

Iceland

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Iceland. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 2 blank pages in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 89 days.

US Embassy/Consulate

[354] 595-22-00; US Embassy in Reykjavik, Laufásvegur 21, 101 Reykjavík, Iceland; ReykjavikConsular@state.gov;

<https://is.usembassy.gov/>

LGBTQ+ Travelers

When venturing abroad, LGBTQ+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html>

Telephone Code

354

Local Emergency Phone

112

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

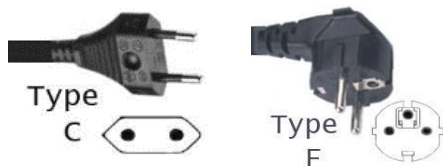
Temperate; moderated by North Atlantic Current; mild, windy winters; damp, cool summers

Currency (Code)

Icelandic kronur (ISK)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F



Major Languages

Icelandic, English, Nordic languages, German

Major Religions

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland (official) 62.3%, Roman Catholic 4%, Reykjavik Free Church 2.7%, Hafnarfjörður Free Church 2%, pagan worship 1.4%, Icelandic Ethical Humanist 1.1%

Time Difference

UTC 0 (5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

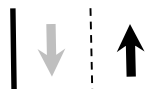
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International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Blue Lagoon in Grindavík; Geysers in Strokkur; Thingvellir National Park; Reykjavik; whale watching from Reykjavik; Gullfoss Waterfall; Northern Lights; Landmannalaugar Nature Reserve; Maelifell Volcano; Myrdalsjökull Glacier

Major Sports

Handball, soccer, track and field, golf, basketball, tennis

Cultural Practices

Self-sufficiency, the work ethic, and independence are strongly valued here, and the brusque manners of Icelanders hide a friendly, helpful nature reflected in a dedication to the immediate community.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is not expected at hotels and restaurants since most bills include a service charge for gratuities. Round up taxi fares.

Souvenirs

Hand-knit wool items including blankets, sweaters, hats, coats, and mittens; pottery, local spirits, Viking themed items and dolls in traditional costumes; carved fish skin, lava rock, and driftwood items; felt stuffed animal toys

Traditional Cuisine

Lamb; Hákarl — cured (fermented) shark meat

