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# MEET THE *Team.*



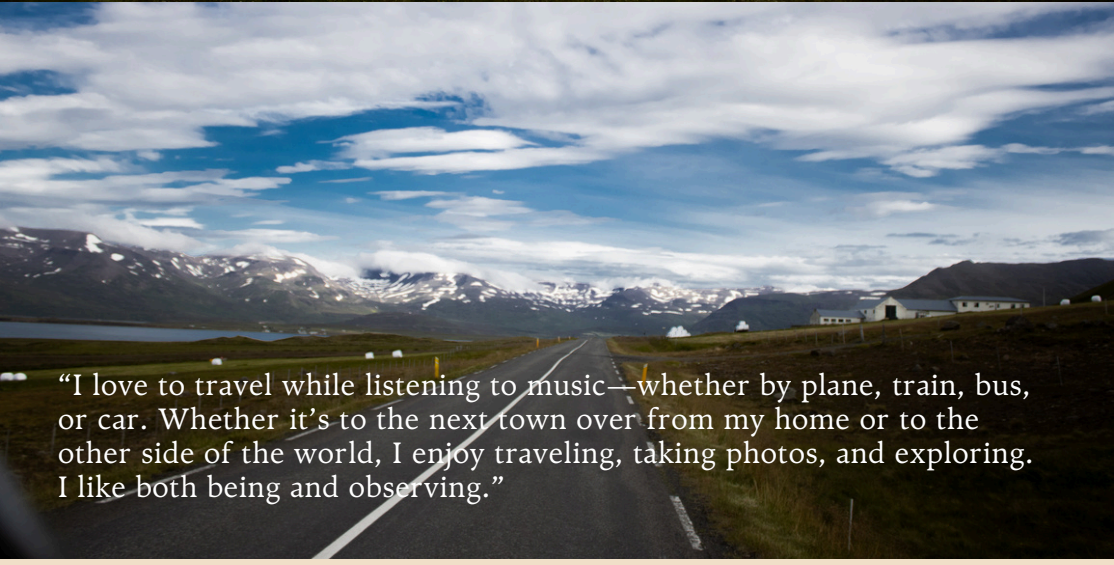
JUDITH.



SHEILA.



RODRIGO.



“I love to travel while listening to music—whether by plane, train, bus, or car. Whether it’s to the next town over from my home or to the other side of the world, I enjoy traveling, taking photos, and exploring. I like both being and observing.”

# ans- wers.



After an incredible week of travel, with layovers and several long naps on planes, airports, and buses, I found myself in Terminal 3 at Charles de Gaulle in Paris, bound for Reykjavík. After the last night I would spend at the airport for a couple of weeks, I would take a bus to the agreed-upon meeting point. At 9 a.m. on August 14th, a van would pick us up to take us to Siglufjörður, which would be our home for the next two weeks.



Arriving home after a 4-hour journey, a man caught my curiosity. He had fair skin, was slim, and his most striking feature was his blue eyes. His English was nearly perfect, but his Spanish accent revealed his nationality. I had known Aniol for a couple of weeks, and I learned something fascinating: “Aniol” means “angel” in Polish. He shared his future plans and how he ended up here.





I interacted with nearly fifteen people in the house daily, yet I hadn't gotten to know everyone as well as I'd like. Being here allows you to observe each person's virtues, flaws, and quirks. Some eat potatoes every day and at all hours, while others avoid gluten.

# Coexistence

There are those who claim to be vegetarians due to their dislike of any type of meat, preferring vegetables instead. I've noticed another pattern in this place: we all come seeking answers, even to questions that don't yet exist.







We each have a purpose here, whether related to work, school, profession, family, or personal losses. When I asked Aniol about his purpose for being here, he admitted he didn't have a clear answer yet. Together, we concluded that this stay—whether a few weeks, a couple of months, or even up to a year—gradually reveals answers. Stepping out of our comfort zones, conversing in different languages, and performing tasks we might neglect at home lead us to discover what we truly want, who we aspire to be, and what we no longer desire





So much diversity, so many places, so many lives—all converging here in an Icelandic August. We're all in the same place with the same mission: to find answers. Personally, I've found solutions to questions I hadn't even asked myself.

Through new music, conversations in different languages, and walks in the snow-covered, enigmatic mountains of Siglufjörður, I've encountered my answers. Names like Aniol, Luka, Ciarian, Juliette, Prashansa, Pedro, David, Sheila, Shayna, Louis, and a few more echo in my mind.

In Aniol's sincere blue gaze, I find answers. Luka's wisdom, Ciarian's serenity, and Juliette's discipline have also taught me valuable lessons. So if you have doubts, perhaps, like me, you'll find some of those sought-after answers in this cold and secluded place.

**“La gente que conocí”.**



“On days like today, the sound of a stream, the sight of a waterfall, or lush green grass is a privilege for many. For some of us, coming from places where drought is a reality, seeing such places transforms the hope in our hearts—this is a luxury.”



The summer sky is a canvas  
of endless blue. Just as the  
sun nourishes the earth, let  
the summer rays nourish  
your spirit.





peacefull place.

📍 Mývatn, Iceland.



# REYKJANES, THE LAND OF FIRE.



Iceland's Reykjanes Peninsula, after over 800 years of dormancy, has become volcanically active again. In August 2024, a new eruption near Grindavík, part of an active phase that began in 2021, opened two fissures and forced resident evacuations, highlighting the unpredictable and cyclical nature of volcanic activity in the region.





Reykjanes, situated along the Mid-Atlantic Ridge between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates, is seismically active but had been calm since the 13th century due to slow magma accumulation. This period of stability ended in 2021 when increased seismic activity indicated the region's awakening.



The October 2023 eruption marked a turning point as centuries of accumulated pressure erupted through crustal cracks, releasing lava and gases. Despite the scale of the event, Icelandic authorities managed to evacuate Grindavík residents before the lava destroyed several homes.



The August 2024 eruption, though small in lava volume, has significantly impacted nearby communities. Authorities are monitoring the situation and safeguarding critical infrastructure.



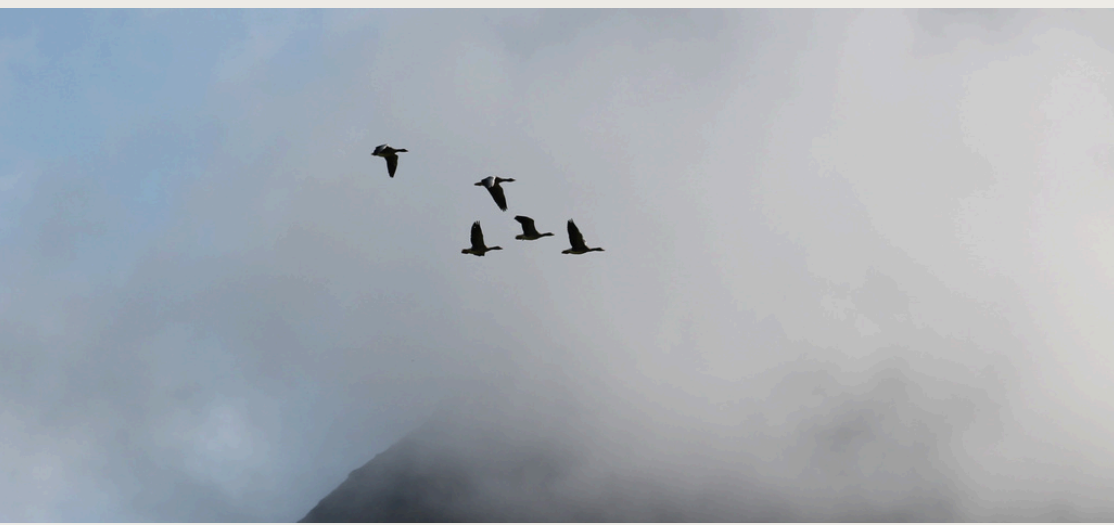
This resurgence highlights Iceland's cyclical volcanic activity, showing that while calm periods are common, eruptions are inevitable due to tectonic forces. With four eruptions in Reykjanes over the past three years, Iceland continues to demonstrate resilience and preparedness in managing its active volcanic environment.

# VERDE.

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# An Invitation

Summer invites us to immerse ourselves in the radiant embrace of nature's splendour, to surrender to the warmth of the sun and the endless possibilities that unfold. It is a season of liberation, a time to let go of inhibitions, and rediscover the beauty within and around us. Just as the sun nourishes the earth, let the summer rays nourish your spirit, igniting a flame of passion, creativity, and joy. Embrace the magic of this season, for it holds the power to awaken your soul and illuminate the path to a life lived in full bloom.





Located in northeastern Iceland, Siglufjörður is a small, charming town that seems straight out of a Christmas movie. With a population of just over 1,200, it's perfect for exploring on foot, immersing visitors in its calm and welcoming atmosphere.

Surrounded by green mountains with snowy peaks even in summer, Siglufjörður offers a breathtaking landscape. Snow and cold are constant, creating a serene environment typical of Iceland. The town's narrow fjord adds a dramatic touch to its beauty.

In the early 20th century, Siglufjörður was the epicenter of Iceland's herring industry, attracting fishermen and traders worldwide. The Herring Era Museum now preserves this rich history.

Life here feels like stepping back to a simpler, quieter era. The friendly locals often smile and greet you, creating a close-knit, welcoming community. The peaceful atmosphere makes it a perfect escape from modern life's hustle and bustle.







HOME.





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FAMILY."





**WORK.**





The focus of this work camp is primarily on the creation of an "artificial" forest in Siglu. Due to the village's challenging climate and soil conditions, trees struggle to grow on their own. This project aims to cultivate a forest and provide it with the necessary care to eventually thrive independently, without human intervention. Thanks to the support of Ollie, this initiative has steadily grown, bringing this ambitious vision closer to reality.

# FORESTRYWORKCAMP

# PARADISE.



WINTER IN  
**AUGUST**



# WIN TER CHA NGE

You wouldn't believe it if I told you that Iceland, the country with "ice" in its name, isn't as freezing as you might think. I used to imagine it as this perpetually frozen place, but it turns out the climate there is way more interesting—and unpredictable—than I expected. Thanks to the Gulf Stream, which brings warmth all the way from the Caribbean, Iceland's temperatures are surprisingly mild most of the time. But here's the catch: this warmth meets cold Arctic air, and the result is weather that changes faster than you can blink.





Iceland's weather is wild, to say the least. It's not unusual for it to be incredibly windy, with sudden storms that seem to come out of nowhere. The south of the country gets more rain than the north, and they say, "If you don't like the weather in Iceland, just wait five minutes." Honestly, that couldn't be more accurate.



The seasons in Iceland are a bit different from what you might expect.

Winter runs from November to March, and it's pretty cold, with temperatures hanging around -1 to 4 degrees Celsius. The days are short, the nights are long, and there's snow pretty much everywhere. It's that classic winter vibe, but somehow even more intense because of how dark it gets.



# SUN, SNOW, SURPRISES.

Here's a perfect example: imagine it's August, and you're thinking, "Great, it's summer." But suddenly, you wake up to snow! Yep, snow in the middle of August. That's just Iceland being Iceland. The thing is, while the overall temperature doesn't swing as wildly as it does in other places, the weather is incredibly unpredictable.



One minute it's sunny, and the next, you're caught in a snowstorm. It can be totally clear in one spot, and just a few miles away, you might run into dense fog and rain. The landscape plays a big role in this, too—being in a valley, on a plain, or up on a glacier can mean completely different weather experiences



And let's talk about wind chill for a second. Even when it feels like it should be warm, that wind can cut right through you and make it feel a lot colder. On the flip side, when it's dry, warm days can feel much hotter than they actually are.

So, when I say that Iceland's weather is unpredictable, I really mean it. You can go through all four seasons in a single day—sunshine, rain, snow, and wind. It's part of what makes Iceland so fascinating, but it also means you've got to be prepared for anything when you're there. It's like the weather has a personality of its own, and it's always keeping you on your toes.



CAMP  
PLAYLIST



# TAKK FYRIR SIGLÓ

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