



Beluga Whale Sanctuary

More than 700,000 breeding pairs of Atlantic Puffins migrate to the Westman Islands (Vestmannaeyjar) each summer to lay a single egg per pair.

The baby birds use the light of the moon and stars to navigate to the sea when they first leave their burrows, and some can get distracted by the town lights or be blown off course by strong winds, landing them in the town or the harbour.



These pufflings are unable to take off from the ground due to their heavy body weight vs their wingspan, so the town bands together each year in a program called the Puffling Patrol, to help the baby birds get safely collected and released to the ocean.

Our team works with the local Puffling Patrol volunteers and Natturastofa Sudurlands to assist any of the baby birds who many sustain minor injuries or get into contaminants.



Did you know? Puffins have just one puffling each year, and they usually have one partner for their lifetime


Wild Whale Viewing Points
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