



Introduction: Settled by Norwegian and Celtic (Scottish and Irish) immigrants during the 9th century, Iceland boasts the world's oldest functioning legislative assembly, the Althingi, established in 930. After almost 500 years under Danish sovereignty, it became independent in 1944. Today, Iceland is a member of NATO but maintains a policy of no standing army, instead focusing on search and rescue operations and maintaining a strong civil defense. It is not a member of the EU, but a strong partner by any means.

Cultural Practices: Self-sufficiency, work ethic and independence are strongly valued here, and the brusque manners of Icelanders hide a friendly, helpful nature reflected in a dedication to the immediate community. Icelanders value punctuality, respect, and equality. Professional interactions are direct and efficient, with a strong focus on practicality and clear communication.

Tipping Guidelines: Tipping is not customary in Iceland, as service charges are typically included in bills. However, rounding up in restaurants or taxis is appreciated for exceptional service.

Climate: Iceland has a subarctic climate with cool summers and cold winters. Weather can be unpredictable, with frequent rain and strong winds, particularly in coastal areas. The northern regions and the highlands are typically colder, and daylight varies significantly with the seasons.

Religion: Evangelical Lutheran 62.3%, other Christian 11.8%, other 26%

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General Facts:

Regional Division
Capital
Airport Code / Airport Name
Country Code 2 digits / 3 digits
Population
Language (Major Languages)

Northern Europe
Reykjavík
KEF / Keflavik International Airport
IS / ISL
364,036
Icelandic

Travel Facts:

Telephone Code / Code Dial
Local Emergency Phone
International Driving Permit
Road Driving Side
Time Zone / Time Difference
Currency Code / Exchange Rate \$ -> ISK
Electricity / Voltage / Plug Type(s)
Passport / Visa Requirements
Working Permits for US Citizens

354
112
Recommended
Right
UTC +00:00
Icelandic Krona (ISK) / 1\$: 136 ISK
230 V / 50 Hz / C, F
Yes / 90 days in 180 days
Necessary

Filming incentives:

Film Commission National
Film Commission Federal
VFX Grant

25-35% reimbursement
No
Yes

Working conditions:

Working hours per day
Working hours per week
Working days per week
Overtime
Breaks
Turnaround
Fringes / self-employed
Unions

11 + break
55
5
+78%
60 min after 5th hour
10 hours
self-employed
common but not mandatory

Filming infrastructure:

Crews
Equipment
Studios in the following cities
Themed backlot sets include
Specials

internationally experienced, English speaking
equipped with cutting-edge equipment
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Landscape & Architecture: Dramatic volcanic landscapes, cascading waterfalls, geothermal wonders, rugged coastlines, majestic glaciers, Northern Lights spectacle, Viking heritage, untamed wilderness. Architectural styles range from traditional turf houses to modern Scandinavian designs.