Welcome to Iceland’s oldest Carbon Neutral Tours

Only 20 minutes to the whales.

Whale Watching
Hauganes

- Since 1993 -

99,5% sightings

May-Nov 2018

ONLINE BOOKING DISCOUNT: 10%

25 minutes drive from Akureyri

Whale watching and also in the area: Sea Angling Tours

Proudly Family Owned & Operated

Classic Icelandic oak boats

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Also in the area:
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Hauganes has a special place in our hearts

We come from many generations of fishermen, born and raised here in Hauganes and have ourselves sailed the beautiful seas of Eyjafjörður fjord and around Iceland since in our teens.

The magic of the sea never ceases to amaze us, especially when we can wake up in the morning by the sound of blowing whales just a few minutes from the shore.

It will be our pleasure to have you as our guest and take you on our classic oak boats for a carbon neutral whale watching tour to remember from the village we all love.

Árni, Garðar and Halli.
Owners and passionate captains.
Hauganes

Hauganes is a small fishing village on the northwest side of Eyjafjörður fjord. A typical seaside village for this area, Hauganes is renowned for its beautiful natural environment and for its fishing industry which has been at its core for centuries.

Hauganes is a retreat for those of us who long for peace and quietness. Listening to the ocean, the seabirds, the wind. The natural elements bring us tranquility we miss so much from our busy lifestyle. Hauganes will embrace you and help you find your inner voice and peace of mind.

Whale watching Hauganes

We are the oldest whale watching tour operator in Iceland and started our regular tours back in 1989 when we allowed our guests to try their luck in sea angling. In 1993, when the whales started showing up in Eyjafjörður fjord in more numbers, it marked the beginning of our whale watching tours.

Our crew

An old Icelandic saying goes, “Þeir fiska sem róa,” meaning: “In order to catch fish, you need to row.” Our crew consists of professional fishermen and certified guides with decades of experience when it comes to fighting the elements and sailing the waters around Iceland. No worries though, Eyjafjörður fjord is very calm during the summer season and well sheltered from the North Atlantic currents. Our guides are fully trained and certified and will ensure that you will have a comfortable and informative tour.

Our oak boats

We operate two classic Icelandic oak boats, Niels Jónsson EA 106, a 17,5m fishing boat, built of oak in 1974 and Whales EA 200, is a 21,5m fishing boat built in 1954. Both boats have enjoyed good maintenance, and are spacious, comfortable and extremely stable. As there are no generators on board the engines can be turned off when approaching the whales making the approach as gentle and nonintrusive as possible. They are true beauties to behold and sail!

You will find more information on Hauganes, our company, crew and boats on our homepage www.whales.is.
We depart from Hauganes harbor in the heart of Eyjafjörður fjord. Our tour will quickly immerse you in the midst of the whale populations and rich sea life characteristic of the area. Whether the whales have ventured deep into the fjord or stay closer to Hrísey, they are always just a short trip away from Hauganes.

Enjoy a comfortable ride on our two classic Icelandic oak boats while observing the fantastic scenery, birdlife, and of course the diverse range of whale species of Eyjafjörður fjord. Commonly, we see Humpbacks, Minkes, Harbour Porpoises, and White-beaked Dolphins. If you’re lucky, you may even catch a glimpse of Orcas or Blue Whales! Enjoy a little sea angling on the return trip and have your catch filleted to take with you.

You can choose between two different tour options:

- **Whale Watching + Sea Angling**, where you can enjoy a little sea angling on the return trip and have your catch filleted to take with you.
- **100% Whale Watching**, where we focus on whale watching for the complete tour. Both tours take 2.5 to 3 hours.

### Price

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**Surfacing Humpback Whale**

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*Carbon Neutral Tours*

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Did you know

The Blue Whale can reach an age of up to 100 years. The average lifespan is 45 - 50 years.

Those prone to sea sickness can ask our staff for sea sickness tablets free of charge. We include a sightseeing guarantee where if we don’t spot whales in your tour you can get another tour free of charge.

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**Breaching Humpback Whale**

*(Excludes sea angling)*

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Eyjafjörður, a fjord full of life

Since we started our regular tours in 1993 these are the most common species of whales, fish and birds we have spotted in the fjord.

Whales of Eyjafjörður Fjord

- **Harbor Porpoise** (Phocoena phocoena) Hnisa
  - 2 m – 90 kg

- **Killer Whale** (Orcinus orca) Háhyningur
  - 10 m – 9 t

- **Minke Whale** (Balaenoptera acutorostrata) Hrefna
  - 11 m – 11 t

- **Humpback Whale** (Megaptera novaeangliae) Hnúfubakur
  - 19 m – 40 t

- **Sei Whale** (Balaenoptera borealis) Sandreyður
  - 21 m – 45 t

- **Blue Whale** (Balaenoptera musculus) Steypireyður
  - 33 m – 190 t

- **Northern bottlenose whale** (Hyperoodon ampullatus) Andarnefja
  - 10 m – 8 t

- **Long-finned pilot whale** (Globicephala melas) Grindhvalur, marsvin
  - 7 m – 3 t

Birds of Eyjafjörður Fjord

- **Haddock** (Melanogrammus aeglefinus) Ýsa

- **Atlantic Cod** (Gadus morhua) Þorskur

- **Coalfish, Saithe (UK), Pollock (US)** (Pollachius virens) Ufsi

- **Atlantic Wolffish** (Anarhichas lupus) Steinbítur

Fish of Eyjafjörður Fjord

- **Common Eider** (Somateria mollissima) Æðarfugl

- **Black-headed Gull** (Larus ridibundus) Hettumáfur

- **Mew Gull** (Larus canus) Stormmáfur

- **Iceland Gull** (Larus glaucoides) Bjartmáfur

- **Herring Gull** (Larus argentatus) Silfurmáfur

- **Razorbill** (Alca torda) Álka

- **Northern Gannet** (Morus bassanus) Súla

- **Atlantic Puffin** (Fratercula arctica) Lundi

- **Arctic Skua** (Stercorarius parasiticus) Kjói

- **Black-legged Kittiwake** (Rissa tridactyla) Rita

- **Arctic Tern** (Sterna paradisaea) Kría

- **Great Black-backed Gull** (Larus marinus) Svartbakur

- **Black Guillemot** (Cepphus grylle) Teista

- **Glaucous Gull** (Larus hyperboreus) Hvítmáfur

- **Lesser black-backed Gull** (Larus fuscus) Sílamáfur

- **Great Cormorant** (Phalacrocorax carbo) Dílaskarfur

- **Northern Fulmar** (Fulmarus glacialis) Fýll

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Whale watching TOURS


Whale Watching Hauganes est le plus ancien tour opérateur d'observation des baleines en Islande. Basé dans le nord de l'Islande, au cœur de la baie d'Eyjafjordur, nous utilisons deux bateaux en chêne traditionnels, qui nous permettent d'offrir une traversée stable et extrêmement confortable. Nous plantons un arbre pour chacune de nos excursions, rendant ainsi leur empreinte carbone neutre. Nos bateaux naviguent grâce à un approvisionnement partiel en biodiesel provenant d'huile de cuisson recyclée. 99.5% de nos excursions de l'été 2018 ont permis l'observation de baleines : baleines à bosse, baleines de Minke, marsouins, orques et baleines bleues. Les premières baleines sont visibles après 20 minutes de traversée depuis le village de Hauganes. Il ne vous faudra pas attendre longtemps pour voir ces magnifiques créatures pleines de grâce évoluer dans leur environnement naturel. Nous sommes impatients de vous les faire découvrir!

Whale Watching Hauganes es la operadora de avistamiento de ballenas más antigua de Islandia. Localizado en el corazón de Eyjafjordur, al norte de Islandia, operamos con dos barcos islandeses de roble que ofrecen un viaje extremadamente cómodo y estable. Todas nuestras giras son neutrales en emisiones de carbono. Ej. plantamos 1 árbol por cada gira de avistamiento de ballenas, para compensar la cantidad de carbono equivalente a nuestras emisiones. Además, nuestros barcos de roble utilizan biodiesel, obtenido de aceite de cocina reciclado.  En el verano de 2018, nuestra tasa de éxito de avistamientos fue de 99.5%, incluyendo ballenas jorobadas, Minkes, Marsopas de puerto, Orcas y ballenas azules. No esperarás mucho para observar estas magníficas creaturas en su hábitat natural.  Esperamos darle la bienvenida pronto!

Photos: Sigurður Ægisson - sae@sae.is
Did you know Humback Whales can dive up to 10 minutes, even longer? Whale Watching Tours Hvalaskodunar Ferðir Whale Watching Hauganes is the oldest whale watching tour operator in Iceland. Located in North Iceland, in the heart of Eyjafjörður fjord, we operate two classic Icelandic oak boats, which offer an extremely comfortable and stable ride. All our tours are carbon neutral, i.e. we plant one tree for each whale watching tour, to compensate for the amount of carbon equivalent to our emissions. Besides, our oak boats run partially on biodiesel made from recycled cooking oil. In the summer of 2018, our sighting success rate was 99.5%, including Humpbacks, Minkes, Harbour Porpoises, Orcas and Blue Whales. The whales can be reached in approximately 20 minutes sailing time from the village of Hauganes. You will not wait long to observe these magnificent and graceful creatures in their natural habitat. We look forward to welcoming you!
Did you know: Humpback milk is 50% fat and pink in color.

With our carbon neutral program, conducted in accordance with and in cooperation with local authorities, we neutralize the carbon emissions, we create through our special Whale Forest forestry plan. To compensate for the amount of carbon equivalent to our emissions, we offset our carbon dioxide emissions by planting one tree for each whale watching tour. Besides, our oak boats run partially on biodiesel made from recycled cooking oil.

You can, therefore, be assured that by travelling with Whale Watching Hauganes you minimize your carbon footprint.

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At Baccalá Bar you can sit down and enjoy the fantastic view of Eyjafjörður fjord while enjoying a good meal before or after your tour. We serve the famous “Captains favourite”, salted cod dish (bacalao) and Fish & Chips add more delicious dishes and drinks. Open 10:00 - 21:00 from May 1st to September 30th. Open for groups other months. Call 892 9795 for reservations

Within walking distance of the Hauganes harbor is Camping Hauganes. With a fantastic view to the south and close to the beach the campsite is equipped with a service station and good facilities for campers and trailers.

Relax in the unique hot tubs of Hauganes by the black beach with a breathtaking view to the south. Here you will find showers and a changing room. Your unique chance to take a swim in Eyjafjörður fjord.

Enjoy an unforgettable moment in a bathtub filled with beer, water, hops and yeast that will make your skin shine and your soul sing. This is your unique opportunity to experience the only beer spa in Iceland and even Scandinavia. Our restaurant offers a wide variety of delicious foods for all ages and our bar offers beer tasting from our local brewery Kaldi.

The Beer spa is in Árskógssandur Only 5-minutes driving distance north of Hauganes.
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Only 20 minutes sailing time distance to the whales*
Experienced captains and certified guides
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Based in Hauganes, the beautiful fishing village by the sea
Whale Watching & Sea Angling

*20 minutes on average from time of departure to the whales in 2018

5 stars on TripAdvisor
"Better than we thought possible!!"
Leah S - 5 out of 5 - Reviewed September 17, 2018
"Hands down the most fun I've ever had"
Ximena B - 5 out of 5 - Reviewed July 31, 2018

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