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Nature is the world's greatest luxury, and we do our best to protect it!

RENEWABLE ENERGY

We use electricity from renewable energy sources, combining hydroelectricity and geothermal hot water.

GEOHERMAL POWER

All hot water used to heat our buildings comes from a nearby geothermal power station.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

We emphasize using local produce with low environmental impact.

FRESH VEGETABLES

The numerous greenhouses in South Iceland supply us with fresh vegetables year-round.

FISH AND MEAT

We source our fish and meat from nearby areas.

IMPACT ON NATURE

We sort all our waste to minimize our impact on nature.

BIODEGRADABLE PRODUCTS

We do our utmost to use biodegradable products whenever possible.

FURNITURE

We focus on furniture made of durable materials which is consistent with the spirit of Hotel Rangá.

Front cover photo by Paige Deasley,- Landscape and Nature Photographer.
For more beautiful landscape photos from Iceland we recommend her webpage: www.paigedeas.com

Picture by Paige Deasley



Picture by Ása Steinarsdóttir

ICELANDIC WATER

In Iceland, 96% of the water we consume is sourced from groundwater. When you turn on the tap in an Icelandic home - or in your Hotel Rangá bathroom - what you see is what you get: clean H₂O straight from nature.

If you are from the US or certain European countries, you might have noticed Icelandic water for sale in the supermarket. In Iceland, you will also probably notice Icelandic water for sale in the supermarket. Of course, bottled water is a good option in places where water quality is poor, but in Iceland, you are better off saving your money.

Icelandic bottled water is exactly the same as the water running through the taps/faucets in our bathrooms and kitchens. Icelanders drink straight from the tap, and often from springs and streams in nature – as they should – since Icelandic water is among the cleanest and healthiest in the world.

Icelandic water sources are inspected continually throughout the year. The water is superior in taste, since it isn't treated with chlorine (as is common practice in other countries) and many chemicals commonly found in foreign water sources have never been found in Icelandic water.

Iceland is rich in groundwater due to porous bedrock and high precipitation. Groundwater moves slowly but surely through geologic formations of soil, sand and rocks that clean it along the way. In Iceland, the bedrock is mostly made up of basalt, making the water less acidic than in other countries (pH 6,5–9,5) giving it the classification of “soft water” because of low calcium and magnesium levels.

The water flows best through volcanic zones where the bedrock is relatively new. If it comes into contact with hot igneous rock formations it heats up, rises to the surface and creates geothermal areas. These geothermal water sources enable us to heat our houses in an environmentally friendly manner. Of course, the geothermal origin also means that our warm water sometimes smells of sulphur. The smell can take some getting used to, but don't worry, it is perfectly natural and healthy to bathe in.



NORTHERN LIGHT CATCHERS

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In July 2021, Hotel Rangá put out the call for our first official Northern Lights catchers. We offered photographers from around the world the chance to win an epic trip to stay at Hotel Rangá and shoot the Northern Lights. We were thrilled to have so much interest – in total, 4829 different photographers applied from over 50 countries. In fact, there were so many applications that we ended up choosing two winners.



Picture by Ingibjörg Friðriksdóttir

STEFAN LIEBERMANN

Stefan Liebermann is a professional photographer from Germany who specializes in shooting the night sky. He fell into photography as a fun hobby which soon turned into an incredible career. A true adventurer, Stefan has traveled all around the world as a photographer and has some incredible stories about his awe-inspiring experiences.

“You can plan a lot, but those last seconds are always going to be improvised. You can stay at a good accommodation – like Hotel Rangá – so that you don’t have to go so far. You need to check the aurora forecast and the solar activity. You also need to check the weather forecast - that is important. But then all you can do is wait. And eventually something changes and the sky explodes with color.”



Picture by Stefan Liebermann



Picture by Paige Deasley



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PAIGE DEASLEY

Paige Deasley is a university student who grew up, fittingly, in a town called Aurora. Hailing from Ontario, Canada, she is currently studying Creative Industries with a minor in Environment and Urban Sustainability. After her school moved to online classes due to Covid-19, she took advantage of the change in her routine to spend more time on photography. She had always wanted to visit Iceland and took some amazing photos of the night sky while staying at Hotel Rangá.

"This was my first time seeing the Northern Lights. They were far from what I expected in the best way possible. When I finally got the aurora wakeup call, I ran outside with all my gear, ready to shoot. But as soon as I saw the Northern Lights, I froze. My jaw dropped to the floor as I looked up in awe. The longer I spent outside, the more visible they became, ranging in color from green to pink and purple."



Picture by Paige Deasley



A BRIDE IN PURPLE

Stacey Nelson and Gerald “Jerry” Stover were married at Hotel Rangá in the spring. Their intimate ceremony was held at a hidden cave located in the nearby valley of Fljótshlíð. We loved hosting this couple and are excited to share a glimpse of their special day. Below, Stacey and Jerry share their engagement story and the story of how they decided to be married in Iceland.

WORKPLACE ROMANCE AND AN ICELANDIC PROPOSAL

Jerry: “Stacey and I met as a result of our work. I own a company that builds custom cabinetry, and Stacey worked for a company that provided granite countertops. After crossing paths several times, there was an obvious attraction between the two of us. Stacey made the first move. She knew I wanted to ask her out but was having trouble making it happen. To her credit, she managed to convince me that it was all my idea and I’m thrilled she did. We’ve been together ever since.

After carrying the ring in my pocket all the way to Iceland and panicking that I would lose it every second of the day, I began looking for the perfect spot. My first effort was in a picture-perfect spot looking over the area of the blue lagoon, but the weather was cold and wet and made me rethink the location. Another attempt was foiled because I couldn’t stop shaking from being nervous and was exasperated by being cold. The perfect moment finally came on our first night at Hotel Rangá. We were staying in a beautiful room (the Royal Suite), we were warm and cozy, we had settled in for the night and were just enjoying being in Iceland at Hotel Rangá, and it seemed like the perfect moment. My wife tells me that I handed her the ring and said, “you should just have this”, a phrase I am confident was the unintended result of being exhausted by the various near misses and multiple failed attempts. Ultimately, the relief and comfort I found relaxing with the women I love in what has become my favorite destination on earth caused my heart to act before my words could catch up. My brain was apparently doing the best it could at the time, and though my attempt at being romantic fell drastically short of my plans, it became the perfect moment.”

WHY ICELAND?

Jerry: “We decided to get married in Iceland for many reasons, but simply stated, Iceland is beautiful, magical and mysterious and the perfect backdrop for a wedding. In addition, returning to where we were engaged was special and meaningful to both Stacey and I. Returning to Hotel Rangá, sharing a place that means so much to us with our family and getting to see their awe in all that is Iceland made it the obvious choice.”

Stacey: “We picked Hotel Rangá to help with the wedding because that is where we were engaged and it has a significant meaning to us. Hotel Rangá has a cozy cabin feel, and it offers sanctuary in its remote location with amazing views of the mountains and the river. We made a reservation for the Royal Suite because we were engaged in that room, and it had plenty of room for all 7 of us to hang out during the day. Also, the room has a huge bathroom where we ladies got ready on the morning of the wedding. We also booked two Deluxe rooms for our family. The staff were fantastic and made us feel special. Rangá arranged my hair, makeup and transportation, and they were all so very nice and on time. The morning of the wedding was really easy, and as a result, I did not stress over anything.

THE BIG DAY!

Stacey: “Hotel Rangá’s Wedding Coordinator, made the process a breeze. She did all the work and it turned out perfect. She would present me with decisions that I would need to make along the way. She gave me options, explained them to me and then I would pick my favorite.

We knew from day one that we wanted to have the wedding outdoors. Getting married inside a small cave known as Gapi was the perfect choice. We were very fortunate and had a beautiful day, but it was nice to know that if the weather became inclement (which is often the case in Iceland) we had the cover of the cave while still enjoying the view of the outdoors. We couldn’t have asked for a better backdrop—the river and mountains were absolutely gorgeous.

Choosing the flowers and decorations was by far the easiest decision that I had to make. I wanted Iceland to be my decoration. The grass, clouds, glaciers, rivers and caves made every image perfect. I sent a picture of my dress colors and let Hotel Rangá’s florist make a small bouquet and boutonniere based on those colors, and they turned out perfect.

Our favorite thing about Iceland is the scenery. When we were there in December of 2017 (when Jerry proposed), everything was iced over and the colors were a mix of magical blues from icy to dusty. I found a dress that I liked on Etsy at Wardrobe By Dulcinea and I asked Inge if she could change the colors from blush to blues.

I also found a local Icelandic woman by the name of Jona Orlygsdottir on Etsy that custom makes Icelandic sweaters. Her shop is called Lopia. My favorite part about the sweaters are the back. My husband’s says JLOVESS in the middle of his runes and my new son’s has BOGO in the middle of his. I have told my new son from day one that I bought his daddy and got him for free, so “Buy One Get One” will always be my nickname for him. Jona even hand-delivered the sweaters to our hotel in Reykjavik to make sure everything fit properly. We will keep those sweaters forever. They were my favorite part of our attire.

Our actual wedding ceremony only lasted five to ten minutes at most, so we spent hours touring around in the Super Jeep going to different locations and taking pictures. This was by far my favorite part of the day. We got to see all kinds of cool places that you just can’t access in your rental car. It was fun to watch our family’s faces light up every time they viewed a new glacier or waterfall. I would highly recommend this to anyone considering it. Our driver was also amazingly sweet and knowledgeable.

The dinner reception was upstairs in the private dining room. We only had eight guests, but the room was large and could accommodate many more. The food was outstanding. We had salmon two ways, shrimp with dill, sous-vide beef and baked Alaska. The presentation was exquisite. It was so much more than I expected and worth every penny.

The Icelandic wedding cake is closer to an American cookie and tastes nothing like our traditional cakes, but we knew this before choosing it. It was such a pretty cake, and it tasted delicious.



Picture by Lárus Sigurðsson



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WHO TOOK YOUR WEDDING PHOTOS?

We wanted a local Icelander to take our photos. We did our research and decided to go with Lárus Sigurðarson. We are so glad we chose Lárus because he was up for anything. He had so much energy—we were hiking in and out of caves, small creeks, waterfalls. He shared his knowledge of all of the local attractions, so it was like having our own private tour guide. Lárus even met us in downtown Reykjavik one day and walked with us to the JS Watch company to help me surprise my husband with his wedding gift—a handmade watch which he had been eyeing since our first visit to Iceland. I would absolutely recommend Lárus for any photography needs.

DO YOU HAVE ANY GOOD ADVICE FOR COUPLES PLANNING A WEDDING IN ICELAND?

Planning a wedding in a different country can be overwhelming. The paperwork alone in my country was enough to have me second-guessing my choice. I did not have the chance to see my dress with the guys' outfits or the flowers until we unpacked everything the day before. My advice would be to just take the day for what it is—the day you get to commit yourself to the love of your life. The day itself did not have to be perfect, but my choice for a husband is perfect and that is all I was concerned about on that day. We had perfect weather, and our flowers were beautiful. My dresses didn't come out exactly as I wanted them but who cares—I married my best friend.

RANGÁ RECOMMENDS

Ready to explore Iceland's natural beauty?
Here are our top summer activities.

Visit a Glacier

It might be summer in Iceland, but you can still get your fix of snow and ice by traveling to the top of a nearby glacier. Go for an ice walk with an expert guide or take an epic snowmobile ride and enjoy fantastic views of the south coast.

Ride a Horse

One of the world's oldest and purest breeds, the Icelandic horse makes the perfect companion for novices and children. Ride through lava meadows, explore volcanic terrain and enjoy far-reaching views of the mountains, coast, and countryside.

Drive a Buggy

Buggy tours are a unique and exciting way to enjoy Iceland's incredible landscape. They are well-suited for traversing remote parts of the country, allowing you to experience Iceland's natural beauty up close. Feel the wind in your hair as you drive across a black sand beach or pass beside hidden waterfalls.

Soak in a Hot Spring

Don't forget to bring your bathing suit on your trip to Iceland—South Iceland is home to ^{amazing} natural hot springs like Landmannalaugar and Seljavallalaug. Or grab a glass of wine and soak in one of our geothermally heated hot tubs overlooking the beautiful Rangá River.

Take a Super Jeep Tour

Summer is an excellent time to visit Iceland's incredible highland interior on a Super Jeep tour. Visit remarkable locations like the Þórsmörk nature reserve or Landmannalaugar: a stunning geothermal valley encircled by colorful mountains.

Go Hiking

The countryside surrounding Hotel Rangá offers several different hiking trails ranging from short to long and from easy to difficult. Weather in Iceland is unpredictable even in the summertime, so make sure to bring warm clothes, rainwear and sturdy shoes.

Take Flight on a Helicopter Tour

There is no better way to see Iceland's incredible landscape than from above. A helicopter can pick you up just outside Hotel Rangá's front door and take you on the ride of a lifetime over mighty volcanoes, ancient glaciers and powerful rivers.

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Set Sail to Vestmannaeyjar

The Westman Islands are one of the best kept secrets in Iceland. A short thirty-minute ferry ride takes you to the main island where you can explore rocky cliffs, hike to the top of the volcanic cone Eldfell or visit a museum or cafe in town. Look out for a puffin sighting, as the Westman Islands are the largest puffin breeding colony in the world.



Picture by Robb Leahy



Picture by Paige Deasley



Picture by Hreinn Magnússon

INSIDE THE AUSTRALIAN SUITE

Take a sneak peak behind the scenes of Hotel Rangá's Australian Suite

Hotel Rangá's Australian Suite features authentic décor and traditional design that will transport guests to a beachside oasis.

"We were inspired by the Australian coral reefs and by traditional Australian artwork," says hotelier Friðrik Pálsson. "The idea of the room is that you are on the beach, and the bathroom's entrance is designed to resemble a beach hut. We wanted to make it feel as though you are looking at the night sky, so we painted the ceiling blue and added the stars of the southern hemisphere."

Like the other suites at Hotel Rangá, the Australian Suite was a collaboration between the owners and members of staff as well as outside contributors.

"We got in touch with a company in Australia, and they helped us with ideas for traditional Aboriginal art," says Friðrik. "All the furniture was made of Australian wood that we imported to Iceland."

"Australians who come to this room almost always comment on the statue located on top of the wardrobe," says Friðrik. "This is a figure of Ned Kelly, an Australian outlaw who is known as a sort of Robin Hood by some Australians."

The room was nearly finished when an unexpected obstacle turned into a moment of inspiration.

"When we made the bathroom door, it had been laying down in a bad place and it was bent and crooked. The carpenters found that terrible and wanted to rebuild it, but I thought it was funny and said we should use it like that. We made the frame crooked too so that it would fit, and you can barely notice the difference. It's a good lesson that if something unexpected happens you just have to solve it, not rebuild the whole thing."

For a sneak peak of the Australian suite ask one of Hotel Rangá's reception staff.

HOTEL RANGÁ COLORING BOOK

We are big fans of coloring books at Hotel Rangá, so much so that we decided to create our very own.



Photo by Ingibjörg Friðriksdóttir

When you thumb through its pages, you will find beautiful illustrations by artist Natalie O'Brien. The illustrations show depictions of Iceland's fantastic tradition of folklore and myth. Learn about the Trolls of Reynisdrangar as you fill in their outlines on the page. You can even choose the colors to create your version of Iceland's national costume.

There are also drawings of things you might recognize around Hotel Rangá. Our friend Hrammur the polar bear has a place in the spotlight, as well as the famous Northern Lights. Coloring is a great way to de-stress, practice mindfulness and kick-start your own creativity. Ask our staff for a copy of our coloring book today.



Pictures by Gunnar Freyr / @Icelandic_Explorer

THE BEST SUMMER PHOTO

Happy moments should be shared! We are celebrating summer across our social media platforms with a competition for the best Hotel Rangá Summer Photo.

THE ONLY THING YOU NEED TO DO

- Post a beautiful photo from your stay
- Tag: @Hotelranga and mark the location as Hotel Rangá
- Hashtag #rangaexperience

THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A GIFT CARD FOR:

- Two nights in a suite
- Breakfast
- Evening meals and wine selected by management

STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE – A DESSERT FOR FOUR

Want a taste of Hotel Rangá in your own kitchen? Try out our pastry chefs Andrej Ivetic recipe for a sweet taste of summer strawberry cheesecake desk for a tour of the greenhouses and taste their produce at Hotel Rangá's restaurant. .



Picture by Eyrún Aníta Gylfadóttir

INGREDIENTS:

CREAM CHEESE BASE

- 400 g cream cheese
- 2 eggs
- 75 g sugar
- 10 g potato or corn starch
- 50 g sour cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla paste or extract
- 60 g whipping cream

METHOD:

1. Line round baking form of your choice with baking paper and spray lightly with cooking spray.
2. Spread the crushed cookies, granola, or crumble evenly on the bottom of the baking form, add sliced fresh strawberries and the freeze-dried strawberries on top of the crumble.
3. Mix all the ingredients for the base until combined and pour over the prepared bottom layer.
4. Bake slowly at 110 – 120 degrees Celsius for approximately 1 hr. 30 min. until only a bit of the center remains slightly wobbly.
5. Take out of the oven, cool to room temperature.
6. Cool down overnight in a fridge, it will make the cheesecake easier to handle and unmold.
7. Serve decorated to your own liking, we recommend using whipped cream, strawberry gel, and fresh strawberries.

BOTTOM LAYER

- 100 – 120 g oat cookies, granola, or home-made crumble
- 150 g fresh sliced strawberries
- Optional – Freeze dried strawberries.

STRAWBERRY GEL TO DECORATE:

Cook 250 g of strawberry purée* together with 25 – 50g of sugar and 3 – 5 g Agar – Agar. Bring to a hard boil, cool completely over night in the fridge and blend with a blender into a gel consistency.

*You can make purée from fresh strawberries or frozen by mixing the strawberries in a blender with a bit of sugar added to it.

The Strawberry Cheesecake can also be made in small ramekins for individual servings, please note the cooking time changes to approximately 20 min when using smaller ramekins.



Picture by Eyrún Aníta Gylfadóttir

FLOWERS GROWN BY LOCAL FARMER

Gylfi Markússon is a local farmer that owns a gardening station and plant nursery in the valley of Fljótshlíð, just east of Hotel Rangá. He grows trees, flowers and even strawberries and also has several hives of bees that produce delicious honey. Every year, Gylfi decorates Hotel Rangá with his beautiful summer flowers and makes flower archways for Hotel Rangá weddings. We recently caught up with Gylfi and found out how he started his business.



Picture by Bjargey Ingólfssdóttir

HOW DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN GARDENING?

I was raised in the embrace of the mountains in an area called Kirkjulækjarkot, about twenty minutes from Hotel Rangá. I am the 7th generation in a direct male line to have lived on this land, and I grew up with a lot of freedom to live and play. My interest in raising and growing things had been in me since I was a child. When I was 15, I started to work at a forestry station in Tumastaðir which is in the same valley where I was born and raised. There my interest really started in growing trees and bushes, and eventually, I went to school to become a gardener.

HOW DID YOU START YOUR COMPANY?

Starting a tree nursery was an old dream of mine. In 2002, we moved back to Kirkjulækjarkot after having lived on the west coast of Iceland for several years. At that time, I first started growing trees in one tiny greenhouse that I had given to my wife Christina for her birthday several years before. The next year I built another greenhouse. Every year we grow more than the year before until I could finally make this my full-time business.

WHEN DID YOU FIRST BEGIN GROWING FLOWERS?

In 2006, my wife Christina decided to start to grow flowers. She had a side job as a decorator, arranging flowers for weddings and making bouquets. She started growing flowers by herself because at that time I was mostly growing trees. After some time, the demand increased, and I started to help her. Eventually, I took over the project because it became so popular.

HOW DID YOU START TO DECORATE HOTEL RANGÁ EVERY YEAR?

After we started growing flowers, word spread throughout the community. Many townspeople began to purchase flowers from us to decorate their homes. The mayor of Hvalsöllum then asked us to decorate the township, and many other local businesses asked us to do the same. We always make sure to finish decorating before Icelandic National Day on June 17.



Picture by Bjargey Ingólfssdóttir

HOW DOES YOUR BUSINESS SUPPORT THE ENVIRONMENT?

You could say that this process of growing trees is environmentally friendly because every tree that we plant works against pollution. The trees take in carbon dioxide and give out oxygen. It is also good to plant trees as they strengthen the flora of our country and cut down on the ever present Icelandic wind.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE TREE?

It is hard to pick a favorite, but I would say that the birch is the most iconic Icelandic tree. Birch trees are one of the only trees that have managed to thrive in Iceland—they are strong like Icelanders because they can survive despite the difficult Icelandic nature. Birch also has the unique talent to adapt to the landscape, nature and weather—they can be low bushes, tall trees or even hedges.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR WORK?

I am inspired by growing plants of all kinds. I love to watch them grow from small seeds into the beautiful trees and flowers that they can be. I also love to use the summer flowers to create decorations to please others. We make all the flower archways for wedding guests at Hotel Rangá, and we very much enjoy making wedding couples' days more special through our decoration. It is so fun to make other people happy through our flowers.

HOW DO YOU CHOOSE FLOWERS FOR HOTEL RANGÁ?

I choose flowers that will bloom all summer, paying special attention to colors that will suit Hotel Rangá's exterior. We place the flowers right outside Hotel Rangá's front door, so it is important to select flowers that are cheerful and welcoming. It is my hope that guests at Hotel Rangá will feel happy when they see the summer flowers that I have nurtured and grown from small seeds.



Picture by Bjargey Ingólfssdóttir



Picture by Bjargey Ingólfssdóttir



Picture by Aaron Haxton

#KNOWICELAND

Through our social media we frequently share travel tips and hidden gems in South Iceland. You can expect to discover info and images of Iceland's events, destinations, environment, people, history and culture.

Let's create a community together and help us with sharing your own memories, suggestions, recommendations, photographs and videos of your Icelandic adventure and tag our account @hotelranga for other travellers to see.

Spread the word and let the world know Iceland.

HERE ARE A SOME FUN FACTS WE HAVE SHARED:

- Many Icelandic horses live outdoors year-round and can endure dramatic weather conditions thanks to their wonderful coats which they shed in the summer.
- Golf in Iceland is a popular pastime—there are currently over 15,000 registered golfers and 65 golf courses. In the summer, you can golf all night long in the midnight sun.
- No matter the season, it's not uncommon to see Icelandic babies in prams napping outside in the fresh air.
- The English word "geyser" comes from the name of the great geyser, Geysir in Haukadalur.
- The Westman Islands are located just off the south coast of Iceland. There you will find the largest puffin colony in the world.
- Icelandic telephone directories list Icelanders by first name alphabetically.
- The Highlands cover over 75% of Iceland and are mostly an uninhabitable volcanic desert.
- Arctic foxes—the only land mammal native to Iceland—usually mate for life, and both mother and father help raise the pups.

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SIGHTS IN THE SOUTH COAST

Iceland's South Coast is one of the most beautiful regions of our country. Featuring incredible waterfalls, amazing black sand beaches and unique rock formations, a drive down this stunning route is highly recommended while staying at Hotel Rangá. Here you can find our top must see sights located along the South Coast.



Picture by Robb Leahy

FLJÓTSHLIÐ

Only 20 minutes from Hotel Rangá, the beautiful Fljótshlíð valley is worth a visit. Drive to see Gluggafoss, a stunning waterfall that pours through crevices in between rocks and features both an upper and lower falls. Then go for a quick but steep hike up Stóra Dímon, a nearby hill that features fantastic 360° views.

SELJALANDSFOSS

Located only 25 minutes from Hotel Rangá, this dramatic waterfall cascades over a 65 m cliff flanked by the Eyjafjallajökull volcano glacier. In the summer months, visitors are able to follow a path behind the falls and witness a truly unique perspective.

GLJÚFRÁBÚI

When visiting Seljalandsfoss don't forget to see its neighboring waterfall, Gljúfrábúi. Partially hidden by a cliff, catching a glimpse of the falls requires visitors to wade through a small stream. Once inside, you will be rewarded by an astounding sight. Be sure to wear sturdy, waterproof shoes if you want to take a closer look.

WESTMAN ISLANDS

One of the best kept secrets in Iceland, the Westman Islands are a short 30 minute ferry ride away. The islands' craggy cliffs offer fantastic views and are a summertime home to a large puffin colony. Visitors can also climb to the top of Eldfell, a volcanic cone that formed in after an eruption in 1973.

SKÓGAFOSS

The mighty Skógafoss waterfall is situated further down the South Coast, approximately 40 minutes from Hotel Rangá. Steps lead to an observation platform directly above the falls, allowing visitors to witness the water's power up close and see beautiful views of the coast.

SKÓGAR MUSEUM

After visiting Skógafoss, why not visit the Skógar Museum located in the nearby town of Skógar. The museum features a cultural heritage collection of 18,000 regional folk craft artifacts and an Open Air Museum with various examples of traditional Icelandic architecture including a turf farmhouse.

DYRHÓLAEY

As you drive down the coast towards Vík make sure to stop at Dyrhólaey, a beautiful promontory that is the southernmost point of Iceland. From atop the peninsula, you will have access to amazing views of the Icelandic coastline. Dyrhólaey is also an important bird nesting site and summertime visitors are likely to see puffins.

REYNISFJARA

One of the most mesmerizing landmarks of the South Coast, Reynisfjara is a black sand beach located just outside the town of Vík. The cliffs along the beach are made of incredible basalt columns worn into regular steps by the ocean waves. When visiting the beach, it is important to be careful due to strong and unpredictable waves.



Picture by Robb Leahy

CHECK OUT OUR BLOG

We post regular articles, updates, tips, tricks, offers and recommendations on our blog. Whether you want information on how to photograph the northern lights or inspiration for your dream elopement we got you covered. visit www.hotelranga.is

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