

# COFFEE

## VOCABULARY BASICS



**kaffi**  
(KA-fee)  
coffee



**kaffi með mjólk**  
(KA-fee meh myolk)  
coffee with milk



**espressó**  
(EH-spre-so)  
espresso



**kaffi americano**  
(KA-fee ah-MEH-ree-kah-noh)  
americano



**Kaffi au lait**  
(KA-fee oh LAH)  
coffee with scalded milk



**Kaffi með rjóma**  
(KA-fee meh RYOH-mah)  
coffee with cream



### **kaffiitími**

(KA-fee-TEE-mee)  
coffee break



### **kaffihús**

(KA-fee-HOOS)  
coffee shop



### **súkkulaði**

(SOO-koo-lah-thee)  
chocolate



### **kaka**

(KAH-kah)  
cake  
(often served with  
coffee in Icelandic  
coffee shops)



### **kaffikanna**

(KA-fee-KAH-nah)  
coffee maker



### **Pönnukökur**

(PUH-nu-kur)  
Icelandic pancakes  
(often served with  
coffee in an Icelandic  
home)



### **að steikja**

to roast (coffee)



### **að mala**

to grind (coffee)



### **að brugga**

to brew (coffee)



# How do you like your coffee?

<b>sterk</b>	strong
<b>sveik</b>	weak
<b>svartur</b>	black (as in no cream or sugar)
<b>sykur</b>	sugar
<b>ískafe</b>	iced coffee
<b>heitt</b>	hot
<b>stórt</b>	large
<b>lítil</b>	small
<b>sykur</b>	sugar
<b>rjómi</b>	cream
<b>mjólk</b>	milk



# Useful phrases



Ég vil einn kaffi, takk.	I'll have a coffee, please.
Ég vil kaffi með mjólk, takk.	I'll have a coffee with milk, please.
Ég vil espressó, takk.	I'll have an espresso, please.
Með sykur, takk.	With sugar, please.
Með rjóma, takk.	With cream, please.
Ég vil íslandskaffi, takk.	I'll have a traditional Icelandic coffee, please.

# Iceland's Coffee Culture

Here are some fun tidbits about Icelandic coffee culture:

- Coffee is an integral part of Icelandic culture: Icelanders are among the biggest coffee consumers in the world. Coffee is an essential part of daily life, and it's common to see people sipping coffee throughout the day.
- Strong and black is the norm: Icelanders typically prefer their coffee strong and black. If you order coffee at a café, it's likely to be a strong, bold brew served in a small cup.
- Coffee is a social activity: In Iceland, coffee is often consumed socially. Friends and family gather at cafes or homes to chat and enjoy coffee together.
- Coffee breaks are sacred: Icelanders take their coffee breaks seriously. It's common for people to take short breaks throughout the day to grab a cup of coffee and socialize with colleagues.
- Traditional coffeehouses: Iceland has a long tradition of cozy coffeehouses, where people gather to drink coffee, read, and socialize. These coffeehouses often serve as community hubs and are an integral part of Icelandic culture.
- The grounds at the bottom of the cup: In Iceland, it's customary to drink coffee all the way to the bottom of the cup, grounds and all. This is partly due to the traditional Turkish-style coffee brewing method, which leaves a thick layer of grounds at the bottom of the cup. Icelanders believe that the grounds contain important nutrients and flavors, so they make sure to drink every last drop.