Hornafjörður
Höfn í Hornafirði

- 1700 inhabitants
- 2200 in the whole municipality

Main industry
- Fishing and fish processing
- Tourism
- Service

Höfn is the only town in the south-east of Iceland
- Next village east of Höfn is 100 km away
- Next village west of Höfn is 200 km away
Höfn í Hornafirði
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The upper secondary school (FAS) in south east Iceland

• Established 1987
• Moved to a new building 2002
• The building is a multi purpose complex
  – Our school
  – The library of the town
  – A branch of the University of Iceland
  – A consultancy for entrepreneurs
  – facility for a distance study
FAS spring - 2010

• 270 pupils
  – 170 pupils attending day school – most of them between 16 – 20 years old
  – 100 distance pupils

• The main purpose of the school is to serve the community

• Students at the school can major in science, social science or languages

• The school offers special courses for sea captains and sea engineers

• Emphasis on field trips
FAS

• FAS is working with two other upper secondary schools in east Iceland (ME and VA)
  – Some courses are taught exclusively at one school but the students come from all the schools
  – FAS, ME and VA offer collectively many courses of study, e.g. office field, nurse assistant, tourist guides, playschool teachers and clothes design

• Most students that graduate from FAS plan on further studies and higher education
FAS

• FAS is involved in a few international projects
  – PetroChallenge international online simulation seeking and processing oil.
  – Teams from FAS are international winners in PetroChallenge 2008 and 2009
  – EEA grants
  – Commenius
  – Nordplus, countries in Iceland, Scandinavia and the Baltic
FAS

• The social life of the students depends on their interest
• Many students are active in sport, music and acting
• A few events that are annually:
  – Busavígsla (welcoming new students to the school)
  – Kaffihúsakvöld (coffee-house evenings)
  – Gettu betur (quiz for all the secondary schools)
  – Söngkeppni (song contest for all the secondary schools)
  – Opin vika og árshátíð (open week and annual celebration)
  – Dimmision (graduating students saying good bye)
• The town Höfn is an isolated place
  – Many young people don’t see an opportunity to stay in the county > move to the capital
• FAS gives young people the opportunity of getting an education without leaving their home
  – Those who get their education at home are more likely to stay there for the future
• If someone has a good idea, the school is ready to assist in making that idea real
• FAS and the community tries to increase opportunities for young people in the county
  – The national park “Vatnajökulsþjóðgarður”
    • Courses in mountaineering (both in school and in the field)
  – The ocean and its opportunity
    • specialized courses for workers in fishing plants
  – To provide better service for tourists
  – To create diverse and versatile job opportunities e.g. in the food industry
The glacier lagoon Jökulsárlón
A GLIMPSE INTO ANOTHER WORLD
A Natural Wonder by the Main Road
Visitors to the glacial lagoon of Jökulsárlón can either observe its other-worldly beauty from land or sail among the icebergs, some of which are over a thousand years old.
The Glacier Exhibition in Hofn offers information about the area, the nature and basic glaciology.

Thórborgsetur is a cultural and literary centre, built in honour of author Thórborgur Thórdarson (1888-1974), with exhibitions and a restaurant serving local food.
The Glacier Exebition in Höfn
THE PERFECT VANTAGE POINT

Hvannadalshnúkur, Iceland’s highest peak
ENVELOPED BY THE GLACIER
Skaftafell national park
A Metropolis of Birds
Ingólfsfjördur is home to thousands of nesting seabirds: redthroated divers, greylag geese, dunlins and, most prominently, puffins and great skuas.

Nature provides food for the farms.
IN HARMONY WITH NATURE
Twilight – a view from Höfn
Food from the province
EDIBLE FRESHNESS

Local Culinary Delights
The Vatnajökull region offers an embarrassment of gastronomic riches, whether it be the famous local fresh lobster or the traditional and ever-popular salt cod.