



## Reykjavík HI Hostels

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## Educational lecture

### Iceland in a Nutshell – a crash course on Iceland and Icelanders

Do you want to get insider information on the lives, loves and worries of Icelanders? What is it like to live here? How on earth do you pronounce Eyjafjallajökull? Join us for an informative and entertaining chat and we'll tell you all about it.

The presentation is a must for all visitors aged 8-98 and includes visual aids. We have travelled the world extensively and have decided to make Iceland our home base – for now – and love talking about it so we are the right people for inside stories. The only thing we like more than talking is questions, so interrupting the presentation at any time, about anything is very much welcomed.

The talk will give your group valuable insight into life in Iceland and enrich your travel experience. At the very least you will be able to pronounce 'góðan daginn' ('Good day') flawlessly and earn a smile from the Icelanders you meet during your trip.

### The topics we focus on:

#### Icelandic nature, geology and human geography

What is it like to live in a country with volcanic eruptions all the time? And if the population density is 3 people per square kilometer, that means a lot of space – or does it?

#### History

The Vikings didn't actually wear helmets with horns, that's a fairly recent fashion. What do the colours of the flag stand for? And why do Icelanders all have freckles?

#### Icelandic language

Did you know that Bear, Wolf, Hawk, Spear and Lone warrior are entirely normal and very common names? Why is the president called by her/his first name? What's special about the Icelandic alphabet? And how do you come up with new words for all things new?

#### Cultural heritage: literature, myths and beliefs, music

There are 13 Santas! Technically they are trolls, but they bring presents so who cares? How traditional are the Icelandic wool jumpers? Are all Icelanders writers?

#### Modern life in Iceland and national identity

When do Icelanders start school? Which languages do they learn? And what if they want to become astronauts? Do Icelanders speak English? Is Iceland ever going to join the European Union? And why whaling?

### And the practical info:

**Where:** The talk can take place at any of Reykjavík's HI Hostels.

**How many:** For groups of up to 40 people.

**How long:** 1 hour.

Please note that we request that you book your presentation at least 2 weeks before arrival. Additionally, we can also provide an hour-long crash course on the Icelandic language, ideal for language nerds.