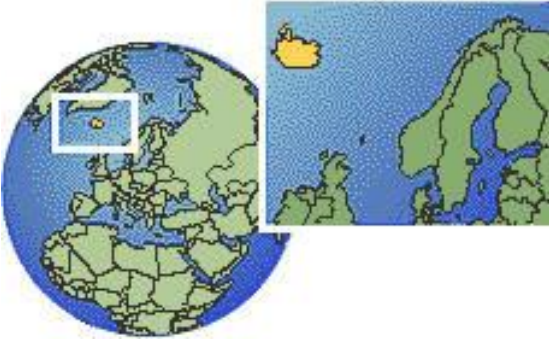


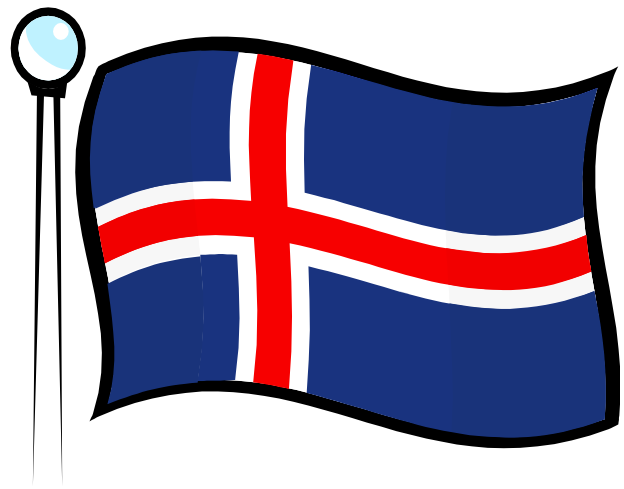
Iceland



Iceland is an island country off the coast of Europe. It is right on the edge of the Atlantic and Arctic oceans.

They do not officially have neighbors because they are an island, but they are closest to Great Britain and Greenland. They speak Icelandic.

Iceland has a constitutional republic with a president in charge. Iceland divided itself into regions instead of states. The capital of Iceland is in Reykjavik. Iceland has freedom of religion and you can be any religion you want, but they have an official religion, the



Church of Iceland, which is a type of Lutheran Christian church.



Because Iceland is so cold they do not have a lot of fruits and vegetables as part of their diet. They eat mostly fish, and one of their local dishes is hakarl, cured shark.

Iceland has very cold weather. It can be almost -40 degrees in

winter and only gets to about 80 degrees in summer. Because of this people in Iceland traditionally wear many layers of clothes and lots of fur. The men wore



capas lined with fur, long tunics, and high boots. The women wore long shirts with a lace-up bodice over it. They wore long skirts almost to the floor or floor length. Sometimes they would wear an over-skirt or an apron over the skirt. They would braid their hair in elaborate braids and had beautiful scrollwork on their skirts and dresses.



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When men first came to Iceland they only found the Arctic Fox there, since then they have introduced sheep, dogs, and horses. They are famous for their Icelandic sheepdogs.

Iceland is a very interesting country.