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# **I Am Going To The Hallgrímskirkja!**

## **A Step-by-Step Guide On How To Visit Iceland's Famous Church.**

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**Hallgrímskirkja is the biggest church in Iceland and one of the country's tallest buildings!**



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**Let's go visit Hallgrímskirkja!**



**Hallgrímskirkja towers above the nearby buildings. You can see it from miles away.**



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**Some people go shopping or eat a meal on their way to Hallgrímskirkja.**

**In front of Hallgrímskirkja is a large statue of the explorer Leif Eriksson.**



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**Hallgrímskirkja is a serious place. There are rules to follow.  
You have to walk here. There is no running.**



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**It is important to use a quiet voice. People use quiet voice  
when they visit a church.**



**This girl is doing a great job of following the rules. She is using a quiet voice.**



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**There are lots of places to sit down at Hallgrímskirkja. This man needed a break so he sat on a chair.**



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**Some people sit in the pews. That is OK too.**



**Hallgrímskirkja has a very big organ. It is very loud when it is being played. Be ready for some noise!**



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**Do not touch the organ. It is only for people who work at the church.**

**You can buy a ticket and go to the viewing platform in the tower! Don't be scared! It is very safe in the tower.**

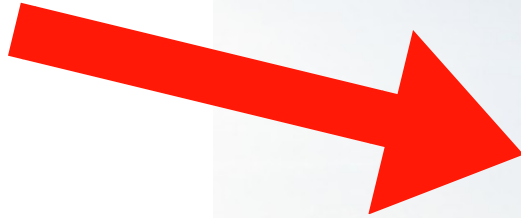


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**You can buy tickets for the tower in the gift shop. Hold on to your ticket!**



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**You can take an elevator up to the top or you can walk on the stairs.**



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**Hallgrímskirkja**

**The stairs go right behind the tower clocks!**



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**These people are doing a great job in the tower! They are walking slowly and using a quiet voice. Don't touch the clocks!**



# The view from Hallgrímskirkja is amazing! You can see all of Reykjavik!



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**Some people like to visit Hallgrímskirkja at night. The church and statue are lit up and shine in the dark!**



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**I know you will have a great time visiting Hallgrímskirkja!  
Stay close to your group and have fun!**

**Ability Guidebooks are step-by-step instructions on how to access community destinations. For many people with autism and neuro-diversity, new situations can cause stress and discomfort. Ability Guidebooks help prepare people for new experiences. This is why I emphasize the places to sit and areas to relax.**

**This book will also help general ed teachers prepare their young students to visit Hallgrímskirkja.**



### **Can You Translate?**

**If you can translate this book into any other language  
I would love to hear from you!**

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