



Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice

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Iceland: LOCATION

- Island southeast of Greenland
- Located in the North Atlantic Ocean
- Just south of Arctic Circle
- 65 00 N, 18 00 W



Iceland: PLACE

- **Physical:**
mostly plateau interspersed with mountain peaks; ice fields;
coast deeply indented by bays and fiords
- **Climate:** cold oceanic
winter average temps: -22° - 30°
summer average temps: 50° - 77°
- **Human:**
Population: 315, 281
94% of population mix of Norse and Celts (from Central and North Europe)



Iceland: Human Environmental Interaction

- Geothermal activity provides “hot water” to heat most homes
pollution free
- Hydro-electricity (dams) provide most electricity pollution free
- Volcanic activity has destroyed farmland, contributed to
flooding (melting ice) and stopped air traffic



Iceland: MOVEMENT

Modern country relying on shipping and air travel

- Main means of transportation: automobiles, trucks, roads, ferries
- Exports: Fish and fish products, animal products, aluminum, diatomite, ferrosilicon
- Imports: oil, timber, wheat, machinery



Iceland: REGIONS

- Capital Region, Southern Peninsula, West, Westfjords, Northwest, Northeast, East and South.



Iceland: INTERESTING FACTS

- Breathtaking scenery
- More than 20 active volcanoes
- Icelandic Pony
- Glaciers over 1000ft thick



Iceland: EXTRA PICS









