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# Facts about Iceland

- The population is about 335.000
- One of the safest countries on Earth
- Iceland doesn't have an army
- Hot water
- First female president
- Iceland's independence day is 17. june







# Reykjavík

- Is the capital in Iceland
- The population is about 123.000
- Mayor is Dagur B. Eggertson
- 11% are immigrants
- Translation of "Reykjavik" is "Smokey Bay"
- The name comes from the hot springs
- Many city celebrations
- Reykjavík is one of the safest, greenest and cleanest cities in the world







#### The Blue Lagoon

1987: The first bathing facilities open. 1995: First Blue Lagoon skin care products are launched.

Today the Blue Lagoon is recognized as one of the wonders of the world.

#### <u>Harpa</u>

Harpa is a Concert hall and Conference center

Opened May 4th 2011 Recived numerous award and prizes



# Tourist attractions



### The Golden Circle

- Gullfoss
- Geysir
- Þingvellir

<u>Hallgrímskirkja</u>

- Church of Hallgrimur Building work started in 1945 and finished in 1986.
- The church is 74,5 meters high and is the larges church in Iceland.

### Sports

- Iceland has become a very healty nation
- Popular sports are handball, football, basketball, golf and skiing
- Horseback riding on Icelandic horses is popular
- Hafþór Júlíus Björnsson
- Among the top 8 countries in the Europian Football
  Championship
- Won a silver medal at the 2008 Summer Olympics
- Handball is considered the national sports of Iceland



### Cuisine

- Fx. Lamb, dairy and fish
- Skyr, kleinur, rúbrauð, harðfiskur and hangikjöt
- Þorrablót is an old icelandic tradition

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Skyr

Great candy, including lakkrís, nóa kropp, hraun

Skyr

and opal

Skyr









# Landscape

- Waterfalls
- Hot springs
- Volcanoes
- Glaciers
- Northen ligths









