

40 Free Things to Do in Iceland

Iceland is an expensive country, but there are plenty of free things to do to keep you entertained. Here are 40 ideas to get you started.



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1. Visit the Blue Lagoon

The Blue Lagoon is one of Iceland's most popular tourist attractions, and for good reason. The milky blue waters are heated by geothermal energy, making them the perfect place to relax and soak away your troubles. The lagoon is located about 45 minutes from Reykjavik, and there is a bus that runs from the city center.



2. Hike to Glymur Falls

Glymur Falls is the second tallest waterfall in Iceland, and it's a popular hiking destination. The hike to the falls is about 2 hours each way, and it's relatively easy, making it a good option for families with children. The trailhead is located about 1 hour from Reykjavik.



3. Visit the Golden Circle

The Golden Circle is a popular tourist route that takes you to some of Iceland's most iconic landmarks, including Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss Waterfall, and Geysir Geothermal Area. The drive takes about 3 hours, and there are plenty of places to stop along the way to enjoy the scenery.



4. Take a walk around Reykjavik

Reykjavik is a small city, but it's packed with things to see and do. Take a walk around the city center and admire the colorful buildings, visit the museums, or shop for souvenirs. There are also plenty of parks and green spaces where you can relax and enjoy the outdoors.



5. Visit the Perlan Museum

The Perlan Museum is a great place to learn about Iceland's natural history and culture. The museum has exhibits on everything from volcanoes to glaciers to the Northern Lights. There is also a rooftop observation deck that offers stunning views of the city and surrounding mountains.



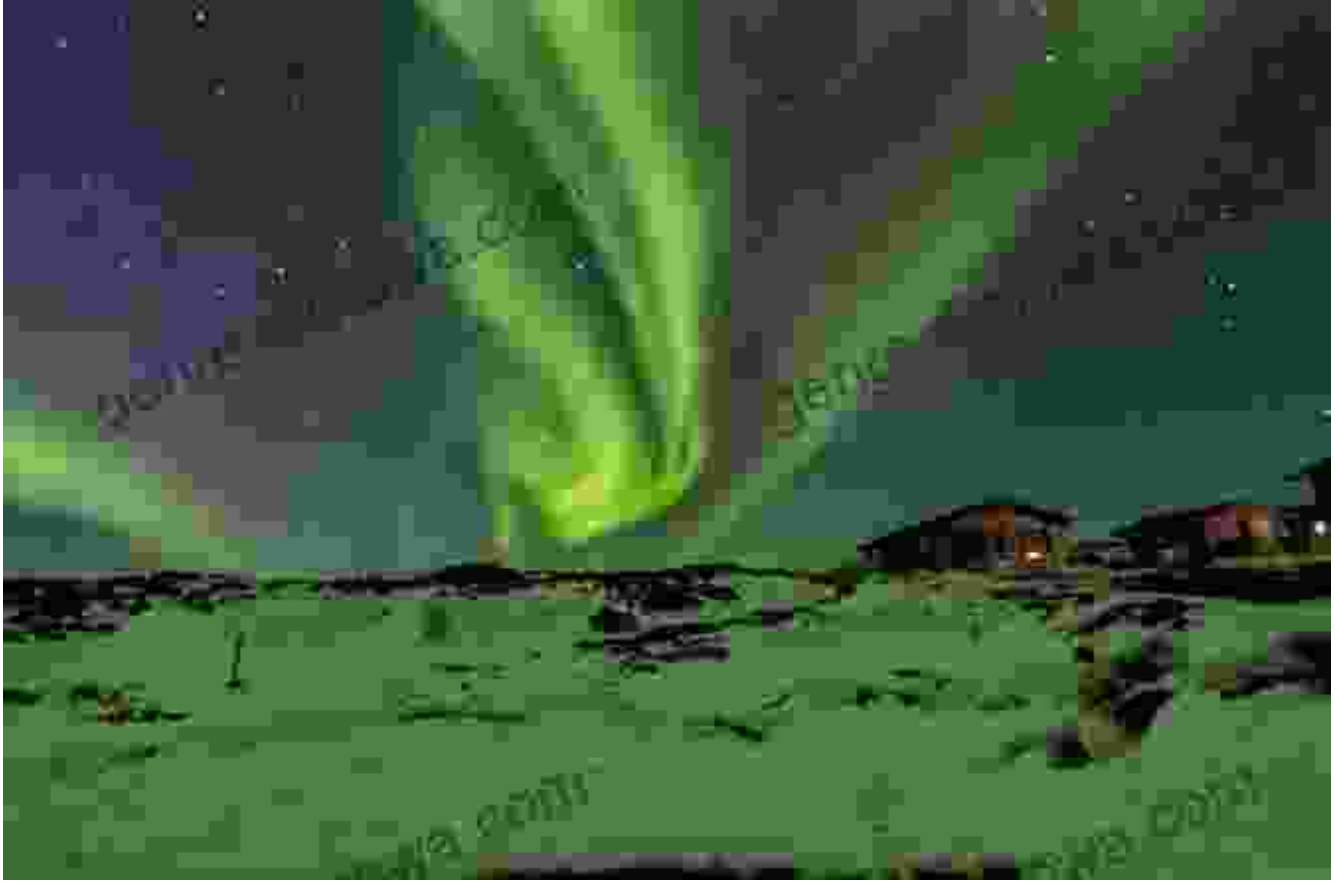
6. Go whale watching

Iceland is a great place to go whale watching. There are several companies that offer whale watching tours from Reykjavik, and you can often see whales, dolphins, and porpoises. The best time to go whale watching is during the summer months, when the weather is warmer and the whales are more active.



7. Visit the Northern Lights

The Northern Lights are one of the most amazing natural phenomena in the world. Iceland is a great place to see the Northern Lights, as they are often visible during the winter months. The best time to see the Northern Lights is on a clear night, away from city lights.



8. Go hiking in the mountains

Iceland is a hiker's paradise, with stunning mountains, glaciers, and waterfalls. There are hiking trails for all levels of fitness, from easy walks to challenging treks. Some of the most popular hiking destinations in Iceland include Þórsmörk, Landmannalaugar, and Skaftafell National Park.



9. Visit the glaciers

Iceland is home to some of the largest glaciers in Europe. You can visit the glaciers on a day trip from Reykjavik, or you can go on a multi-day hiking or camping trip. Some of the most popular glaciers to visit in Iceland include Vatnajökull, Langjökull, and Snæfellsjökull.



10. Go camping

Camping is a great way to experience the Icelandic outdoors. There are plenty of campsites located throughout the country, and you can camp for free in many areas. Just be sure to follow the rules and regulations, and leave no trace.



11. Go fishing

Iceland is a great place to go fishing. You can fish in the rivers, lakes, and oceans. You can also go deep-sea fishing for cod, haddock, and halibut. Just be sure to get a fishing license before you go.



12. Go kayaking

Kayaking is a great way to explore the Icelandic coastline. You can kayak around the fjords, glaciers, and islands. There are several companies that offer kayak rentals and tours, or you can bring your own kayak.



13. Go swimming in the hot springs

Iceland is home to many hot springs, which are a great place to relax and soak away your troubles. There are several hot springs located throughout the country, and many of them are free to visit. Just be sure to follow the rules and regulations, and don't forget your swimsuit.



14. Go bird watching

Iceland is a great place to go bird watching. There are over 200 species of birds in Iceland, including puffins, guillemots, and razorbills. You can go bird watching on your own, or you can join a guided tour.



15. Go stargazing

Iceland is a great place to go stargazing. The night sky is often clear and dark, making it easy to see the stars. You can go stargazing on your own, or you can join a guided tour.



16. Visit the museums

Iceland has several museums that are free to visit. These museums cover a variety of topics, including history, art, culture, and nature. Some of the most popular museums in Iceland include the National Museum of Iceland, the Reykjavík Art Museum, and the Saga Museum.



17. Attend a festival

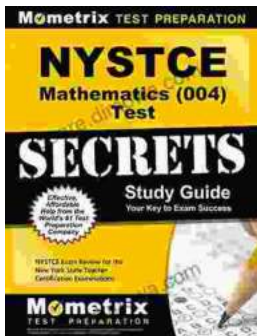
Iceland has several festivals throughout the year. These festivals celebrate Icelandic culture and traditions. Some of the most popular festivals in Iceland include the Reykjavík Culture Night, the Þórsmörk Volcano Huts Festival, and the Secret Solstice Festival.



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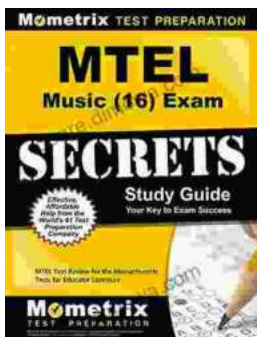
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