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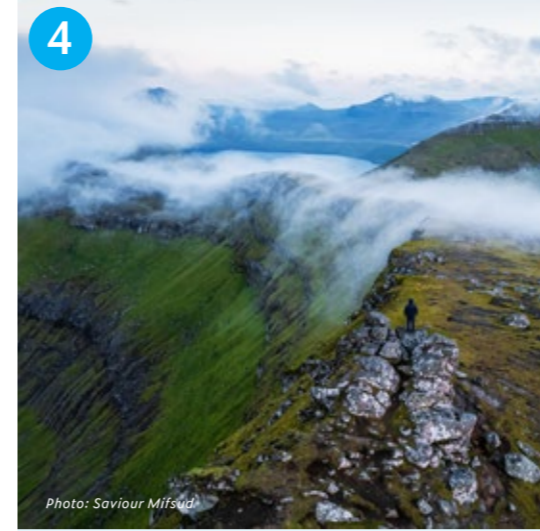


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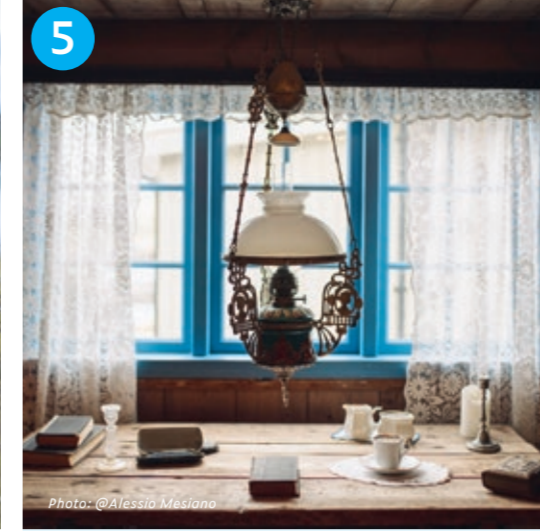


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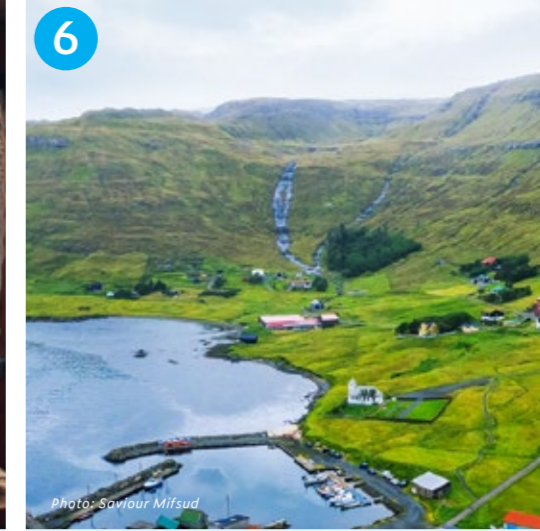


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SEVEN HIGHLIGHTS

Eysturoy is as varied in experiences as in nature.

Visitors can see the importance of wool and knitting at Snældan's local spinners and at Navia, the knitwear shop. Handicraft shops and the annual Knitting Festival attract many visitors.

Experience Heimablídni (home dining), HOYMAbit (home concerts), and local music events, galleries, or museums. Annual events include regional fairs with traditional rowing competitions, various culture festivals, and the popular G! Festival.

Here are seven highlights we recommend.

GJÓGV

– Hard to pronounce, easy to love

Gjógv gets its name from the 200-metre-long sea-filled gorge running from the village into the sea. For centuries, the gorge was used as a landing place for local boats. With the steps leading down to the gorge, it is a perfect place to enjoy the dramatic sounds of the sea.

With fewer than 30 inhabitants, Gjógv has an abundance of charm as well as spectacular hikes that offer stunning views of the North Atlantic and the surrounding islands. You will also find a charming café, a guesthouse, and a campsite.

How to say Gjógv? Try 'Jake' and add a 'v'!

RISIN AND KELLINGIN

– A rock-solid failure to launch

Legend has it that the Giant and the Hag, or Risin and Kellingin, were sent from Iceland in the dead of night to bring the Faroe Islands to Iceland. The hag tried to fasten a rope, but when the giant pulled, the ground split.

Preoccupied and frustrated by many unsuccessful attempts, they failed to leave before sunrise, and sunlight turned them into stone: the sea stacks you see today. The place by the binoculars is also a great spot to enjoy a beautiful sunset.

Don't miss the nearby village, Eiði, with its local museum, Látrið, the beautiful church, and its lake by the ocean.

Please note there is no snow clearing of the road between Eiði and Gjógv in winter.

THE CHURCH OF FUNNINGUR

– History and culture

Funningur, possibly the oldest village in the Faroe Islands, is surrounded by steep mountains with a river that runs between the colourful houses, separating the church from the cemetery.

The church is from 1847, one of ten remaining wooden churches, and the fifth church in this location. Inside, it is full of artistic gems. An unpainted crucifix, originating from the first church, taken down in 1690, is said to have drifted ashore near the church.

The carved walls and unpainted wood, which have aged into a golden colour, make the church particularly warm and attractive.

For a beautiful view overlooking Funningur, visit the Hvithamar viewpoint.

ALTARIÐ

– A detour worth taking

The hike to Hellurnar starts in Fuglafjørður, either from the charming central park or from historic Ribarhús with its handicraft shop and café. This path is a gentle slope along the river up to the pass. From here, take the detour to Altarið (483m), the Altar, offering a stunning view of Kalsoy.

The village path continues from the pass, past the hidden people's mounds, and ends in a steep descent on an ancient stone path near Hellurnar. Explore the peaceful village before following the path along the shore to Oyndarfjørður.

On your return, stroll through town, visiting local shops for souvenirs, coffee and ice cream, or a meal at Restaurant Muntra.

BLÁSASTOVA

– Historical farmhouse in Viking village

Step into history and explore this original 19th-century farmhouse in Norðragøta. The museum gives you a unique opportunity to explore and experience Faroese culture and our ancestors' way of life. You can also see the storehouses, a boat house and the traditional church built in 1833, as well as the statue of Tróndur í Gøtu, an important Viking chieftain who lived here.

The village path, which starts right by the museum, will take you over the mountain to Leirvík, where you will find a Viking settlement and the Boat and Art Museum, showcasing the importance of the Faroese boat.

SELATRAÐ

– From Thingstead to Scout centre

Selatrað is a peaceful village on the west coast of Eysturoy. Historically, it was the Thing site for the spring assembly, with gallows for those convicted here. You may still find the Thing stone and the base of the gallows.

Today, Selatrað is a popular family destination because of the plantation from 1913, a river basin, and a secluded beach. These surroundings also make it perfect for the Scout centre and their assemblies and activities.

From Selatrað, there are two hiking trails: to Skála and to Skálafjørður. To explore Eysturoyarsýllin, a spectacular basalt sill visible above the village, just follow the river.

NAVIA

– Tradition and innovation in wool

Navia is a modern knitwear company with a rich history that goes back four generations in wool, knitwear, yarn production and in running a family sheep farm.

Navia produces different types of yarn, from colourful blends to traditional Faroese, as well as knitwear and popular knitting patterns.

At the Navia shop, you can explore our rich knitting heritage and Navia's wide range of woollen sweaters and yarn. With onsite production, Navia offers a diverse collection made locally in the Faroes.

Navia values sustainability which means treasuring traditional Faroese yarn and sweaters, but also investing in new innovative technology, which has allowed Navia to reduce waste in a new product line with a sustainable local production.

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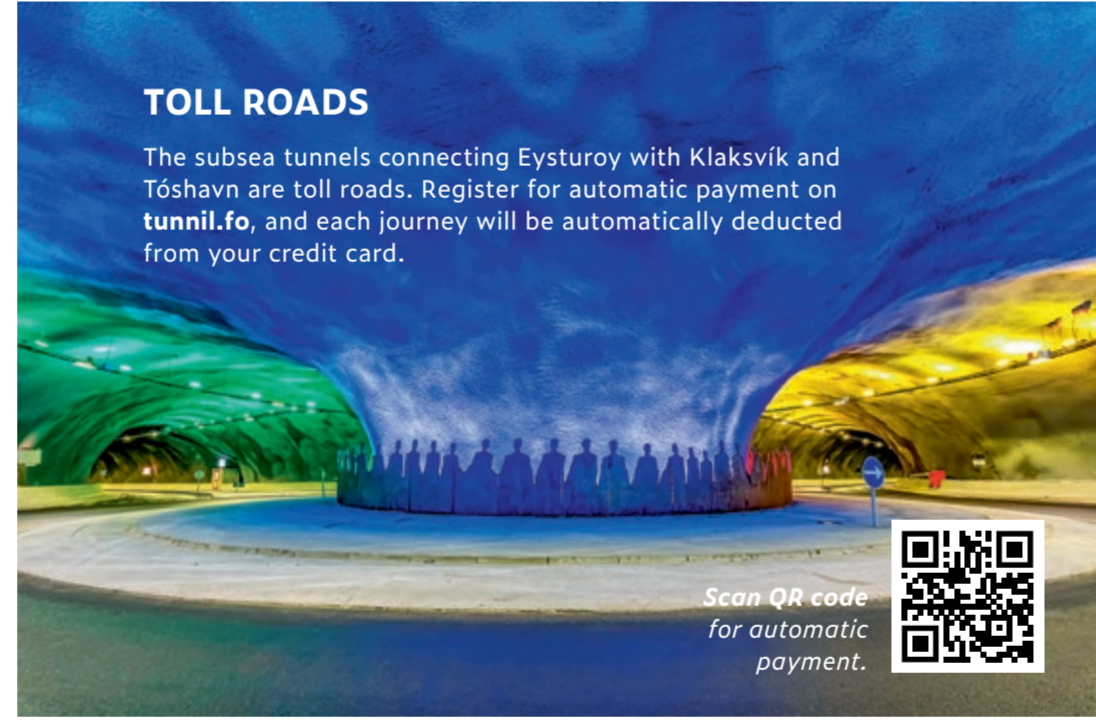
YOUR OFFICIAL GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON IN THE FAROE ISLANDS.



What's On

TOLL ROADS

The subsea tunnels connecting Eysturoy with Klaksvík and Tóshavn are toll roads. Register for automatic payment on tunnil.fo, and each journey will be automatically deducted from your credit card.



Scan QR code for automatic payment.



GUIDELINES

Following these simple yet essential guidelines will give you an enjoyable and unforgettable journey in the Faroe Islands

- ▶ Stay on designated paths at all times
- ▶ It is customary to always keep your voice down when travelling in nature
- ▶ Always bring your rubbish with you
- ▶ Minimise disturbing sheep, wildlife, and nature by walking on designated paths
- ▶ Keep up the tradition. Gather litter and loose wool on your journey
- ▶ Never build or take down ancient cairns – they function as landmarks so you don't get lost
- ▶ Camping is only permitted at designated campsites
- ▶ Check weather forecasts to see if hiking is advisable
- ▶ Equip yourself for all types of weather
- ▶ Beware! It can be cold in the mountain
- ▶ Refrain from walking too close to cliffs – no picture is worth dying for
- ▶ Always hike with others. It is recommended to hike with a local guide
- ▶ Notify someone where you plan to hike. It is advisable to leave your 'safe travel' leaflet
- ▶ Keep informed about seasonal farming and hunting activities

DRIVING

All major highways are paved. Many roads and tunnels leading to villages can be very narrow, so please choose a safe speed according to the conditions.

On the map, you can see which roads are one-lane roads. To keep traffic flowing, these roads have lay-bys (widened sections formed to one side as to leave the road free for others to pass).

These lay-bys are NOT to be used for parking.

ⓘ Tourist routes in the Faroe Islands are called Sóljuleiðir (Buttercup routes). On tourist routes, you can drive slowly and enjoy the trip and the stunning surrounding nature without disturbing the traffic on the main roads

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public transport around the islands is efficient and affordable. If you have the time to travel according to the pace of the timetables, you won't need to rent a car.

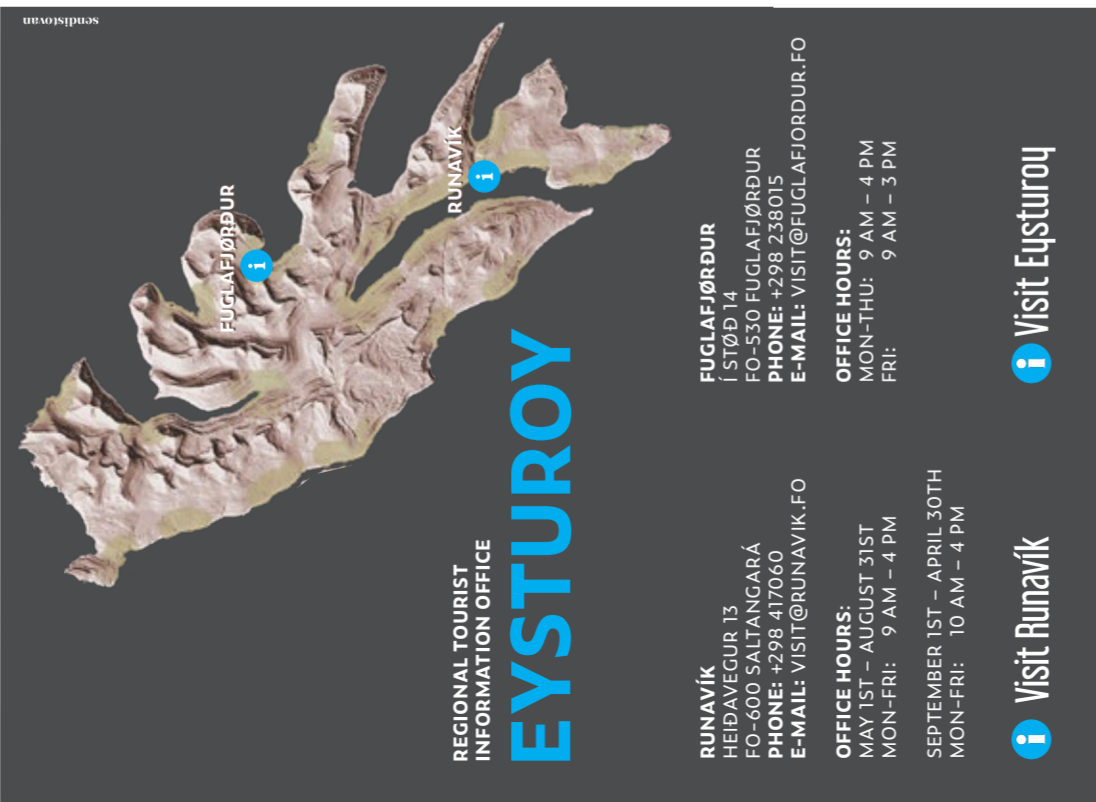
Timetable for the buses can be found here:



MAP of EYSTUROY

– yours to unfold

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Visit Eysturoy

Visit Runavík



EYSTUROY

The largest fjord and the highest mountain in the country are quite easy to find, but this map also invites you to explore some lesser-known attractions, such as ancient Viking settlements, volcanic basalt columns and some of the best road trips and hiking in the Faroe Islands.

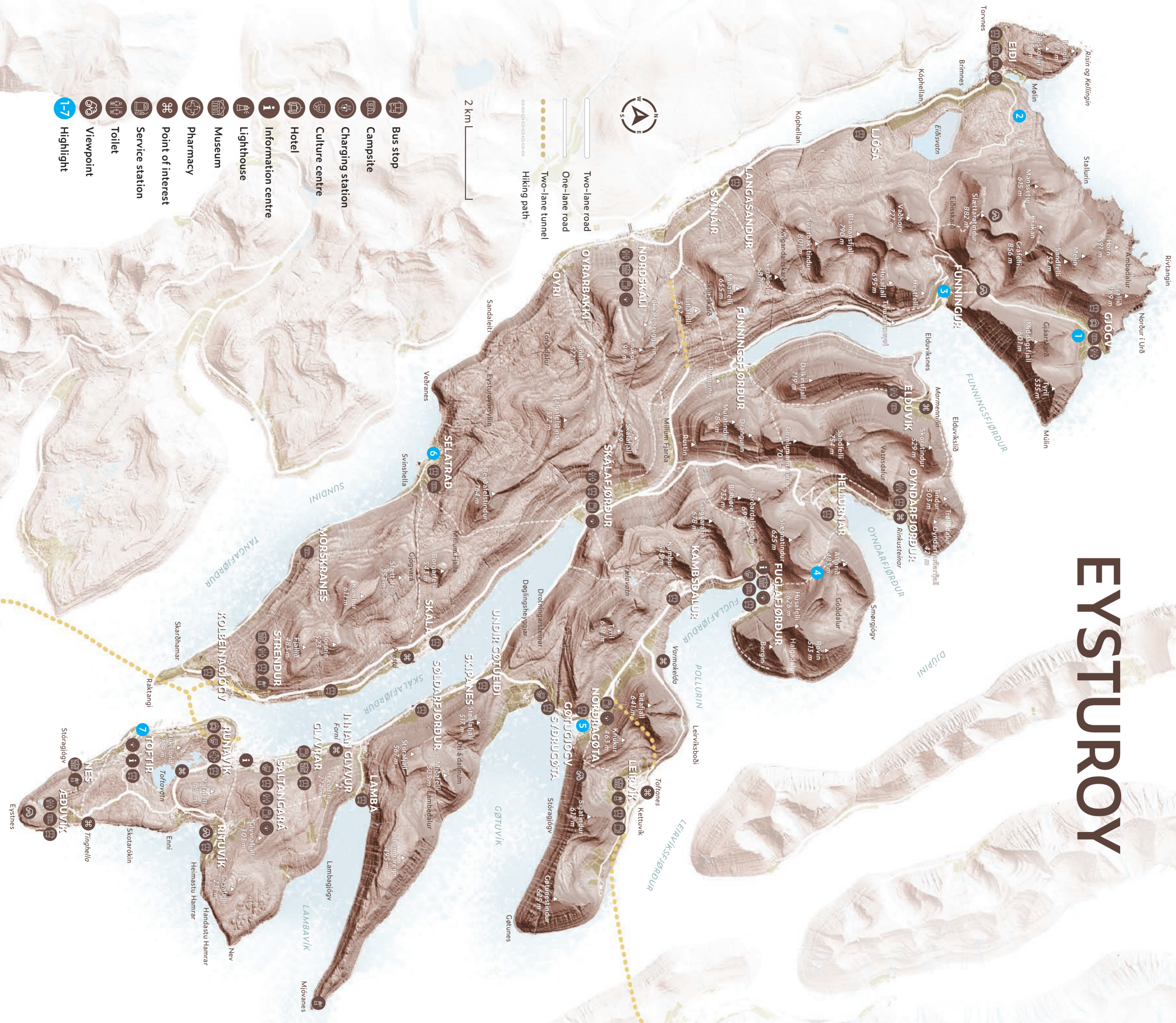
WELCOME TO EYSTUROY

Eysturoy is the second largest of the Faroe Islands. Between the deep valleys and high mountains, you'll find magnificent views, and in the scenic towns and charming villages, you'll find an excellent base for your stay.



Visit Faroe Islands

EYSTUROY



-  Bus stop
-  Campsite
-  Charging station
-  Culture centre
-  Hotel
-  Information centre
-  Lighthouse
-  Museum
-  Pharmacy
-  Point of interest
-  Service station
-  Toilet
-  Viewpoint
-  Highlight