

Iceland's Surprising Natural Wonders: Beyond the Famous Tourist Attractions

Description

We welcome guest author Lisa Beck, who will share some of Iceland's unique natural wonders. Iceland is one of our favorite places to visit, and even after four trips, we are motivated to return to check out some of these surprising natural wonders.

Iceland and its natural wonders are known to people worldwide. There is something magical and otherworldly in the landscapes of this incredible European country. Its surprising natural wonders are one of the main reasons it is an anticipated vacation destination. Thousands of tourists flock to Iceland's famous tourist attractions every year. But if you want to explore Iceland's surprising natural wonders beyond the renowned tourist attractions, you have come to the right place.

The country might be home to many famous tourist attractions, but the hidden gems also take you on a remarkable journey you will never forget. Every year, thousands of visitors from the UK and beyond embark on the journey to see what the hype about the country's natural wonders is all about. Iceland and its unique diversity of landscapes have always been the center of attention. You get it all here, from the most glorious waterfalls, majestic mountain peaks, and ice fields to the magnificent coastline marked by fjords. So, get ready to marvel at the natural gems of this beautiful country that are still relatively unexplored.

Hidden Natural Treasures in Iceland that You Must Visit

Landmannalaugar



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When talking about Iceland's natural hidden gems, Landmannalaugar is impossible to miss. This is the ideal landscape that represents Iceland's raw natural beauty. Get ready to be stunned by the picturesque landscape here, especially the rhyolite mountains, which feature beautiful colors like red, blue, green, yellow, and pink. These visually striking mountains make you feel like you are on another planet. They are also a paradise for hiking lovers.

Do you think that the magical landscapes of Landmannalaugar end at the breathtaking, colorful mountains? If so, you are genuinely mistaken. This is an exceptional place where you will get to see some of the many other mesmerizing landscapes of the country, including lava fields and hot springs.

Moreover, there is no denying that you will enjoy the scenic hikes and drives around this beautiful landscape, leaving everyone in awe of its picture-perfect natural beauty.

Westfjords



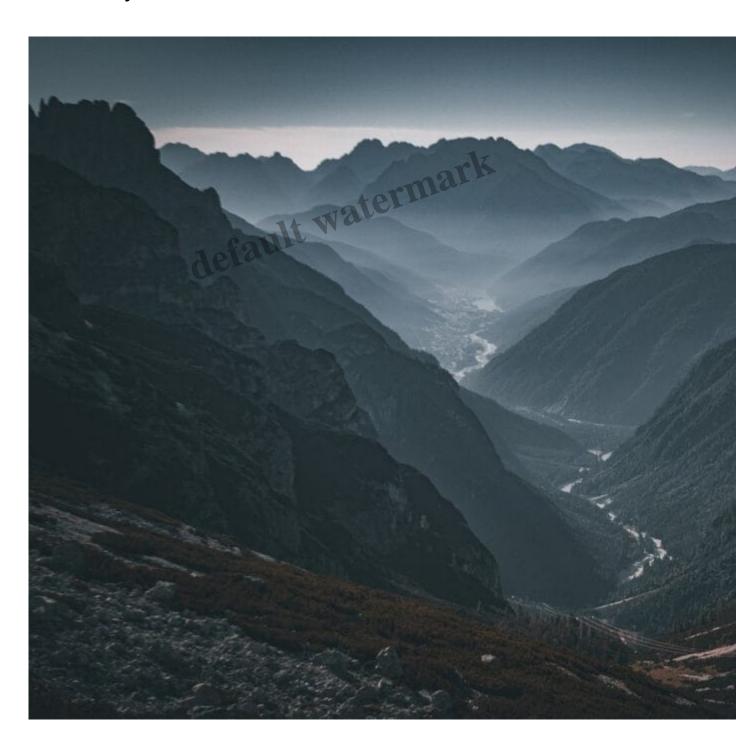
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Another prominent landscape in Iceland is the glorious fjords. Although tourists love to explore the fjords closer to Reykjavik, the Westfjords are usually overlooked due to their remote location. This

rugged landscape takes you on the most otherworldly natural retreat, as is promised by the beautiful landscapes of Iceland. This charming landscape has marvelous fjords, dramatic cliffs, and a majestic Dynjandi waterfall.

Its exceptional wildlife makes Westfjords unique and a must-visit hidden gem of Iceland. Exploring the rough terrain and rugged landscape here is challenging but worth it. So, if you are looking forward to a raw Iceland landscape experience and are ready for adventure, don't miss out on Westfjords.

Þórsmörk Valley



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Þórsmörk Valley is another of the natural marvels of Iceland that takes you on an unforgettable journey to explore the country's dramatic landscapes. This charming valley is between two majestic glaciers, giving it the most breathtaking natural scenery that makes everyone fall in love with it. While exploring this beautiful valley, you will come across mountains, rivers, and forests that will give you an exceptional insight into the breathtaking Icelandic landscapes.

So, if you are on a mission to explore Iceland's surprising natural wonders hidden from tourists, you cannot miss out on this valley nestled between two massive glaciers. This is where you can relax in nature by taking in the glorious beauty of the panoramic surroundings or have the perfect adrenaline rush while exploring the hiking trails here.

Fjaðrárgljúfur Canyon





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Tourists sometimes overlook the numerous majestic canyons and remarkable waterfalls surrounding the Fjaðrárgljúfur Canyon. This glorious landscape might not be as famous among tourists, but that doesn't mean that it is any less beautiful and worth your time. The canyons here were formed many years ago due to glacier melting. It is such a dreamy sight that will make you feel like you have entered the world of Tangled, the beloved Disney movie.

You will be surprised that this remarkable natural wonder is around two million years old. While you are here, get ready to witness marvelous steep moss-covered walls and winding rivers. There is no denying that you will be in awe of the natural beauty of this breathtaking landscape.

Gljúfrabúi Waterfall



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If you think the country is home to only the famed waterfalls that tourists visit frequently, you are mistaken. It is time to know about the hidden gems of Iceland, like the Gljúfrabúi Waterfall. This waterfall is located in a narrow canyon and perfectly fits the hidden gem's title.

While arriving at this glorious waterfall, you will feel like you are on a nature quest. You will have to enter through a narrow opening in a rock to witness this natural wonder. There is no better place to satisfy your wanderlust and desire to explore the hidden gems of Iceland. Tucked away in the beautiful Icelandic canyons, it is safe to say that this waterfall is safe from the extensive tourist crowds.

Therefore, you can take your time and experience the tranquility of this visually striking and refreshing waterfall.

Hornstrandir Nature Reserve



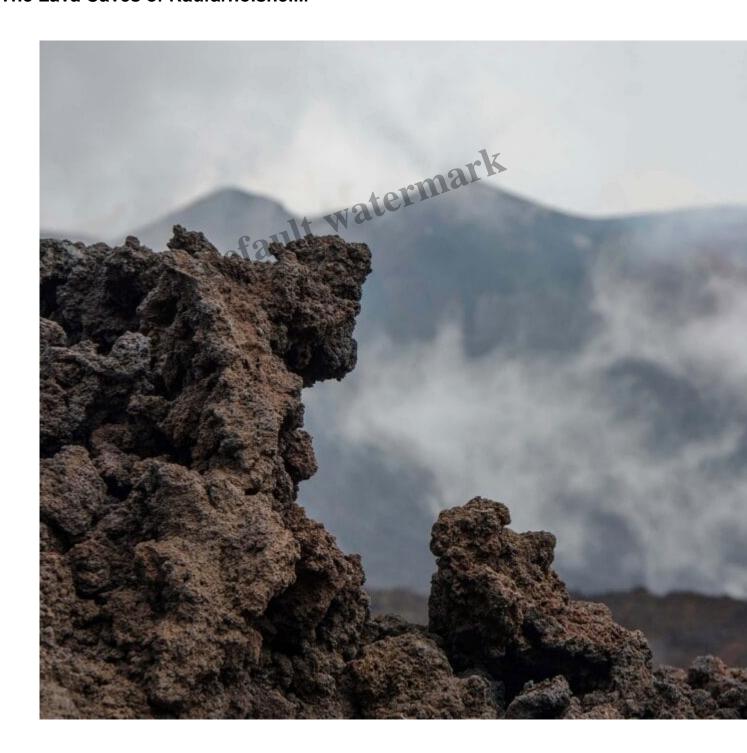
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We have already discussed Westfjords, one of Iceland's most remarkable hidden landscapes. Hornstrandir Nature Reserve is located at the tip of Westfjords and is one of the country's most breathtaking natural wonders. The charm of this nature reserve lies in the dramatic cliffs and pristine

fjords that make up this unspoiled area. One of the best things about this nature reserve is its remote location, which adds to its charm. You can only access this stunning natural wonder by boat or on foot.

The untouched nature of the Hornstrandir Nature Reserve is also home to diverse wildlife. So, if you are a wildlife adventurer or a wildlife safari fan, you will have a great time here. How exciting is it that you will get to see the Arctic fox and seabirds here? So, if you are looking forward to disconnecting from the chaotic life and connecting with nature and its species, this will be the perfect place for you.

The Lava Caves of Raufarhólshellir



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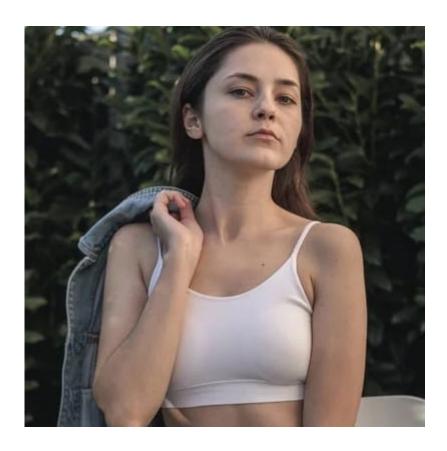
Did you know Iceland is also home to volcanic landscapes and lava caves? We all have heard about the country's glaciers, ice fields, and waterfalls, but the lava caves here surely deserve a mention. The Lava Caves of Raufarhólshellir is an incredible natural wonder that takes you on a journey to witness the inner workings of a volcanic eruption.

The lava tubes were built almost 5000 years ago due to a volcanic eruption. So, if you have always been fascinated with volcanoes and volcanic eruptions, you must not miss out on this breathtaking site. You can explore this unique landscape and learn about its formation while you are here. Also, take your camera with you as you will want to capture the striking appearance of these lave caves.

Reflection on Iceland's Surprising Natural Wonders

Iceland is home to some of the most breathtaking natural landscapes in the world. These landscapes have always attracted visitors. Thousands gather at the famous tourist attractions here. But if you are more interested in Iceland's surprising natural wonders beyond the renowned attractions, there is much for you to explore. Although we have mentioned some sites above, there is a lot more to explore.

Before you plan your itinerary, please make sure to secure your flight to Iceland. Booking in advance often guarantees better pricing. Options include **Icelandair flights**, British Airways, Wizz Air, EasyJet, and many other airlines departing from the UK, Europe, and North America.



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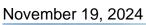
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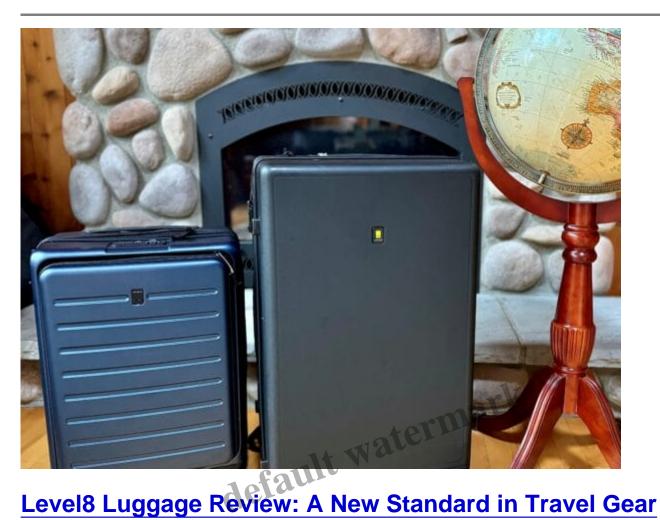
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