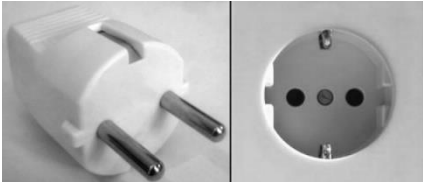


A-Z	General tips while travelling around Iceland	More info, e.g. webpage
Electricity	<p>It's one of those rare things that are actually cheap in Iceland. In general, you should be able to access plugs for charging devices in public areas e.g. at the airport, at many cafés and restaurants. The socket type is the same as in most European countries. Type name is Schuko (Type F, CEE 7/4 plug, CEE 7/7 plug). Voltage is 220.</p> 	<p>Landsvirkjun.com The National Power Company of Iceland</p>
Hypes you don't need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To buy water, just bring a reusable bottle. • Umbrellas, they do not clash well with our vertical rain. • Tipping, all salary is included in hourly rates. No need nor tradition to tip. 	
Já.is – information service	<p>The Icelandic phonebook is online and provides a good local map that can often outrun Mr. Google's Maps. Also provides information search about Icelandic stores and online shopping. Remember, we go by first names. See: names.</p>	<p>https://en.ja.is</p>
Language	<p>Icelandic, yup, never going to be useful for you ever, but might be fun to learn a few classics. Try this one: The Hardest Karaoke Song in the World - YouTube</p>	<p>Nerdian lesson: Basic Pronunciation of Modern Icelandic (youtube.com)</p>
Language phrases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Þetta reddast • Seinnitímavandamál • Gluggaveður • Komasvo! • Jæja 	<p>Basics phrases and fun little snippets Learn Icelandic: Easy Words & Basic Phrases</p>
Names	<p>We are always on a first-name basis. Always alphabetise by first names because we are our own independent persons.</p>	

Opening hours	Common office hours are 8 hours a day, from 8/9 to 16/17, and shorter on Fridays. Lunch is often 30-45 minutes around 12-13. Retail stores can be expected to be open from 10-18, and grocery stores often open until 19 or 20. Some 24-hour stores are available in the capital area, but not so much in the rest of Iceland. Restaurants are often open until 22-23, but evening dinner is usually around 19-20. Drop-in is common, but if you need to make sure, a phone call is recommended. See Já.is	Stores often have a website; try their name and add .is to see if you can guess it. Then Facebook is also one of the main information channels, sometimes Instagram.
Pro-tips for winter visits	It is warm inside Icelandic houses, and due to the low humidity, the °C does not tell the whole story. It is not always so cold. But DO bring layers and outerwear that protects you if you plan to be outside.	
Rules to follow	In private homes, you are expected to take your shoes off before entering. Otherwise, you will be considered rude. Special rules apply in swimming pools.	
Swimming pools - mostly there for the hot pots!	All Icelandic towns have a swimming pool & hot tubs with a reasonable entry fee. Almost all of them are geothermally heated, but few areas use hydro-powered energy for heating. Everyone is required to wash without a swimsuit before entering the pool. Equally important is to dry off in the shower area BEFORE entering the dry zone where the lockers are. If you go there wet and dripping, you will annoy the locals.	Iceland Academy How to avoid hot tub awkwardness (youtube.com)
Time	Iceland is on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) all year round. There is no sense in changing the clock in a country that has 3 months of mostly daylight and 3 months of mostly darkness. The other 6 months could be considered "normal" day & night distribution.	Sunrise and sunset times in Borgarbyggð (timeanddate.com)
Transportation	No trains run in Iceland and driving cars is the main method used by Icelanders. Public transport is called Strætó, mostly useful in the big capital area but has connections around Iceland via the Ring Road (nr.1) that, like the name suggests, loops around the island.	https://www.straeto.is/en
Tourist & Travel	Loads of useful articles to be found.	Visit Iceland Official travel info for Iceland

informati on		https://www.visiticeland.com/
Volcanos	See SafeTravels and the weather app for status and estimates.	Q&A about the volcanic activity on the Reykjanes Peninsula (youtube.com)
Water	Almost free in Iceland. Drink from the tap, and let it run as you wish. Take as long of a shower you want and have it as hot as you can handle. We have enough heat to go around. You might feel like it smells weird, and you are probably right, we just gotten used to it. The smell is because the hot water is geothermal.	Front Page – Veitur https://www.veitur.is/en