day in the Faroe Islands thanks to the relative rarity of their **stamps**, and interesting historic designs. If you enjoy **folk music**, then perhaps a CD of traditional island music would make for a memorable souvenir.

## FUN FACTS

The **Eysturoyartunnilin** connects Runavík with Strendur and Tórshavn. This 3-way tunnel may be home to the only submarine roundabout in the world.

There are about 80,000 speakers of Faroese in the world – most of them, of course, in the Faroe Islands themselves – but **the language is not available on Google Translate**, so the locals created their own version: [www.faroeislandstranslate.com](http://www.faroeislandstranslate.com)


## LOCAL LINGO


<b>Hello</b>	Hej	<b>Please</b>	???
<b>Goodbye</b>	Farvel	<b>Thank you</b>	Tak
<b>Toilet/Restroom</b>	Vesse	<b>Cruise Ship Port</b>	???

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