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**Project location:** Scoured by Ice Age glaciers, the dramatic east coast boasts long, narrow fjords with steep sides and jagged peaks which contrast with inland fertile farmlands. Natural harbours depict postcard-like fishing villages and seemingly never-ending roads cross the region, providing beautiful views.

“Fjarðabyggð" is an association of villages in the Eastern fjords of Iceland. It includes the towns of Eskifjörður, Fáskrúðsfjörður, Mjóifjörður, Neskaupstaður, Reyðarfjörður and Stöðvarfjörður, all tiny fishing villages with steep mountains towering just behind the houses. In this area, you will see some of the features that make Iceland a unique place in the world: spectacular fjords with a rich sea life, a great variety of birdlife and countless breathtaking hiking paths. You will explore the area during your stay in the east.

**Work:** Every year WF Iceland hosts hundreds of international volunteers participating in projects all around the island. WF Iceland publishes a magazine called UNA, where people can read about the life of the organisation.

In the beginning of the project, volunteers will receive an introduction about the tasks - afterwards we will choose a topic for the newsletter. This is a great opportunity to step into different projects and get to know Iceland even better. The group will take photos, create videos and conduct interviews with volunteers, local hosts and people living in the area. The outcome will be published in the WF UNA magazine. At the end of the project, we will prepare the final version of the magazine and publish it online.

During this time of the year, the weather in Eskifjörður can be very unfriendly and cold. We strongly recommend you to bring along warm and waterproof clothes. You should also be aware of the fact that the weather can get so extreme that it will not allow us to leave the accommodation for some days. Don't forget to bring your cameras and tripods because we will go for some Aurora hunting. The area in the east is also good for hiking, so please bring your hiking shoes.

**Leisure:** WF Iceland will organise reasonably-priced weekend excursions to some of the most popular, beautiful areas and natural wonders that Iceland has to offer. Excursions include unique Icelandic sights, such as waterfalls, volcanic and geothermal areas, glaciers, lava forests, hot-springs, rhyolite mountain ranges, steam-vents or even icebergs.

**Accommodation and food:** Worldwide Friends volunteers will be staying in the WF houses. We offer basic facilities. Beds are provided, however, volunteers should bring their own warm sleeping bags. Wireless internet access is provided free of charge.

Food is included for the duration of the workcamp, however, everyone is expected to do their fair share of the cooking and cleaning. Since it is always nice to try new and different dishes, volunteers are encouraged to bring along their favourite recipes from home!

We will also concentrate on intercultural learning and exchange. Every evening, volunteers from different countries will be in charge of presenting their country of origin and culture in an informal way. It can be a presentation, a game, theatre – the form of introduction is up to you! Therefore, we encourage you to bring along some food, photos or anything interesting related to your country for a fun and informative evening amongst other volunteers.

This workcamp gives you the opportunity to spend an amazing time in Iceland with other international volunteers and to have an incredible experience where participants share their knowledge with each other while exploring creativity, environmental issues and intercultural learning.

Keep in mind: If you own a camera and a tripod, please bring those with you. You can also bring your laptop, as it can come in handy. In addition, please bring warm clothes with you since we are going to spend our time in an isolated place where the temperatures can get very low. If possible, please bring along traditional food, photos or anything interesting related to your country for intercultural evenings.

**Language:** A basic knowledge of English is required for this workcamp.

**Requirements:** No special requirements

**Terminal**: Intl. Airport: Keflavík (KEF), Reykjavík. The closest national airport is Egilsstaðir airport, which is located 40 km from the camp location.

Flights arrive at Keflavik International Airport (KEF), just south of Reykjavik. WF Iceland will offer a minibus trip from Reykjavik to the east for a fair price (180 € for the round trip which is almost 1,400 km in total). On the way to the camp, we will drive through the south to the east of the island. After the camp, we will drive through the north and west to Reykjavik, if road conditions are favourable. This trip includes unique Icelandic sights, such as glacial lagoons, waterfalls, volcanic and geothermal areas, glaciers, lava fields, hot-springs, rhyolite mountain ranges, steam-vents or even icebergs.

**Additional information:** There is an extra participation fee of 250 euros for this workcamp.