

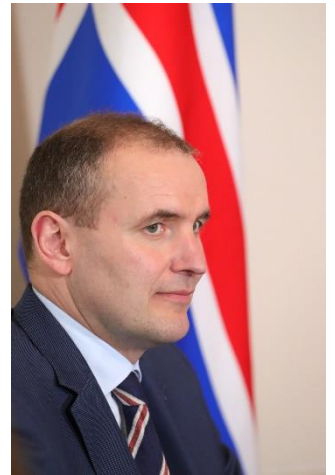
Iceland – The land of Fire and Ice



Iceland received its title due to its multiple volcanoes that inhabit this cold, harsh environment.

People

People from Iceland are called Icelanders and they speak Icelandic. Iceland, even though its size is 103,000km is pretty average, only 364,134 roam freely on this isolated island. That means that per square km there are only 3 people, where as England, which has roughly the same area as Iceland, has 423 people per square km.



Travel

As the terrain in Iceland is rough and treacherous, travelling by car is not for the faint hearted. The country is therefore served by 38 local airports to make travel around the country easier.



Food and drink



For a long time, alcohol had been abolished however the Government were put under a huge amount of pressure due to all the complaints. Now on the 1st of March people celebrate it as 'beer-day' because in 1989 that is when the government over-turned their previous decision.



Most Icelanders eat fish since they are surrounded by the North Atlantic ocean. Another common dish in Iceland is svio – lamb's head. The national dish is fermented shark also known as Hakarl.

Weather

The average temperature in Iceland is between 8 degrees centigrade and 13 degrees centigrade.

The coldest month is January where the average temperature is a chilly zero degrees centigrade.

	Average high	Average low	Warmest ever	Coldest ever	Daylight Hrs
Jan	36	28	50	1	4
Feb	37	28	50	7	7
Mar	39	32	57	7	10
Apr	45	33	59	9	15
May	50	39	70	19	18
Jun	54	45	70	32	20-22
Jul	60	50	74	34	19
Aug	57	48	70	32	16
Sep	52	43	68	25	13
Oct	45	37	61	14	9
Nov	39	34	54	10	6
Dec	36	28	52	1	4

Things to do



Fjallsarson boat tours operate from the south eastern part of Iceland. If you are fortunate enough, you may see a couple of killer whales on one of their many boat trips.



Gljufrebui is a beautiful waterfall that cascades into a navy blue shallow pool. It is located near the famous Seljalandsfoss waterfall (the one you can walk behind!)

Hallgrímskirkja is a modern cathedral with a striking tower located in Reykjavik.

The Golden Circle consists of Iceland's 3 most popular tourist attractions: Gullfoss Waterfall, Geysir Geothermal Area and Thingvellir National Park. The route covers approximately 250km (155 miles) and loops from the capital city to the centre of Iceland and back.

