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The Arctic Coast Way leaves the much-travelled routes behind and guides visitors off the beaten track to explore the northern edge of Iceland so close to the Arctic Circle. It is not just about driving but welcomes you to a route with stories and experiences around every curve and over every hill. It invites you to slow down and unwind, and is not measured in milestones but in unexpected moments that will make visitors wish to return again and again.



6 Grímsey/Hrísey

Grímsey/Hrísey: Grímsey is the northernmost point of Iceland, while Hrísey is in the middle of Eyjafjörður. On each island, the population is less than one hundred people but there are millions of birds. Find puffins in Grímsey and ptarmigan in Hrísey, and many more species. Flights to Grímsey are available from Akureyri, and the Grímsey ferry sails from Dalvík, and the Hrísey ferry sails from Árskógssandur.



11 Arctic Henge

Set in Raufarhöfn, one of the most remote and northernmost villages in Iceland where the Arctic Circle lies just off the coast, the Arctic Henge (Heimskautsgerðið) is under construction. Similar to its ancient predecessor, Stonehenge, the Arctic Henge is like a huge sundial, aiming to capture the sunrises, cast shadows in precise locations and capture the light between aligned gateways.



2 Hvítserkur

A 15 m high monolith just off shore on the eastern side of Vatnsnes peninsula. Many bird species live on the rock and leave their mark which is evident in the whiteness of their droppings.



7 Goðafoss

The "Waterfall of the Gods" is in the glacial river Skjálfafljót, just off the Ring Road by Fosshóll. The name of the waterfall refers to an incident in one of the Icelandic Sagas where Þorgeir the Lawspeaker threw his symbolic likenesses of the old Nordic gods into the waterfall.



12 Langanes

Langanes: A narrow peninsula, where a rough road leads to Fontur at the tip of the peninsula, where you'll find steep sea cliffs known as Skoruvíkurbjarg and Skálabbjarg. The Langanes peninsula is known for its rich birdlife and excellent birdwatching spots, where it is possible to watch the Northern Gannet and Brünnichs Guillemot from land.



3 Kolugljúfur

In Víðidalur valley, the river Víðidalssá flows by the farm Kolugil down into a magnificent gorge, Kolugljúfur. The powerful waterfalls the gorge creates, Kolufossar, are named after the Troll-woman Kola.



8 Lake Mývatn

Mývatn: In the Lake Mývatn region, located on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the most interesting sights are of a volcanic or geothermal nature, the centerpiece being the 37 km² lake Mývatn itself. Places of interest include the pseudo craters at Skútustaðir, Höfði peninsula, Dimmuborgir lava formations, Hverfell crater, Hverir hot spring area, Krafla volcanic area and Mývatn Nature Baths. The area is also considered one of the best bird watching locations in Iceland.



13 Ski areas

North Iceland is the number one winter destination for Icelanders. Five ski areas, including Hlíðarfjall, the country's most popular one, offer slopes and lifts of all levels with the season extending from the end of November to May. Buy the 5x5 ski pass and try them all! Facilities for cross-country skiers, with prepared trails can be found in many locations. Whether you are a beginner or an extreme skier you have the opportunity to experience a unique natural environment while skiing.



4 Skagafjörður, Glaumbær Folk Museum

For more than half a century the Skagafjörður Heritage Museum has presented an exhibition in the turf farmhouse of Glaumbær. Within the authentic buildings, everyday tools are displayed in their natural environment, bearing witness to vanished times and the daily activities of people in Iceland's past.



9 Dettifoss in Jökulsárgljúfur

Dettifoss has the greatest volume of any waterfall in Europe, 500 cubic metres of water per second plunging over its edge. Dettifoss is 45 m high and 100 m wide. A pleasant hiking trail, 34 km in length, winds along the canyon from Dettifoss to Ásbyrgi.



14 Northern Lights

The Northern Lights – also called Aurora Borealis – are among the most spectacular shows on earth and can frequently be seen in North Iceland from September through April on clear and crisp nights. White and green are usually the dominant colours but sometimes there are considerable colour variations, as the pressure and composition of the atmosphere change at different altitudes.



5 Troll Peninsula

Possibilities for backcountry skiing, alpine ski touring, cat skiing and heli skiing are endless, with the Troll Peninsula being the centre of activity. Skiing on virgin slopes all the way down to the Arctic Ocean is what characterizes this skiers' paradise, where snow conditions remain favourable well into spring.



10 Ásbyrgi

Ásbyrgi is a densely wooded horse-shoe shaped canyon in Öxarfjörður where you find numerous hiking tracks. Ásbyrgi is part of the Vatnajökull National Park. The national park reaches from highway 85, by Ásbyrgi, south to Dettifoss, covering an area of 120 km².



15 Snow Adventure

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