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Leg 6, on July 16th, looked like this. This day it was not raining, but fairly dense cloud cover.



There are many outlet glaciers flowing out from <u>Vatnajökull</u>, which is Europe's second largest glacier.

















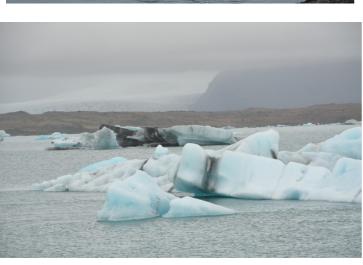


Here we are at <u>Jökulsárlón</u>, which is the largest glacial lake in Iceland. We see the bridge that spans the river which flows from the lake.



It is full of icebergs that are separating from Vatnajökull.









There are a lot of birds here. Here are some on an iceberg.





Birds in the lake.



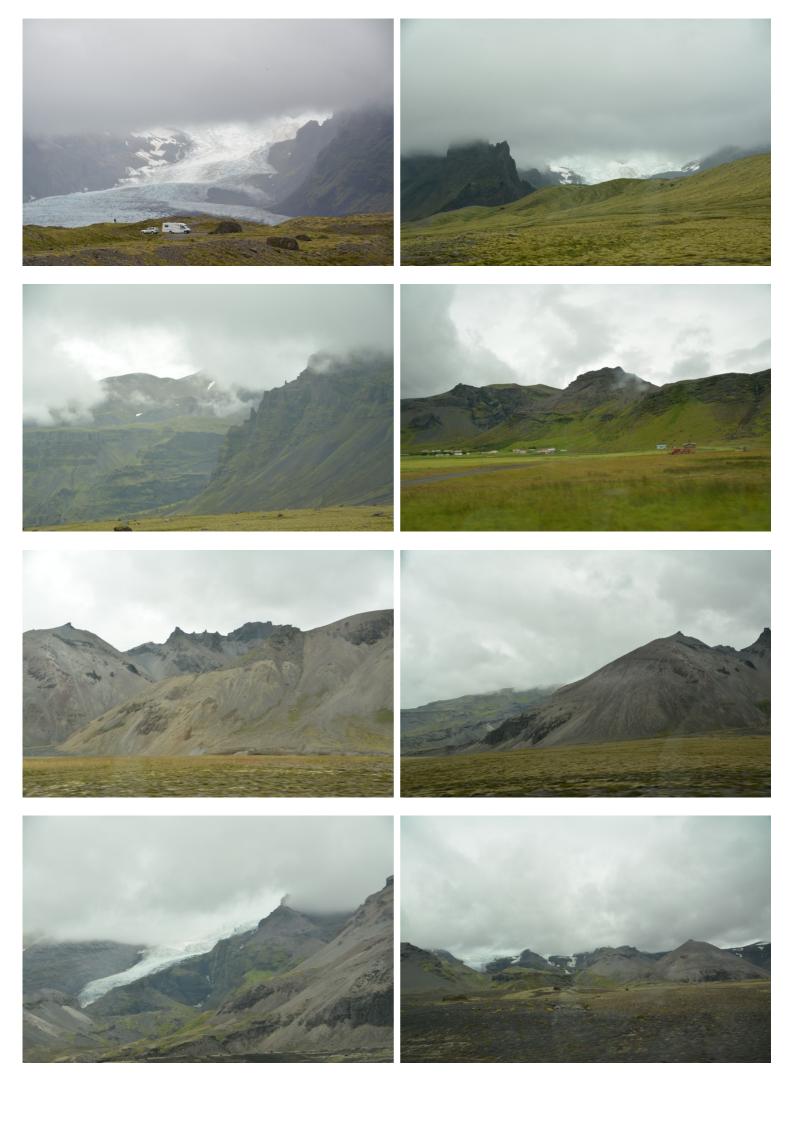
Birds on land.

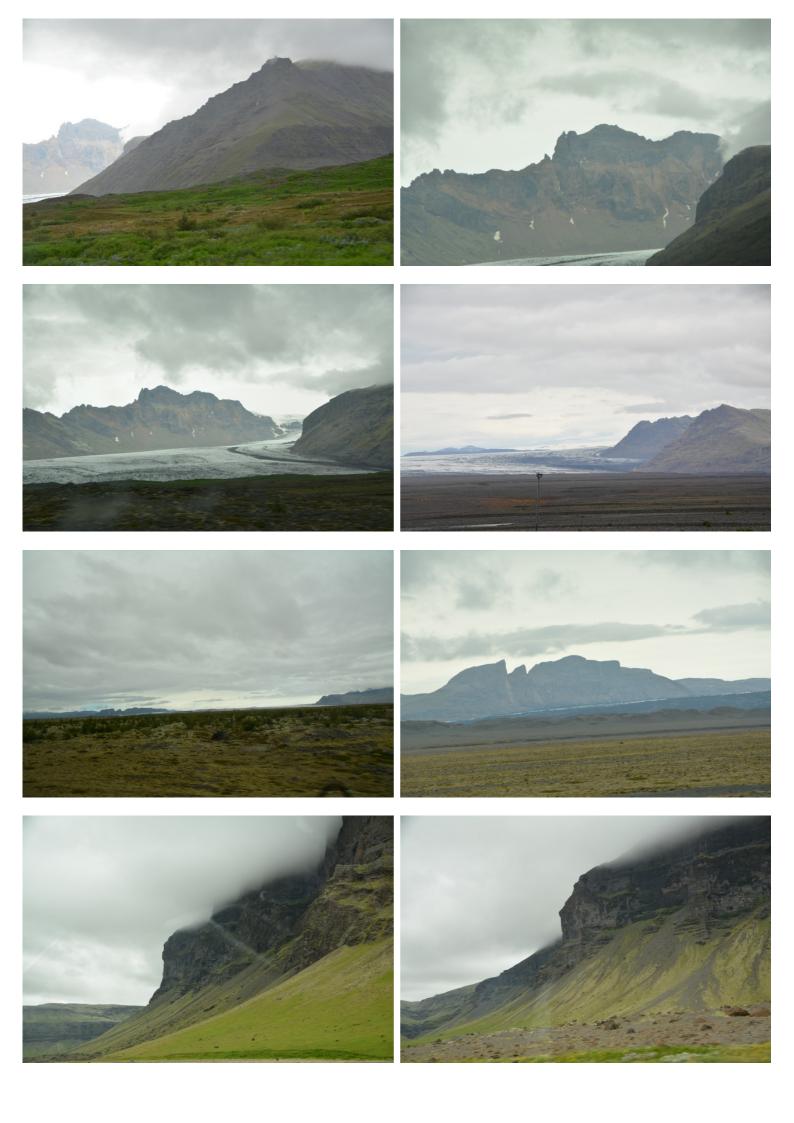
















There were lots of flowering plants where we stopped.



When we came to Vik, we drove down to the black beach, which Vik is known for.



Long black beach.



Here we are almost in Vik i Myrdal. We can see Hjorleifshöfdi the horizon.





Outside the mountain <u>Reynisfjall</u>, lies a number of rocky islands, <u>Reynisdrangar</u>.



Just inside the beach stands a monument to commemorate <u>Cod Wars</u> with Great Britain was over.





Vik seen from the beach.



The church is located on top of a small hill.





It grew many different kinds of plants at the beach.







More greenery.

We drove onto the other side of Reynisfjall. Here there are also small rock islands and a black beach, Kirkjufjara.



Here also lies the famous **Dyraholaey**.



Day 7, on July the 17<sup>th</sup>, is the last stage before we go back to Norway.



Here we are at Skógafoss.



It was only a short distance to walk along the river from the parking lot.



From here it was only a short piece over to where we were to stay, <u>Guesthouse Vellir</u>.



We start leg by running in green landscapes.



Proof that I was there.



There were many who were camping here.



Next waterfall is <u>Seljalandsfoss</u>, which we are arriving to here.



There is much greenery along Seljalandsá.









The falls.

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Another waterfall in the distance.



It is possible to walk on the back of the waterfall.









We made a stop in <u>Skálholt</u>. This is <u>the new church</u>, which was built in 1956.



Directly below the church there are archaeological excavations.

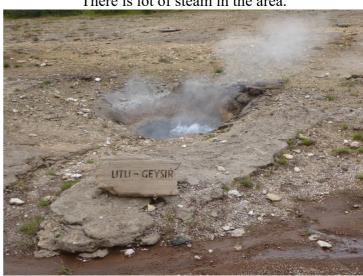


Next on the agenda is the Geyser area.



There is lot of steam in the area.





Litli Geysir.



All are waiting for the next blow.



The geyser <u>Strokkur</u> erupts every 6-10 minutes.



Some have gone up on a hill to watch it all from a distance.







Then we went a bit further to <u>Gullfoss</u> that lies in the river <u>Hvítá</u>. The falls in two steps at 11 and 21 m.



Anne Berit was there.



The parking lot.



Much people here.



Some went higher up to see.



Others went so close to the falls as they could.



Next stop is in <u>Pingvellir National Park</u>. Here we are at one of the parking lots.



We notice many people standing on the edge of <u>Allmanagia</u>. <u>Video</u>.



We parked right at <u>bingvallavatn</u>.



There is lush vegetation here.



There are several canyons here.









Here we look toward the main gorge. Those two tectonic plates, the Eurasian and the North american, are moving away from each other here. Link.



Anne Berit is crossing the bridge.





There are made paths.



This is the main gorge.









Looking towards <u>Þingvallavatn</u>.



<u>Pingvellir church</u>.











Geese by the church.







Finally a picture of <u>Öxarárfoss</u> in <u>Pingvellir National</u>
Park.



Then we drove to our hotel in Keflavik, <u>Airport Inn</u>. When we had installed ourselves there, we had to have some food, so we drove down to central Keflavik to find a restaurant.



We stopped at the first restaurant we found. It's called Rain. It is certainly very good, but there was a large group that was before us in the order process. We ordered food, but we did not perceive that we had to wait long to get our food. When we had waited an hour, we were cursed and went.



We drove on, and just down the street we saw this Thai restaurant, <u>Thai Keflavik</u>. They had the buffet when we arrived, so we took it. Much different food, and very good.

Next day it was to get to the airport, return the car, check in, get on the plane (SAS), get off the plane at Gardermoen airport, take the transit bus to the parking lot and drive home.