

2025



*Welcome on board*

# Whale Watching & Arctic Expeditions



**NORTH SAILING**  
SINCE 1995

**97%** Average Sightings  
— Since 1995 —

# Let's go Whale Watching!

## The best time of day to see whales?



Great news! Any time of day is good to go whale watching. After three decades, we have discovered that there is no specific time of day when whales are more active than others. Whether you are an early bird or a sunset lover, your chance of seeing whales is just as good.

## How likely is it to see whales?



Every tour in wild nature is unique, and the element of surprise makes it exciting! But with a noteworthy 97% overall sightings for the last 30 years, the chances are definitely in your favour!

## Refreshments on all tours



On all trips, we offer fairtrade hot chocolate and cinnamon buns from a local bakery—perfect for wrapping up a successful tour!

## We'll keep you warm!



We provide everyone with warm overalls and raincoats if needed. However, we still recommend bringing warm clothes, hats, and gloves.

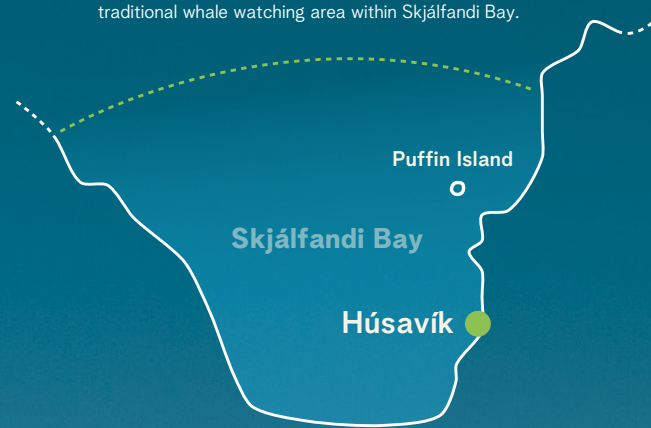
## Toilets on board



No need to worry, there are toilets on board all of our boats.

## Whale Watching area

On all our tours from Húsavík we visit the same traditional whale watching area within Skjálfandi Bay.



**Book now – pay later**  
Pay online or upon arrival



**Total flexibility**  
To update your booking



**Free for children**  
6 years and younger



**Free cancellation**  
Up to 24 hours before

We recommend booking *in advance*  
**northsailing.is**

Best Seller

## Original Whale Watching

**3 HOURS** approx.

**12.990 ISK**  
6.500 ISK 7–15 years  
FREE 0–6 years

Eco-friendly

## Silent Whale Watching

**3 HOURS** approx.

**14.490 ISK**  
7.500 ISK 7–15 years  
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Home of the Puffins

## Whales & Puffins

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## Whales & Sails

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Citizen Science

## Whales, Sails & Science

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On electric boat Andvari \* Except on Thursdays Every Thursday Not on a sailboat

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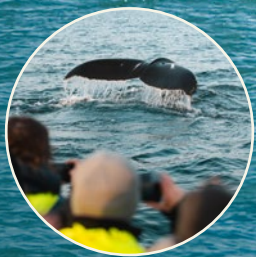
# Original Whale Watching

A truly memorable whale watching exploration, recommended by thousands of travellers.

“We were lucky to spot feeding humpback whales, a group of dolphins, and on the way home we even had the privilege of encountering a mother humpback whale and her calf. An unforgettable experience!”



Hot chocolate and cinnamon buns served on the way home on all tours!



More space  for passengers

For an even better experience we have reduced the capacity on all our boats down to approximately 80%!

Researchers on board 

University of Iceland's Research Centre in Húsavík studies whales and marine life in cooperation with North Sailing, so you might see researchers working on board. Don't hesitate to ask them about their work if you wish to learn more.

Keep your eyes open 

Let's see if you can spot a whale before the crew does! When searching for whales, the crew relies on their vision, binoculars and their experience in reading nature.



Blow



Dorsal fin

Fluke



## The Original Húsavík Whale Watching on a Traditional Icelandic Oak Boat

Discover the magnificent nature of Skjálfandi Bay, where you can see whales and sea birds in their natural habitat. Explore their world while on board a traditional Icelandic oak boat with our professional and highly qualified crew. Can you imagine a nicer day at sea?

12.990 ISK

6.500 ISK 7–15 years

FREE 0–6 years



Book this tour



Eco-friendly

# Silent Whale Watching

Glide silently alongside the whales on an electric boat.  
A tranquil whale watching experience.


“Amazing experience in a wonderful scenery! Eco-friendly sailing with the Andvari boat and a very nice crew. We saw some humpback whales close and it was fantastic! Extraordinary experience and beautiful emotions in Húsavík!”



“You can hear the whales breathe!”

“I highly recommend taking the silent electric boat. You also help the environment and have a much richer experience.”



Hot chocolate and  cinnamon buns served on the way home on all tours!



## Eco-Friendly Whale Watching on an Electric Boat

Andvari, our **electric and silent boat**, is among the most animal and environmentally friendly whale watching vessels in the world! While quietly sailing around Skjálfandi Bay, you get a unique opportunity to observe the whales with minimal disturbance.



14.490 ISK

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Home of the Puffins

# Whales and Puffins

The perfect combination. A whale watching excursion with a stop by the peaceful Puffin Island.



## Whale Watching with a Visit to the Friendly Puffins

How could your whale watching tour possibly get better? Of course by **sailing around Puffin Island**, the home of thousands of puffins! In this magical wildlife adventure, **whale and puffin watching** are combined. In addition to seeing whales in their natural habitat, you get to see the funny little puffins nesting, flying around and diving for food.

14.990 ISK

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Hot chocolate and cinnamon buns served on the way home! ☕

Skjálfandi Bay \*

Puffin Island

Húsavík

“Seeing both whales and puffins was truly an amazing experience that I will never forget.”

- Puffin Island is home to over **100.000 puffins!**
- **60%** of the world's puffins breed in Iceland.



\* As shown on the map above, the tour starts by sailing around Puffin Island before heading out to the whale watching area or the other way around. Don't worry—we still spend the same amount of time observing whales as we do on the other tours.

Traditional Sailing

# Whales and Sails

Experience the best of Iceland's fantastic wildlife and traditional sailing culture!



"We got to see whales and sail on a really beautiful boat! They even let passengers help raise the sails, which I loved!"

## Built on Tradition

Our fleet consists of traditional oak boats that were common fishing boats in Iceland but are nowadays quite rare. All boats have been restored and adapted to their new role without compromising their original character.



## Authentic Whale Watching on a Traditional Sailboat

Sail through Skjálfandi Bay on a traditional **Icelandic schooner** and observe an abundance of **marine wildlife**. Learn traditional sailing techniques from our friendly crew and participate in hoisting the sails. Let our schooners **inspire you** as you take in the stunning surroundings on this authentic whale watching adventure from Húsavík!

14.490 ISK

7.500 ISK 7-15 years

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Book this tour



HOURS



All our sailing tours are powered by the boats' engines as we cannot count on the wind in the sails to be our primary source of power. However, we will use every opportunity to hoist the sails.

# Whales, Sails & Science

Participate in ocean research, micro-plastic analysis and gain a deeper insight into the life of whales.

*“The marine biologists on board were great storytellers and carried out scientific research during the tour.”*

## Join the Mission!

15% of your ticket price goes to Ocean Missions, a non-profit organisation in Húsavík focused on ocean conservation, research, and education. After the tour, visit their **exhibition room** for a guided walkthrough and learn more about their inspiring projects.

## Educational Whale Watching with a Positive Impact

Together with **Ocean Missions** we want to **inspire people** to take direct action towards ocean conservation by combining science, education and adventures on board our traditional sailing boats. Join us on this meaningful citizen-science whale watching tour and make a **positive impact** on the sustainable future of our oceans.

14.990 ISK

7.500 ISK 7–15 years

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3,5 HOURS



# Árskógssandur Whale Watching

Join us for an unforgettable whale watching adventure from the charming village of Árskógssandur, only a 30-minute drive from Akureyri.

“It was a wonderful experience. We saw a lot of whales. Also, the crew was very nice and helpful. I truly recommend the whale watching Árskógssandur.”



## Welcome to Árskógssandur

The picturesque village of Árskógssandur is located on the western shore of Eyjafjörður, only a 30-minute drive north of Akureyri. With breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and the tranquil waters of the fjord, Árskógssandur is the perfect place for a pleasant visit with seaside adventures.



## Classic Whale Watching from Árskógssandur village

Step aboard our **traditional** wooden vessel and sail around the scenic **Eyjafjörður** for a chance to watch whales and dolphins in their natural surroundings. Our **friendly** crew will share knowledge about the area and these amazing creatures throughout the tour.

**11.990 ISK**

**6.000 ISK** 7–15 years

**FREE** 0–6 years



Book this tour



“The trip itself was fabulous! The crew was lovely, and we got to see a few humpback whales and a minke whale in the distance. It was awe-inspiring to be out on the Fjord and the hot cocoa they gave us in the cool wind hit the spot. I definitely recommend it for families, friends, and couples!”



## Daily departures from Árskógssandur 2025

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Book your tour at

[whalewatchingeyjafjordur.is](http://whalewatchingeyjafjordur.is)

The timetable shows availability for the season of 2025 and is subject to change. All prices in this brochure are valid for the season of 2025.

\*Except on weekends °Until 15th December



*3-Day Sailing Expedition*

# Sailing the Edge of the Arctic

Cross the Arctic Circle during Summer Solstice onboard the award-winning sailboat Ópal.

“Our trip to the ‘Edge of the Arctic’ was a fantastic experience, never have I been so close to dolphins, whales and birds. So, being at the edge of the arctic is also being right in the centre of wildlife.”

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## Summer Solstice at the Arctic Circle on board Schooner Ópal

Set sails into the remote wilderness of the Arctic Coast of Iceland. Rugged and untouched nature, otherworldly landscapes. Slow down and discover the authentic North; Viking settlements, arctic wildlife and the original coastal culture.

We travel from Húsavík harbour to explore the remote Islands and majestic coastline at the Edge of the Arctic. Our experienced crew will guide you along to discover the hidden treasures and historical settlements of the north. All meals onboard cooked by our very own arctic chef – inspired by local traditions and ingredients. The journey is full of exploration and experiences.

**MORE INFO, AVAILABILITY AND PRICES AT [NORTHSAILING.IS](http://NORTHSAILING.IS)**



*8-Day Sailing Expedition*

# Greenland Expedition

Encounter the arctic landscape and wildlife in one of the most remote places in the world.

“A wooden sailing ship, wonderful cooking, beautiful views and excellent crew. The strong presence by nature, a polar bear, arctic hare, grouse and muskox, flowers and other vegetation. The unreal view of icebergs nearby and the light at dusk and dawn gave the trip a very strong impression. Thanks for a wonderful trip and truly a lifechanging experience!”

## Sail and Explore the Natural Wonders of Scoresby Sound in East Greenland

Sail in the largest and one of the most remote fjords on Earth, surrounded by untouched natural phenomena such as glaciers, icebergs and ice crusts. Far from being your everyday experience, the picturesque sceneries are unparalleled. Whether in Red Island's Iceberg city, the mountainous Øfjord, overlooking amazing archipelagos near Bear Island or scouting for wildlife in Harefjord, Greenland's spectacular landscape leaves everyone speechless.

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*13-Day Sailing Expedition*

# East Greenland Extended

Our all-time favourite Scoresby Sound expedition with five extra days, including crossing back to Húsavík, Iceland.

“Scoresby Sound was as magical as I had hoped, and with the amazing changing weather, we had encounters with muskox, polar bears, and seals. This trip was truly one for the books! I’m leaving with so many stories to share. A big thanks to the crew who made it all possible!”

## Discover the Hidden Wonders of Scoresby Sound on this extended expedition

Embark on this extraordinary expedition into the vast landscapes of Scoresby Sound, the most extensive fjord system in the world. With more time to explore, we travel at a slow pace to fully appreciate all the elements and visit unforgettable places as we sail the magnificent fjords of Scoresby Sound, discovering the hidden gems of this Arctic paradise.

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*Multi-Day Skiing Expeditions*

# Ski and Sail Expeditions

Ski from a snowy summit to the sea and enjoy breathtaking views of blue fjords.

*When finishing the last turn of the day, the skiing part is over, and we pick you up with a zodiac. Now, ladies and gents, it's time for Après-Ski! Onboard Ópal, there are two great spots to relax and enjoy some well-deserved rest. You can't go wrong by jumping into a warm hot tub or chilling by the fireplace in the main saloon.*

## Ski to the Sea and discover new slopes and fresh adventures every day

Whether you choose the Troll Peninsula in Northern Iceland or the Hornstrandir area in the West Fjords of Iceland, we promise an unforgettable experience. Our expeditions combine the best of backcountry skiing and sailing. Operating from our hybrid-electric schooner Ópal – our highly skilled and professional crew anchor in remote fjords for a breathtaking and unique adventure.

**AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

**SEE MORE ON [SCHOONEROPAL.IS](https://schooneropal.is)**

*Tailor-Made Tours on Ópal*

# Adventures on Schooner Ópal

The hybrid-electric wooden sailboat Ópal, the flagship of North Sailing, is a unique platform for meaningful and inspiring adventures.

*Sailing on the adventurous Ópal is an experience that leaves no one untouched. Bringing together the best of both worlds, Ópal has an authentic charm and feel while driven by an award-winning hybrid-electric engine.*

**Step aboard the authentic Schooner Ópal for an adventure of a lifetime!**

With an on-deck wooden hot tub, great facilities and a cosy salon with a fireplace below deck, sailing on Ópal is always an amazing adventure. It's a unique way of travelling with friends and like-minded people, creating unforgettable experiences with a positive impact. Ópal is available for tailor-made tours and expeditions, charters, meetings, concerts, and other special events.

**AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

**SEE MORE ON [SCHOONEROPAL.IS](http://SCHOONEROPAL.IS)**

*Visit the peaceful*

# Flatey Island Skjálfandi

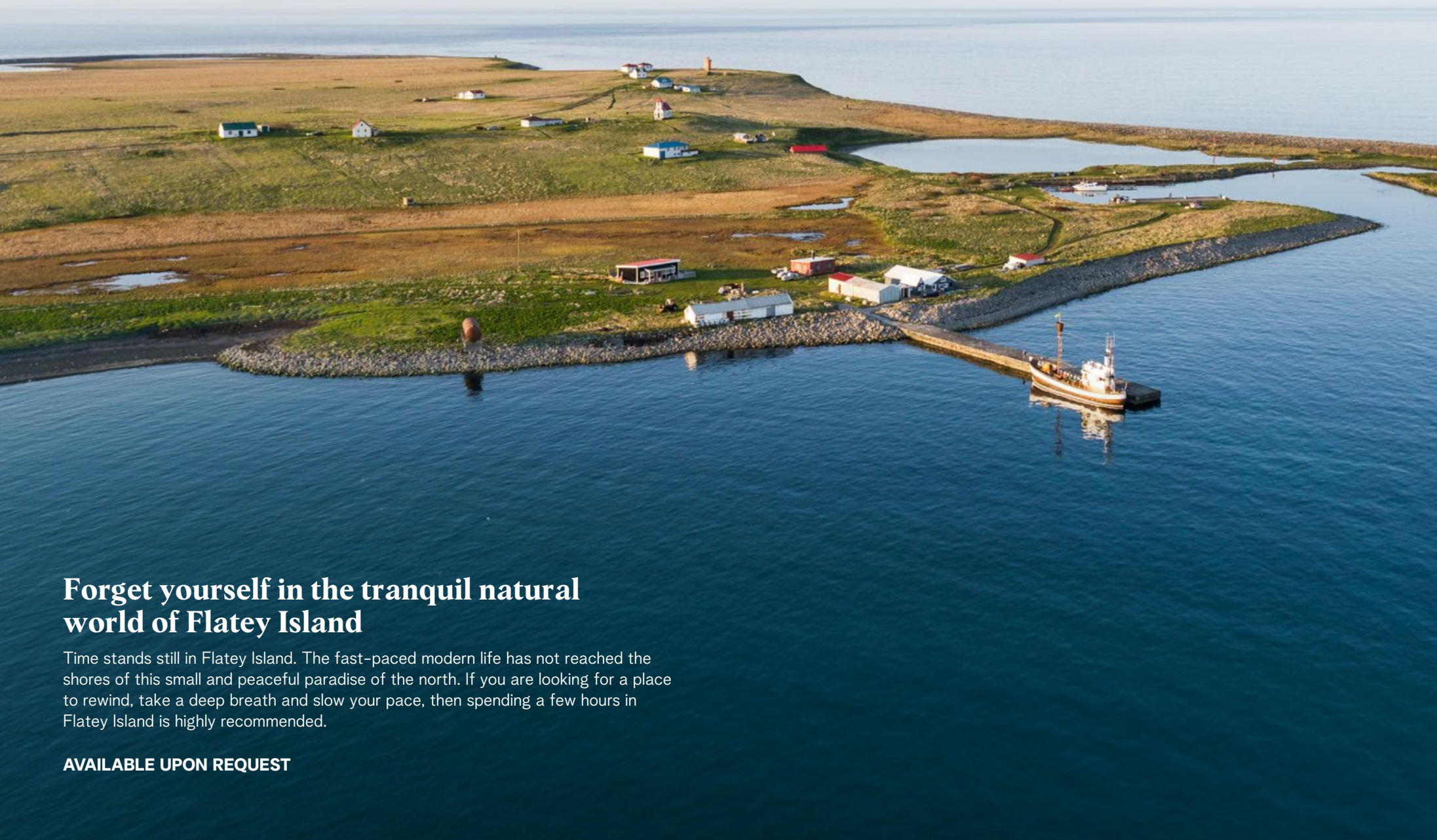
Travel back in time to the deserted Flatey Island in Skjálfandi Bay. Once home to a small community of fishermen and their families, this tranquil birding paradise offers a glimpse into a world that once was.

“The island has an extraordinary birdlife with over 30 species to be seen during the summertime, including the Arctic Tern, Common Eider and Puffins. It is easy to forget yourself in the tranquil natural beauty of the island.”

## Forget yourself in the tranquil natural world of Flatey Island

Time stands still in Flatey Island. The fast-paced modern life has not reached the shores of this small and peaceful paradise of the north. If you are looking for a place to rewind, take a deep breath and slow your pace, then spending a few hours in Flatey Island is highly recommended.

**AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**



*Meditation at Sea*

# Sailing with Gong

Come and enjoy the healing sound of the gong while sailing out in Skjálfandi Bay. Meditation and relaxation in beautiful surroundings.

“Gong sailing on Opal! So nourishing and a whole different world. Thank you to North Sailing, Huld and Arnbjörg for Fully charging my batteries!”

**Get closer to your inner self and experience the gong while sailing in Skjálfandi Bay**

Yoga instructors Huld Hafliðadóttir, from Spirit North, and Arnbjörg Kristín Konráðsdóttir, from Gong North, lead the journey and play the gongs. The gong sailing will take place in the scenic surroundings of Skjálfandi Bay, which is renowned as the Whale Capital of Iceland. Onboard our sailing ships, you become one with the ocean while rocking back and forth significantly enhancing the gong experience.

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*Blue Therapy and Gong by the Arctic*

# Solstice Meditation Journey

Sailing meditation onboard the authentic sailboat  
Opal towards the tranquil Flatey Island in  
Skjálfandi Bay, North Iceland.



## The healing ocean world of Skjálfandi Bay

Sail around Skjálfandi Bay, a beloved Hope Spot in North East Iceland and nestled only a few nautical miles from the Arctic Circle for an immersive Solstice meditation journey where we will enjoy the healing benefits of Blue Therapy. The eco-friendly, award-winning schooner Ópal will be our home for the trip, giving us an experience of silent, slow travel while mindfully recharging in pure nature.

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*Tailor-Made*

# Sailing Adventures

With our fleet of eleven fantastic wooden boats and highly experienced crew we can create every arctic adventure you can dream of. Get in touch and let's explore together!

## *Sales and Marketing Team*



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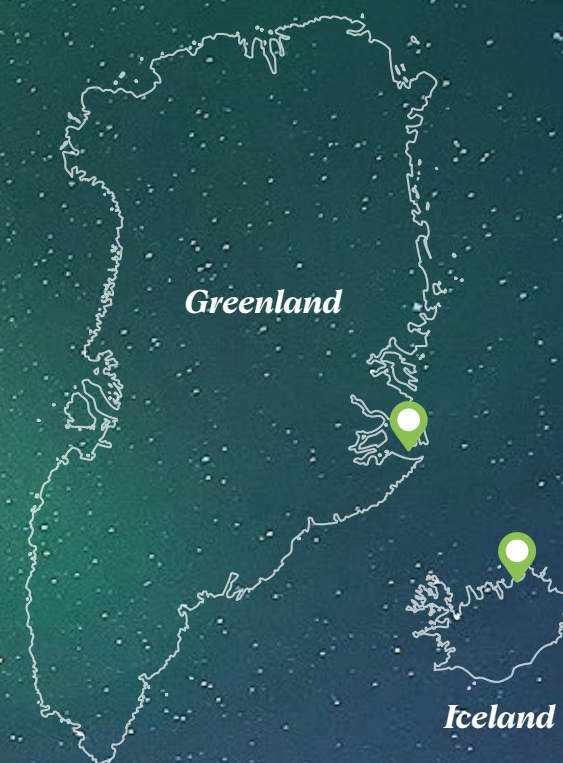
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