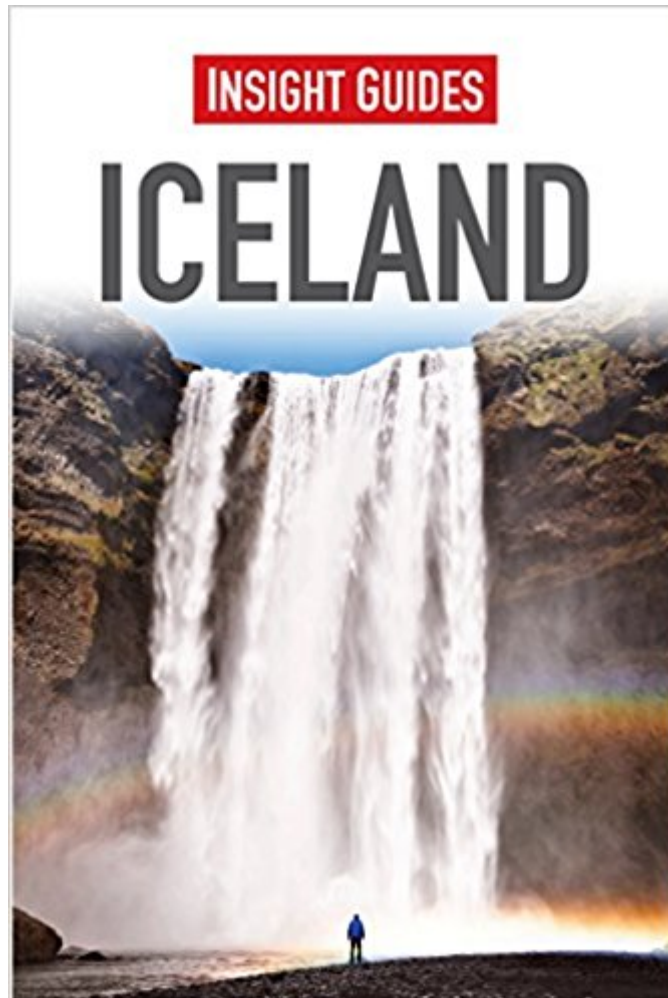




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Synopsis

With an enticing mix of volcanoes, glaciers, geothermal pools, and the breathtaking Northern Lights, Iceland is a natural wonderland. Insight Guide Iceland, combining stunning full-color photos of the country's incredible scenery with more information on its fascinating history and culture than any other guide, is the perfect companion. Our expert author takes you through all the sights, from the buzzing capital of Reykjavík to the ethereal beauty of the Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon. You'll also get the lowdown on how best to experience Iceland's outdoor marvels or try plunging into the ethereal Blue Lagoon, glacier walking in Skaftafell National Park, or whale-watching off the north coast. Maps throughout will help you get around and travel tips give you all the essential information.

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We had The Lonely Planet, this book and an atlas of Iceland. Don't waste your money on the other books. This one is what you need to circumvent the island. We stopped at some of the tourist info centers and picked up their maps to supplement our needs. This book has great information, maps and history to read aloud as travelling. Stop at Ogur Travel if you want great tips on places to go and things to do (and eat the Icelandic pastries--they're homemade and fantastic) in that part of the country (West fjords). Two weeks went by too quickly, for us. By using this book each night at our

lodgings, we could plan the next day's activities and destinations--it was an invaluable resource. The cover, though soft, is strong and coated with plastic. It has "wings" to mark pages (though we found that a couple of post-it notes helped greatly, too). If you're planning a trip to Iceland, this is definitely the book you need.

I really like this travel guide. It is loaded with lots of nice pictures, which is a big plus for me. There are maps of every section of Iceland; transportation tips on getting around; a section on history, the people, literature, the environment, harvesting the sea, viewing wildlife, places to see, the time zone, what to bring, tour operations, accommodations, activities for children, shopping, festivals, nightlife, money, etiquette, crime & safety, religious services, electricity, toilets, useful words & phrases with proper pronunciation, dining, passports and visas--just a great source of information. I'd highly recommend this great guide.

We lived on Iceland for 2 yrs, at that time the nato base was still operating. What an experience.. This has got to be one of the most beautiful sites in the Artic. From the many different bird, waterfalls, thermal pools, the shifting of the continental divide, the blue lagoon, plus to Many to mention. I was so surprised when one of our grandsons and his wife told me they were going there this fall. I wanted to give them an overview of Iceland so they could be familiar with what to expect. This is just the ticket. It gives a wonderful overview of everything you would want to see and do while there. Icelandic language is one of the pure languages left. It will be amazing for them to see. Tak fyer fjolk

Excellent resource for traveling in Iceland-- history and general overview of Icelandic culture along with wonderful photos was a good introduction to what we actually experienced. We only traveled as far north as Jokulsarlon, but the Insight Guide was very helpful for the area we covered: Reykjavik, the Reykjanes Peninsula, and the Southwest. Did find a mistake on Pg 180--the photo is of Skogafoss in Skogar not of the black sand beach at Vik.

I will not be going to Iceland for a few weeks, so I can not review/compare what's in the Guide with what exists in reality. I like this guide because it covers the basics without too exhaustive in the details. I have attempted to read other travel guides (tomes) that were more like encyclopedias and gave up reading most guides. I'm about half-way through and I find it informative, covering all of the topics I think should be covered, and easy to digest. The only reason I did not give it a 5-star rating

is because, as I mentioned, I have not had the opportunity to compare the guide with reality.

Beautiful photos and wonderful information are included in this book. I was even more pleased that the book included places and recommendations not in the Lonely Planet travel guide. Sadly, the one negative thing is this book is HEAVY. I left it home on my recent trip to Iceland mainly because I didn't want to carry around the extra weight and took the Lonely Planet guidebook instead. Buy it for the photos and information.

This book is great for if you are looking for history and culture about Iceland. However I found it pretty useless as a guide for planning my trip. In order to create my itinerary I had to consult other books and the internet, as this one did not including information like how long you should spend somewhere, how to get there, recommended routes/day trips, etc. If you're looking for a book that's useful on the ground in Iceland while driving around, this isn't the book for you. I'd recommend the lonely planet book for that.

We found this book to be difficult to use. It wasn't arranged in a way that helps you plan a trip. The info is there, but not organized well. We found the Lonely Planet to be more useful.

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