

## Faroe Islands Photo Tour information

The Faroe Islands, a remote archipelago in the North Atlantic, are a true paradise for photographers seeking untouched and dramatic landscapes. With their rugged mountains, towering cliffs, deep fjords, and picturesque villages, the Faroe Islands offer an endless palette of breathtaking natural scenes.

During this photography tour, you'll have the opportunity to capture the wild essence of these islands, exploring their hidden corners and panoramic views. Get ready to immerse yourself in nature, where the light constantly shifts, creating perfect conditions for capturing unique and unforgettable images.

### **Getting to the Faroe Islands**

The most common and fastest way to reach the Faroe Islands from the U.S is via Iceland to Vágur airport. Vágur Airport (FAE) is the archipelago's only airport and receives international flights. Atlantic Airways, the national airline, offers direct flights from several European cities, including Copenhagen (Denmark), Reykjavik (Iceland), Bergen (Norway), Edinburgh (Scotland), and Paris (France).

Iceland Air also operates daily summer routes to the Faroe Islands. Please note that this season they did delay and cancelled a fair number of flights due to weather. The reason being that they operate with a smaller aircraft so they are limited at times if there are cross winds, low hanging clouds or dense fog.

Note: Atlantic Airways do not operate on a daily basis to and from Reykjavik, so Copenhagen (Atlantic Airways has multiple flights daily and SAS one flight a day) might be a good alternative if Iceland does not fit your intended travel plans.

**Accommodation:**

A 45 minute drive from the airport you will stay at Hotel Foroyar, a four star hotel and the best hotel the Faroe Islands have to offer.

The rooms are spacious with a views towards Nolsoy island and the capital Torshavn.

Breakfast is included (06:30-10:30). There is a cafe at the lobby with a menu of light meals, the cafe also has a bar.

The hotel also has a restaurant on the first floor. A brand new spa is also available for those who would some to get some extra pampering during your stay. It is also equipped with a fitness gym.

There is also the possibility of washing and drying your clothes free of charge.

**Transportion:**

The tour will be conducted in a 9 seater van with wifi and with plenty of space for the photo gear.

Ferry transportation will be used to access at two locations.

1. Suduroy (2 hours) is with a big ferry that will take our van. The ferry has a cafeteria and very comfortable resting area to enjoy the ride.

2. Mykines (40 minutes) is a smaller vessel only for walking passengers.

General location driving information:

The majority of the locations are within 1 hour drives or less from the hotel, with the exception of the northern islands and the western most location.

Typically we will cover different areas in order to spend as little time as possible driving in different directions. This can happen with adverse weather if the conditions are not favourable.

The Faroe Islands are filled with extraordinary locations that offer incredible photography opportunities.

Here are some key points of interest:

**Gásadalur and Múlafossur Waterfall:**

This remote village is famous for its spectacular waterfall that plunges directly into the ocean, with towering mountains in the background, creating one of the most iconic views of the islands.



**Saksun:**

A small village with grass-roofed houses, surrounded by mountains, waterfalls and featuring a serene lagoon that reflects the surrounding landscape. It's an ideal setting to capture the tranquility and rustic beauty of the Faroe Islands.



**Tjørnuvík:**

Located in a bay surrounded by mountains, this village offers impressive views of the iconic sea stacks Risin and Kellingin and surrounding waterfalls.

Note that there are multiple higher vantage points with small waterfalls and other foregrounds that require a minor hike through a marked path for anyone who wishes to get the most of this location. If the path is dry it is fairly easy to access, but during wet conditions it can be quite tricky and strenuous if it is muddy and slippery.



### **Dranganir:**

Drangarnir is an iconic seat stack at Vágur island. We will access the location by Zodiac, sailing time is around 15 minutes through the fjord. There will be a short hike (10 minutes) through rugged semi steep terrain.

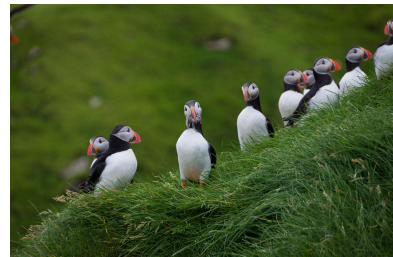
Difficulty: Moderate (short)



### **Mykines:**

Renowned for its puffin colonies and stunning coastal views, Mykines is a paradise for wildlife and landscape photographers. To access the island we will travel with a ferry for 40 minutes. Upon disembarking there at the harbour there will be roughly 40 steps to walk up in order to reach the village. To reach the puffins we will as group hike up a marked hill for 30 minutes.

Difficulty: Moderate



### **Sørvágsvatn Cliffs (part 1):**

1) This lake, located on a cliff that gives the illusion of floating above the ocean, is one of the most surreal and famous views in the Faroe Islands. The hike takes on average 45 - 55 minutes (3.5 Km) each way with a climb at the end to reach the first location.



### **Sørvágsvatn Cliffs (Part II):**

II) This second location Bøsdalfosur waterfall has a sea stack as a back drop, this location is absolutely stunning. To access it you will need to walk through some rocky terrain but fairly easy to reach. There are different vantage points for anyone who does not feel comfortable walking all the way to the best vantage point.

Total estimated time at this location is 4 to 5 hours, it will be our longest hike day. Anyone with an average to good fitness level should be fine with this hike.

Difficulty: Moderate



### **Gjógv:**

A picturesque village with an impressive natural harbour, surrounded by mountainous landscapes. The vibrant colors of the houses contrast beautifully with the green mountains and blue sea.



### **Suðuroy:**

The southernmost island of the Faroe Islands, known for its wild and dramatic landscapes. With its towering cliffs, cozy villages, and breathtaking views of the Atlantic, Suðuroy offers a quieter, more authentic experience away from the busier tourist routes. Highlights of the island include the Beinisdvørð cliffs, the picturesque village of Tvøroyri, and scenic viewpoints that capture the island's natural beauty and tranquility. Suðuroy is an ideal destination for those looking to explore the untouched nature and local culture of the Faroe Islands.



For a week in the Faroe Islands, it's essential to be prepared for unpredictable weather and outdoor activities.

Here's a list of recommendations on what you should bring:

#### Clothing:

- **Layered clothing:** The key to Faroese weather is dressing in layers. Bring thermal wear, long-sleeve shirts, wool or fleece sweaters, and a waterproof, windproof jacket.
- **Water-resistant pants:** Ideal for hiking in wet areas or on rainy days.
- **Waterproof hiking boots and shoes:** The Faroe Islands are known for their rugged terrain, so good boots are essential for exploring trails and mountains.
- **Warm clothing:** Even in summer, it can be chilly, especially at night. Bring a hat, gloves, and potentially a scarf.
- **Wool socks:** Keeping your feet dry and warm is crucial during shoots.
- **Casual clothing:** For use in the villages or in Tórshavn, the capital.

#### Gear:

- **Backpack:** To carry water, snacks, cameras, and other essentials during hikes and shoots.
- **Reusable water bottle:** Tap water in the Faroe Islands is drinkable and of excellent quality.
- **Camera and accessories:** The landscapes of the Faroe Islands are stunning, so be sure to bring a good camera, extra memory cards, batteries, a tripod and filters.
- **Recommended lenses:** 14-24mm wide angle, 24-70mm medium, 70-200mm and 100-400mm for puffins and wildlife.
- **Chargers and adapters:** The voltage in the Faroe Islands is 230V, and the plugs are type C and F (like in continental Europe).

With these items, you'll be well-prepared for a comfortable and enjoyable photography week in the Faroe Islands

About me...

Thomas Vikre is a Danish-Norwegian award-winning photographer based in the Faroe Islands. He also conducts photo tours in Iceland, Lofoten Norway, Madeira and mainland Portugal as well as wherever else he is invited. His work consists primarily of landscape, travel, adventure and fine art photography, but he also does a substantial amount of commercial work for local Faroese companies.



Thomas provides guided photo tours to private clients, groups, and photo tour companies visiting the Faroe Islands and beyond. He has established himself as a knowledgeable and reliable technical and logistical resource for outdoor photography.

Earlier in his professional career he was involved in the airline, tourism and hospitality industry. His CV also includes experience working on productions, assisting on film sets and with TV commercials. In 2013 he decided to relocate from Portugal to the Faroe Islands, a place he had visited on numerous occasions since the late 90s.

Ever since he acquired his first Nikon camera over three decades ago, he has been passionate about the art of photography. He now combines his know-how in the hospitality and service industry with his love of photography and his desire to share his passion with others.

His work has been licensed to local tourism entities, various business partners and to private clients. He has also participated in exhibits at various venues in the Faroe Islands, including a permanent exhibit at the Hotel Vágur that went on for a couple of years,

Thomas has a deep interest in languages, and is fluent in the Scandinavian languages, as well as Spanish, English and Portuguese.

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