



My Iceland Trip 2012



On the 20th July I set off with the ten other people going to Iceland. There were three leaders and eight Guides. Here is a picture of us on the second day:



Starting from the left there is: Alice, Me, Bridie, Anna S, Anna B, Ellie, Saffy and Jess.

We all met up at the airport ready to fly to Iceland and start our adventure.

When we arrived in Iceland, we had a quick coach journey to our hotel where we would be staying for the first two nights. Once we had settled into our rooms we walked down to look for somewhere to eat and then settled down by the beach to wait for the burger place we had found to find some seats for us. After dinner we went back up to the hotel, and after a quick hot chocolate, went to bed. It had been the first great day of our trip!

On Saturday we had a tour of Iceland, called the golden circle, planned. We saw one of Iceland's biggest lakes, the crack between the two plates, the place where the old Icelandic parliament used to meet, an amazing waterfall and loads of geysers and hot springs, as well as a look inside one of Iceland's geothermal power stations. It was an amazing experience!

Sunday was the day we moved to the campsite to join the jamboree, but first we had some time left to do something else. We couldn't all agree on an idea, so in the end half of us went shopping and the other half went to the local zoo. I went to the zoo and we saw all sorts of different things including some beautiful Icelandic ponies! Then we were off to the campsite! We quickly put up our tents in the pouring rain, before heading to the opening ceremony where they had all sorts of things happening on stage.

On Monday it was our first full day at the campsite and our first activity was a walk with some other Icelandic people. It was very nice and we saw some stunning views of the campsite and all the tents.

It was now day 5, so we knew we were now half way through our trip. We did a variety of activities, some with our new friends, and in the evening we had a campfire. We

sung lots of songs and each group of Guides or Scouts there did a presentation of some kind for us to watch or join in with.

On Wednesday 25th we had Viking themed activities planned for us. We made lots of different things including chain mail bracelets! The evening activities were lots of little competitions between the different groups there. We had a relay race with questions at each end; a five legged race and a race where you had to carry someone on a stretcher.

Thursday held yet more surprises when a helicopter turned up at the campsite for people to have a look inside. There was also a water safari for us to play on and we practised making origami swans. The evening activities included a number of different challenges, it hardly got dark!



Day 8 came with more surprises as we were going on a trip to the Blue Lagoon. It is a massive natural spa outside with creamy warm water bubbling out of a geyser. We all covered our faces in face masks and had a turn in the steam bath and sauna. It was very relaxing and many of us fell asleep in the coach on the way back.

Saturday was the camp's international day. Every group there had to do a presentation on where they came from, so there was a lot to do and lots of new food to try. There were also lots of challenges around that you could do to win points. In the evening it was the closing ceremony, it was time to say goodbye to our new friends.

It was our last full day, so after packing up we said our final goodbyes and set off for our final night at a B&B. It had been a great trip!!!

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