



Faroe Islands (Torshavn), Denmark

The unspoiled Faeroe Islands lie far off the beaten track in the North Atlantic. Discovered by Irish hermits in the 8th century AD, the 18 islands were settled by Vikings 100 years later. While Faeroes means "Sheep Islands," the people of these weather-beaten rocks have always turned to the sea for sustenance. Tórshavn, with a population of about 15,000 souls, is the capital of the archipelago. The islands are part of the Kingdom of Denmark, though they possess their own parliament, language and currency.

Colorful houses surround the harbor at Tórshavn. The town's older houses present a unique image with their tar-colored walls and green-grass roofs.

1 Tórshavn

Tórshavn is the capital of the Faroe Islands, and the Vikings founded the first parliament here around 900 years ago. Its old fortress, dating back to 1580, was built to defend Tórshavn from pirates.

2 Kirkjuboe

Kirkjuboe is the southernmost village on Streymoy, and an important religious center. It is home to the ruined Magnus Cathedral which dates back to 1300, and a historic 900-year-old farmhouse.

3 Kvikvik

Kvikvik village sits on the small river Stora, and has less than 500 inhabitants. It's one of the oldest settlements in the Faroes and boasts excavations that have shown the remains of Viking houses.

4 Leynar Lake

Beautiful Lake Leynar is famous for its hand-built salmon ladders, while the charming village of Leynar, on Streymoy's pretty west coast, is home to many talented craftsmen including wood turners.

5 Vestmanna

The tiny fishing port of Vestmanna translates as 'west man', and is home to cliffs that rise to over 1,800 feet. Here, you will find some 40 species of sea birds, including puffins and kittiwakes.

6 Sandavagur

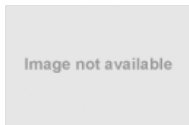
The former seat of the King's Minister from 1555 to 1816, it has been voted the most well-kept village in the Faroes. The red-roofed church is home to an ancient rune stone dating back to 1200 A.D.

7 Saksun

With a population of less than 50 people, remote Saksun is famous for its church that was originally built in Tjornuvik, a village in the north of the island, but was reassembled in Saksun in 1858.

8 Vagar

Sightseeing & City Tours



Scenic Drive

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Enjoy a picturesque drive designed for passengers who wish to see the magical sights with little or no walking. Take in views of Tórshavn from the pastures above the capital, through pretty towns that feature traditional turf-covered buildings and travel through a mile-long tunnel beneath the mountains.



from \$49

approx. 2 hours



Leynar & Sandavagur

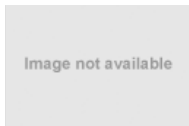
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Learn more about the life of a Faroe craftsman with a visit to a wood-turner's workshop in pretty Leynar, before taking a guided walk through stunning Sandavagur. Here you will view the ancient rune stone that is housed in the village's quaint red-roofed church.



from \$59

approx. 3.5 hours



Off the Beaten Path

Saksun & Kollafjoerd's Lutheran Church

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Tour a the tiny village of Saksun and visit a 17th-century farm house, before heading to Kollafjoerd to tour the charming church that features a traditional turf-roof. Along the way enjoy the magnificent Norse landscape - a heady combination of dramatic mountains, waterfalls and sheep pastures.



from \$59

approx. 3.5 hours

Special Interests



Most Popular

City Walk, Kirkjuboe & National Historical Museum

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Enjoy a walking tour through pretty Kirkjubour village, which is home to the 13th-century Magnus cathedral, traditional buildings that feature turfed roofs, and a 9th-century farmhouse. Then drive through the green mountain valleys above Tórshavn, the capital of the Faroes, before strolling around the colorful old town.



from \$59

approx. 3 hours

Cruising the Vestmanna Sea Cliffs

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Experience the magical wonder of the Faroe Islands on this extraordinary motor cruise along the stunning sea cliffs at Vestmanna, home to hundreds of seabirds including puffins, kittiwakes and stormy petrels. Sail through one of the breathtaking sea caves before heading back to the charming fishing village.



approx. **4 hours**



Sailing With Schooner "Nordlýsid"

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Faroe Islanders claim the only true way to absorb the beauty of their 18 islands is from the bow of a boat, surging through frothy waves, so enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime taste of traditional sea-faring life aboard the Nordlýsid, a restored fishing schooner.

Points of Interest information not available for this excursion

from **\$69**
approx. **3 hours**

Activities & Adventures



Fjord & Sea Cliffs by Zodiac

FAE-515 | Faroe Islands (Torshavn), Denmark

Enjoy a super-fun safari adventure on a RIB, or Rigid Inflatable Boat, exploring the nature-rich sea cliffs and fjords near Tórshavn. Join your captain, who will perform acrobatic turns and spins on this high-speed vessel, which is capable of skimming over water at breathtaking speeds.

from **\$129**
approx. **2.8 hours**