

From old history

Føroya Fornminnissavn – The National Museum of the Faroe Islands

The National Museum of the Faroe Islands became a public institution in 1952. The museum contains three departments, covering archaeology, traditional folk culture, and architecture.

The Boat Collection

The style of the Faroe Islands rowing boat is similar to that of boats of the Viking Age. The design has changed over a thousand of years, reaching its present form. The boat collection contains traditional boats that were common around 1900. The boats were used for fishing, pilot-whale hunting, fowling, in addition to transportation of people and cargo.

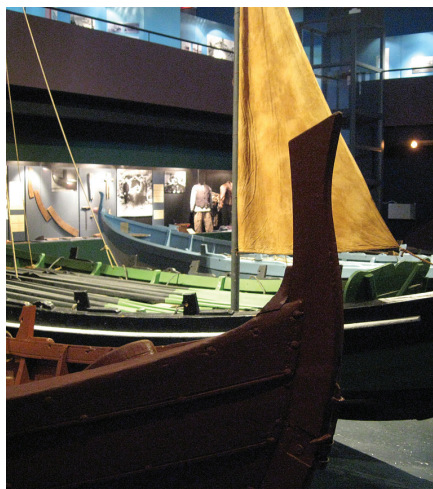
National Dress

The national dress of the Faroe Islands is worn on village festivals and other special occasions, especially Ólavsøka, which is the National Day of the islands (July 29th).



Flag

The national movement developed towards the end of the 19th century and a desire arose among Faroese people to have their own flag as a national symbol. In 1919 Faroese students in Copenhagen designed the present flag that is used today and on April 25th 1940 the flag (named "Merkið") was internationally accepted.

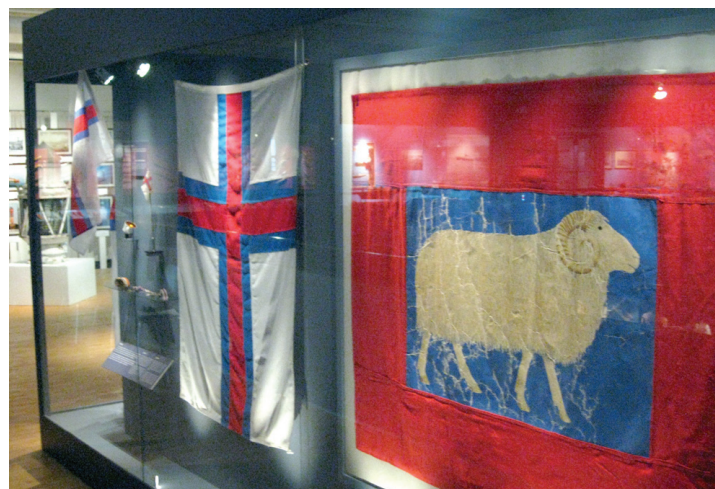


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Open-air Museum

"I remember from the old stories, which my mother used to tell me, about the Faroes in the old days ..." - this is the beginning of a Faroese folksong.

In the exhibition at the open-air museum in Hoyvík, visitors



can see how people used to live in the old days. It is important to provide the tourists a cosy and informative visit while they explore the past. You can buy coffee and enjoy the view or find something in the sightseeing store for you to be reminded of later.

The farm was established around 1810. The buildings are preserved at their original

place. A walk through the cluster of buildings provides the visitor with an experience of the old settlement and its environment.

The open-air museum at Hoyvík is only open during the summer period.

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The National Historical Museum's Exhibition in Brekkutún 6 in Hoyvík.

(3 km north of Tórshavn's centrum)

The Outdoor Museum in Hoyvík is a farmhouse surrounded by outhouses in the beautiful nature.

OPENING HOURS:

Mon-Fri 10.00-17.00 and Sat-Sun 14.00-17.00
Every dag from May 15th to September 15th.

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