

Profile of the country:

Iceland



National language:	Icelandic
Geographical size:	39,768 square miles
National flag:	The flag of Iceland consists of a blue background with a red cross surrounded by a white cross.
Number of inhabitants:	366,000 (as at 2023)
Currency (money):	Icelandic krona (ISK)
Capital city:	Reykjavík
Animals:	Iceland is home to Icelandic horses, sheep, Arctic foxes, seals and various bird species such as puffins and cormorants. Whales and dolphins can be found in the waters around Iceland.
Fruit and vegetables:	Despite the cool climate, a wide variety of fruit and vegetables are grown in Iceland, mainly in greenhouses heated by geothermal energy. These include: Tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, potatoes, carrots, cabbage, rhubarb
Most important economic sectors:	Fishing and fish processing Aluminum production Geothermal and hydroelectric energy Tourism

Common female names:	Guðrún, Anna, Kristín, Sigríður, Margrét
Common male names:	Jón, Sigurður, Guðmundur, Ólafur, Einar
Myths and customs:	<p>Elves and trolls:</p> <p>Iceland is known for its myths and legends about elves (huldufólk) and trolls that are said to live in its landscapes.</p> <p>Álfabrennur:</p> <p>Traditional bonfires, which are often lit at celebrations such as New Year's Eve.</p> <p>Porrablót:</p> <p>A traditional festival in January where typical Icelandic dishes such as fermented shark, sheep's head and black pudding are served.</p>
Special features:	<p>Geothermal energy:</p> <p>Iceland uses its geothermal energy source for heating, electricity generation and greenhouse operation.</p> <p>Volcanic activity:</p> <p>Iceland is located on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge and has many active volcanoes and hot springs.</p> <p>Exciting landscapes:</p> <p>From glaciers to volcanoes and geysers, Iceland offers impressive and diverse nature.</p> <p>Environmental awareness:</p> <p>Iceland attaches great importance to sustainability and environmental protection, which can be seen in many areas of daily life.</p>

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