



9 Things you didn't know about Iceland





Number 1

The majority of Icelanders believe in elves. These elves usually live in rocky areas, have magical powers, and cause trouble if someone tries to disturb their home.



Number 2

In June and July it has days with 24hrs sunlight - a lot of people in Iceland look at it as a splendid time to catch up on their golf!



Number 3

In Iceland, handball is basically the national sport – it has been described as being sort of like soccer, except you actually use your hands.



Number 4

There are 13 Santa Clauses in Iceland and they are decedents of Trolls!



Number 5

Roughly 85% of Iceland's energy is from renewable resources, and well over half of that is geothermal alone.



Number 6

They drink more Coca Cola per capita than anywhere else in the world.



Number 7

There are no McDonalds in Iceland; there were three in the capital Reykjavik but they all closed in 2009.



Number 8

It is the site of the oldest Parliament in the world; it was founded at Thingvellir in 930.



Number 9

Icelanders enjoy an excellent quality of life; they have one of the longest life expectancies and have the highest literacy rate in the world!