



## ***Dear visitors***

### ***We welcome you to Hólmur***

Our guesthouse opened the 5.5.05. at 5:05 pm. That was the beginning of the story.

We had been repairing the house for two years, and it costed a lot of work for us, the owners.

The first floor of the house is very old, but the second one was built in 1952. We care a lot about the house, and as many old houses, we believe it has a soul.

We hope you find it as comfortable as ourselves, you sleep well, and enjoy the stay.

Our uniqueness is the stillness in the area, and the spectacular and beautiful nature. The size of our employ gives us the chance to offer you a very personal service, and the nature experience, should fulfill your expectations.

**The guesthouse is open every day of the year, but closed Christmas day and New year day.**

### ***Owners and occupants.***

The owners names are Magnús Guðjónsson, and Guðrún Guðmundsdóttir, but we go by the names Maggi and Gunna.

We have 3 children, Guðjón Örn, Birna Jódís and Arndís Ósk.

Maggi is born and raised here in Hólmur, but Guðrún is from the north part of the country, to be specific, Húnavatnssýsla.

Maggi's parents live in the yellow house, east of the guesthouse. In the old days, they were the owners of the house you are staying in and the occupants of the estate.

We have a husbandry here in Hólmur. We have a sheeps, and a few horses, goats, many kind of rabbits, guinea-pigs, a icelandic hens and cocks , quails, ducks, geoses and also pig.

2009 we opened farm zoo here in Holmur. 2010 we opened small restaurant here.

We have one dog, and his name is Lúkas (Lucas). He's a very good friend, and wouldn't hurt a fly. We have two cats. Nóra is youngest, but one is old and a kind of a snob, her name is Móna Lísá. Sometimes she has kittens.

You will probably see her wandering around, and Lúkas will probably try to get as much attention from you as he can.

Lately we started a windbreak growth, and forest, and we have a so called tree farm.

Both of us are agriculturists, and graduated from a farmer school. Maggi is also a computer-engineer, and Gunna studied the tourist industry in "Hólar" University.



## ***The service.***

We offer an accommodation in two houses. In the guesthouse, we have 6 rooms, and also 2 in our own house. The six rooms in the guesthouse are all for 2 persons, without a bathroom. The 2 rooms in our private home, have a double bed, and are without a bathroom. We both offer fully made beds, and beds for sleeping bags. Our guests can have an extra bed, or a mattress if they wish to. In our guesthouse we have a small sitting room and over vintertime kitchenette. One bathroom is on each floor.

In our home, guest can have sitting room. There you can share the bathroom with our family, and also a lounge.

## ***Breakfast***

We offer a breakfast, and it is served in our restaurant. It's open from 7,30-9,30. If our guests wish to have breakfast at some other time, we try our best to fulfill their needs.

We try to give our guests a miscellaneous and plentiful breakfast. If you have any specific wishes, let us know in time.

## ***Dinner and light meal***

We also serve light meal over day and dinner if you order in time, and then we most of the time have the day's special. We try to use miscellaneous food from icelandic stock.

## ***Notes.***

The owners are most of the time available 24 klst unless there is a note at the reception. You can reach them at their home, or in their phone numbers: 4782063 and 8615959. We are glad to help you and inform you about everything.

For example, the weather, trips, and more. We wish for you to enjoy staying here.

You can use our washing machine and dryer, with charging.



## ***Pastime***

You can experience many things while staying here. Hólmur is suitable for travellers who want to stay in the area for a few days.

In a few places you can get very close to a few icefalls. One of them, Fláajökull, is in the property of Hólmur. You can drive or walk from guesthouse to Fláajökull.

You can get easily to the glacier, on a jeep or a snowmobile in Skálafellsjökull.

You can also go for a sightseeing trip on the famous "Jökulsárlón",

and sail in between the ice floes. You can visit a very interesting glacier-

museum (Ís-land) on Höfn, and there you can also visit other museums and handcraft-shops. In Höfn there is a 9-hole golfing-court. Two swimming pools are in the area, one in Höfn, and the other one in Öræfi. Both open-air.

From Hólmur it is ideal to go for a day-trip to Öræfasveit. There you can walk around the national park in Skaftafell, or go for a hiking trip

on Hvannadalshnjúkur. It's also great to go for a trip to "Ingólfshöfði" with a hay cart on a tractor.

For guests who like taking a walk, you can walk from Hólmur to Fláajökull, which is 8 kilometers away. In front of the glacier, are two marked walking paths. One way to the glacier and other is education path about the life and struggle of the people with the river from glacier.

Guest can walk along the "Suðurfjörur" (Southcoast), which is 6 kilometers away from Hólmur. There lays a road to the coast, along the "Hólmsá" river. An enjoyable, marked walk is in the forestation in Hornafjörður, "Haukafell".

If the guest like take long day hiking, the Heinabergsdalur is great.

It is beautiful valley in nearby. Often there are reindeer.

You are welcome to walk around our estate, and admire the nature. There are also a lot of birds around our home.

Our **Farm zoo** is open all days. From 10-17. Guest can also be feeding some animals, in feeding time like sheep calf, and rabbits

In winter time is free access for guest in farm zoo.

**Eveningtrips** from Holmur to the coast. During the trip people get to know the world of the beach, and the atmosphere the closeness of the sea can offer.

From the coast there is an excellent view to the mountains in Hornafjörður. **In wintertime** we offer the same coast trip then the departure is over the day.



## ***Some useful information***

The next town located to Hólmur, is Höfn in Hornafjörður, about 33 kilometers in east.

There you can find most of the service that tourists need.

There we have an Information center, which is open all summer from 08:00-18:00.

In Höfn there is one supermarket, it is by the main street in a large building. In that building

you can also find a hair salon, electronic shop and a clothing store. 2 gas stations are in Höfn, Olís and N1.

You can find some restaurants in Höfn and in neighborhood

There is a medical center in Höfn, and also a police station.

2 banks are by the main street. "Landsbankinn", and "Sparisjóðurinn". The post office is also by the main street.

There is an open new and good -air swimmingpool in Höfn.

If you like golfing, you can play at a 9-hole course in Höfn.

In Höfn there is a very special show/museum which goes by the name Ice-land, and it's kind of a glacier museum.

There are a few more museums in Höfn, including a sea museum. With the main street is a building there is a craft shop (Handraðinn), with handmade things by people around the area.

## ***Environmental affairs***

We try to do everything we can to make our area look nice and clean, though we haven't been in this for a long time.

But the re-building of the guesthouse was our first step. We had to take lots of scrap iron from our estate, because there used to be a carpool here. We also started categorizing many things that used to go straight to the trash bin a few years ago.

We recycle everything that's possible, and give veggies and other food left to our animals.

We use special environmentally safe detergent for washing, and try too keep such things in low volume. Step by step, our aim is to be a part of the Green Globe in a few years, to make our environment better.



Dear visitors, we thank you for choosing us.

We hope that you enjoyed staying here, and you bring good memories back to your homes.

It means a lot to us to get to know our visitors personally, and help them as much as we can.

We are always open for a positive criticize about our service. So don't hesitate to give us notes, and ask for help, and we enjoy chatting with our guests about everything, when the time is right. We have plenty of coffee.

You are welcome to walk around the fields and hills. In some places we have power fences, so avoid them please, so you won't get hurt.

Over the summertime there can be some hay-making here in the evenings, but after 23:00 it should be quiet.

If, for some reasons, there happens to be a noise after 23:00, we are terribly sorry.

Please note that our dog, Lucas, can sometimes bark, but the purpose is to let us know that there's people in the area. He is very kind, so don't worry.

Note that our cats, Mona Lisa, and Nóra can sometimes be a little annoying. They tends to be obtrusive.

If you don't like it, just "shoo" They understands. Please don't take them into the guesthouse.

We would appreciate if you'd help us with the recycling. Put cans and plastic bottles in plastic bags, which you can find in the kitchen.

Also, we'd like to ask you to take off your shoes in the hall. Please do **not** smoke inside the building.

We love it when guests sign our guestbook, and especially when they draw pictures as well! So we would be very blessed if you'd do that.

Enjoy the stay, and we hope you'll come back.

Maggi and Gunna.



## ***Recipes***

### **Pancakes a la Gunna og Maggi**

250 gr wheat  
2 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 spoon sugar  
30 ml oil  
2 eggs  
lemon drops  
and milk.  
prepare with home made jam and whipped cream.

### **Jöklableikja as a starter a la Hólmur**

2 Jöklableikja's (trouts/bleaches)  
2 red onions  
2 spoons butter  
4 spoons sugar  
2 spoons vinegar  
10 tartalets

#### **sauce**

½ can sour cream  
2 spoons mayones  
a lot of chive  
a little bit of mustard.

Boil the trout in í light-salted water. Take the fish skin away and mash.  
Cut the onion and fry it on a pan with butter.  
Put sugar on an empty pan, and add 1 spoon of butter with it, as well as the vinegar.  
Mix, until it looks like caramel. Then add the onion.  
Try not to have the caramel too thick. Put the fish inside the tartalet, and then the  
caramel-onion. Make the sauce, and prepare with  
green vegetables and a slice of lemon.

Enjoy



## ***More informations***

### **Distance from Hólmur:**

Fláajökull	8 km
Suðurfjörur	6 km
Skógrækt Haukafelli	15 km
Höfn í Hornafirði	33 km
Vegamót að Skálafellsjökli	12 km
Jökulsárlón	46 km
Ingólfshöfði /Hofsnes	79 km
Skaftafell	103 km
Egilsstaðir um Öxi	219 km
Egilsstaðir/ Breiðdalsheiði	280 km
Egilsstaðir /Fjarðarleið	274 km
Kirkjubæjarklaustur	168 km
Vík	240 km

### **Phone numbers:**

Ferðapjónustan Hólmi	478-2063 eða 861-5959
Ferðir í Ingólfshöfða/Hvannadalshnjúk	894-0894
Flugleiðir Hornafirði	478-1250
Golfskálinn	478-2197
Heilsugæslustöðin	478-1400
Jöklasýning	478-2665
Jöklaferðir	478-1000 eða 894-3133
Jökulsárlón	478-2222
Kaffihornið veitingarstaður	4781308
Lögreglan Höfn	478-1282
Neyðarlínan	112
Taxi Höfn	865-4353
Upplýsingarmiðstöðin Höfn	478-1500



## **Farm Zoo**

We opened our Farm Zoo on 25 July 2009.

We have always enjoyed animals and one day we decided to allow others to enjoy them also.

The zoo is open all the year

Open time is from 10-17.

**If guests wish to visit the garden outside the opening hours please speak to employees or owners, and we will serve.**

In the zoo you will find all the traditional animals in Iceland.

like horses, sheep, goats, pig, calves and hens. You can also find rabbits guinepigs geeses, ducks, fashanas, dwarf hens, Common quail and pigeons.

Different numbers and types of animals are between seasons.

In spring awakening many lives in the zoo. Then you can find many pup.

In summer, many animals are outside. But when cold in the autumn comes we take them into the animal house.

Dear guests provide the animals full care. They do not tolerate excessive noise and calls. Some of them are not much friendly. But some will cares touch and kisses 😊.

Do not put hand to the rabbit, it can bite or scratch.

Children are the responsibility of their parents traveled on the zoo.

Please ask an employee if questions arise for you when you are in the zoo.

We try to inform you all of the animals that we can.

We hope you enjoy the animals as we 😊



## Coast-trips reindeer inspection and more.

The travelservice in Holmur offer organised trips.

### 1. **Eveningtrips** from Holmur to the coast.

During the trip people get to know the world of the beach, and the atmosphere the closeness of the sea can offer.

From the coast there is an excellent view to the mountains in Hornafjordur.

During the summer the departure from Holmur at: 20:00

We drive to the coast and then to Melatangi near Hornafjardaros, which is the only way in to the port of Hofn. Here is the old airport for the Hornafjordur area.

We can now explore the old house ruins from the time when British and US forces were here during the second world war. After that it's time to taste Icelandic shark, dried fish, brennivin or egils malt.

Arrival back to Holmur at: 22:00-22:30.

**In wintertime** we offer the same coast trip then the departure is about 11:00 to 14:00 in the middle of the day because of short daylight here in winter, or more by an agreement.

### **In the winter** we also offer **reindeer tour**.

Then we try to get close to reindeers and view them in their own natural environment.

Passengers are able to use strong binoculars we take with us, and education about reindeers in Iceland and how they behave.

Departure is about 11:00 to 14:00 in the middle of the day or by an agreement because of short daylight here in winter.

Please book the trips in advance.

Price for all trips: 5500 IKR per person from 12 years old.

Half price for 3 to 11 years

Free for 0 to 3 years

Minimum 2 passengers