



# ICELAND

Country of Ice,  
Fire & Big Hearts

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Volunteers are the driving force behind all of the exchange programs offered by AFS. They are the backbone of the organization: a worldwide network of people who are committed to increasing intercultural understanding and communication. The dedication and support of these volunteers makes it possible for AFS Participants to embark on life-changing journeys of personal growth.



AFS Volunteers contribute their time and energy to help people develop the foundation to become responsible global citizens. During this process, they also have the opportunity to take part in an intercultural learning experience. Through volunteer exchange programs, volunteers can learn more about their own cultures, practice other languages, develop leadership skills and take part in community activities.



# Reykjavík City



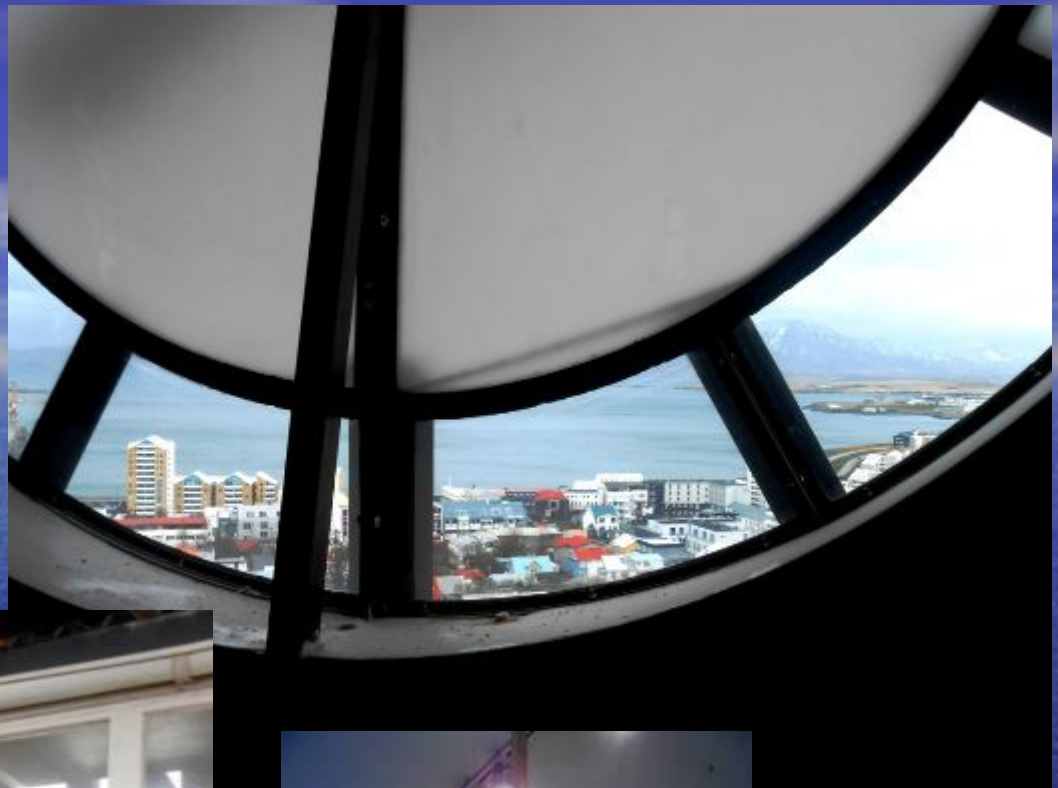
City: Region Capital  
Area: 273 km<sup>2</sup>  
Population: 121,822  
(2015)

The first permanent settlement in Iceland by Norsemen. The first permanent settlement in Iceland by Norsemen is believed to have been established in Reykjavík by Ingólfur Arnarson from Norway around AD 870.















# Blue Lagoon









# Seaside





# Bridge between continents





# AFS Iceland Office





# Golden Circle











# Thingvellir National Park,

where the American and Eurasian tectonic plates are pulling apart at a rate of a few centimetres per year





# Friðheimar greenhouse cultivation centre

where you can learn about the magic behind growing delicious, pesticide-free tomatoes and cucumbers with the aid of the geothermal heat that Iceland has in abundance





# Strokkur Geyser

shoots a column of water up to 30 metres (98 ft.) into the air every 4-8 minutes in a thrilling display of nature's forces







# Gullfoss (Golden Falls) Waterfall,

created by the river Hvítá, which tumbles and plunges into a crevice some  
32 m (105 ft) deep





# Cattle Farms





# The President Residence







# City Beach





# Schools & Education









# Universities



**University of Iceland (1911)  
(public)**

**Reykjavik University (1998)  
(private)**







# Whale & Puffin watching





# Icelandic Horses







# Russian Embassy







# Welcome to Iceland!



## Thank you!

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