

# “Must do” by lake Mývatn...



## ...checklist!



- Climb up to the crater Hverfjall. Walk the whole circle around the rim of this beautiful tephra ring which is one of the largest in the world.
- Drive or cycle around Lake Mývatn, one of the largest lakes in Iceland, 37km<sup>2</sup>. Varied bird life, unique nature with landscape being formed by intense volcanic activity. Possible to rent a bike.
- Taste the traditional “Hverabrauð” with smoked trout. This is dark bread that the locals bake underground in the geothermal heat. Available at most cafe’s and restaurants.
- Take a relaxing bath in the Mývatn Naturebaths and don’t forget to try out the natural steam bath as well, but steam bathing is an old tradition in the area.
- Go birdwatching around the lake and visit Sigurgeir’s Bird Museum for an interesting showcase and great information on Icelandic birds and their habits.
- Take a sightseeing flight from the local airport in Reykjahlíð village. It sure looks different from above, great views over the region.
- Rent a bike and cycle to the Höfði Peninsula. Great view to the lake, rich birdlife, trees and vegetation. There is a hiking path around the peninsula and great view from the top of the hill.
- Get lost in Dimmuborgir lava formations. Great place for hiking, with marked trails that take you around these beautiful natural formations. Beware of the trolls and elves around.
- Explore the pseudocraters at Skútustaðir, interesting crater formations formed in steam explosions when molten lava flowed over wetland.

- Visit the geothermal area Hverir by Námaskarð. High temperature area where you find steaming fumaroles and bubbling mudpools. Watch out it’s boiling hot !
- Get to know the Icelandic horse and it’s good temper by taking a riding tour through the beautiful district of Lake Mývatn. No riding experience needed.
- Visit the Krafla area, one of Iceland’s most active volcanic area. Marked hiking trail to Leirhnjúkur, where the lava is still steaming hot since last eruption in 1984.
- Hike the marked trail to the top of Mt. Vindbelgur. Amazing view over the lake, pseudocraters and the Mývatn region from the top.
- Take a day tour to the Askja Caldera and the nature reserve Herðubreiðarlindir. Scenes of unforgettable Icelandic nature and geology. Only accessible by 4x4.
- Experience the Aurora Borealis - Northern lights, during winter time. You can also go on a snowmobile tour or nordic skiing tour on the frozen Lake Mývatn.
- Meet the Icelandic Yule Lads in Dimmuborgir during the month of December. These are the 13 “santa clauses” of Iceland, funny and interesting fellows.
- Buy a traditional Icelandic woolen sweater, as a souvenir to take home. Knitted by the local ladies.
- Participate in the Myvatn Marathon held in May every year. One of the best views one can get while running a marathon. The track goes around the lake.
- Explore the beautiful cave Lofthellir, a weird world of ice and darkness. Amazing ice sculptures inside the lava cave. Only accessible on a guided tour and 4x4.

Unforgettable experience

