

# All About

# Iceland



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Iceland is a country in Europe.

It is an island, which means it is surrounded by water on all sides.

It sits on the edge of the Arctic Circle (which is where the North Pole is!).

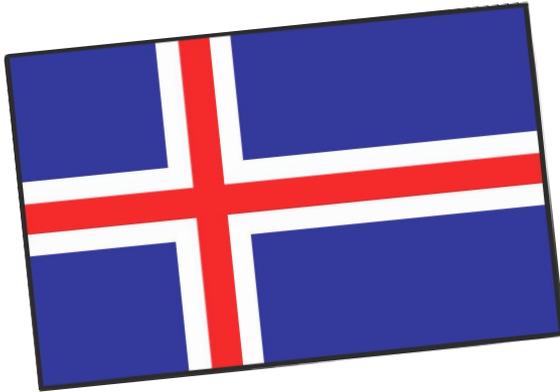


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Can you see Iceland on the map?  
Do you recognise anywhere else on the map?



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Iceland has a population of around 360,000 people.

Their currency (or money) is called the Icelandic Krona.

The flag of Iceland is blue with a white-bordered red cross.

Fun Fact: Iceland has no trains or railway system.



# Reykjavík

Reykjavík is the capital of Iceland.

It is the largest city in Iceland and is home to over 120,000 people.

It is located on Faxa Bay and is a large fishing port.

There are lots of interesting buildings in Reykjavík, such as the Church of Hallgrímur.

Can you see any interesting shapes on the Church of Hallgrímur?



# Weather

The weather in Iceland tends to be cold, windy and cloudy. It often snows between the months of October and May.



Sometimes, there is not much difference between the temperature in the day and the temperature at night.

Even in the summer months, the temperature is usually very cool.

If you were to visit Iceland in the summer, it is still recommended that you pack a jacket, hat and scarf!



# The Land of the Midnight Sun

Due to Iceland's position on the edge of the Arctic Circle, the country is sometimes called 'The Land of the Midnight Sun'.

This is because, between the 20th and 22nd June each year, you can see the sun for the whole day! Even at night, the sun is still out and the nights are light. This is called Sumarsólstöður.



Midnight Sun

# The Land of the Midnight Sun

Nights start getting light in early May through to late July.

However, during winter, the days are much shorter and sometimes there are only 2-4 hours of daylight, with the rest of the day being dark like the night.



Midnight Sun

# Northern Lights



In Iceland, you can sometimes see the Northern Lights. The scientific name for the Northern Lights is **aurora borealis**.

They can be seen best during the months of November to January when the nights are long.

What colours can you see in the sky?



# Animals in Iceland

## Arctic Fox

Arctic foxes are native to Iceland. They have white fur in the winter so that they are camouflaged against the snow.

They make burrows underground to help them to keep warm.



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## Orca

Orcas are found in the waters off Iceland, mainly on the west coast.

Orcas live and hunt together in groups called 'pods'.

They eat fish, squid, seals, sea birds and whale species that are even bigger than themselves!



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## Atlantic Puffin

A puffin is a type of bird.

In spring and summer there can be between 8 and 10 million puffins in Iceland.

A puffin can fly as fast as 55mph.



# Scenery

Iceland has lots of amazing scenery. Look!



**Vatnajokull  
Glacier**

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**Strokkur  
Geyser**



**Bárðarbunga  
Volcano**



**Eldhraun  
Lava Fields**

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Which place  
would you like  
to visit? Why?



**Blue Lagoon**



**Skogafoss  
Waterfall**



**Jökulsárlón  
Lagoon**

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# What Can You Remember?



What can you remember about Iceland? Can you tell a friend a fact about one of the pictures?



