Here is a selection of favorite books, movies, and websites prepared for your journey. The books should be available at local public or university libraries, and many of them may be purchased and/or downloaded for e-readers through local and online bookstores. The movies may be available online or through a streaming service.

**MAPS & GUIDEBOOKS**


**NATURAL HISTORY**

Gudmunsson, Agust. *The Glorious Geology of Iceland's Golden Circle.* Springer, 2017. ISBN-10: 3319551515 / ISBN-13: 978-3319551517. *Note from Prof. Savina:* “Although the focus is on the Golden Circle (Geysir, Gullfoss and Thingvellir), the guide also does a decent job covering some basics of the geology. Also, it covers some other areas where we will go in southern Iceland: the Reykjanes peninsula, Eyjafjallajokull and Reynisfjara, and (nearer to Reykjavik) a couple of areas that folks coming earlier or staying later might be able to get to on their own.”


geologic companion to Iceland covers rifting of the crust, volcanic eruptions and glacial and other geologic activity in detail.

Jordan, Brennan T., Tamara L. Carley, and Tenley J. Banik. *Iceland: The Formation and Evolution of a Young, Dynamic, Volcanic Island—A Field Trip Guide*. GSA Field Guide, Geological Society of America, 2019. EISBN: 9780813756547. *Note from Prof. Savina: “This field guide can be ordered through the GSA ($40; $28 for members, of whom there are a few on the trip). Easiest way to purchase is online: http://rock.geosociety.org/store”*


**HISTORY & CULTURE**


**ART**


**TRAVEL & MEMOIR**


Holm, Bill. *The Windows of Brimnes, An American in Iceland*. Milkweed Editions, 2008. ISBN-10: 1571313109 / ISBN-13: 978-1571313102. In these provocative essays, Minnesotan Bill Holm writes about the fate of America from his fisherman’s cottage on the shore of a creek in northern Iceland. *Note from Prof. Savina*: “…Holm [was a] Minnesota writer/educator of Icelandic descent, who taught at Southwestern State University in Marshall, MN. His other books include Coming Home Crazy (about spending a year teaching English literature in China), Box Elder Bug Variations (about, well, box elder bugs) and several others. He died in February 2009.”*


LITERATURE

Versions of the Sagas, Eddas, and the Landnámabók (the book of settlement) are available on the web, or as inexpensive electronic books; http://www.northvegr.org/index.html has links to online versions.

Here are several print copies:


Icelandic spirit.


**FILM & VIDEO**

*And Breathe Normally*. Directed by Isold Uggadottir. Zik Zak Kvikmyndir, 2018. (1 hr. 42 mins.)

National Geographic Wild Islands Iceland HD Nature History Documentary (approx. 56 minutes): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WCGP87LKkiY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WCGP87LKkiY)


Olafur Eliasson traces his artistic practice over the last 25 years, 2019 (approx. 1 hour): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEuVjVO0prc&list=PLnUA0S2tkNBD7pd7wspZJyoCZV1LEORpQ&index=26&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEuVjVO0prc&list=PLnUA0S2tkNBD7pd7wspZJyoCZV1LEORpQ&index=26&t=0s)

Olafur Eliasson Interview: A Riverbed Inside the Museum, 2014. (approx. 42 minutes): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEuVjVO0prc&list=PLnUA0S2tkNBD7pd7wspZJyoCZV1LEORpQ&index=26&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEuVjVO0prc&list=PLnUA0S2tkNBD7pd7wspZJyoCZV1LEORpQ&index=26&t=0s)
Rams. Directed by Grimur Hakonarson. Phase4FilmsUSA, 2016. (1 hr. 32 mins.) Available for rent or purchase on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8s2k4AFlxE

Woman at War. Directed by Benedikt Erlingsson. Magnolia Pictures, 2019. (1 hr. 40 mins.) Available for rent or purchase on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYw94UfMvvU

Land Ho! Directed by Aaron Katz and Martha Stephens. Sony Pictures Movies & Shows, 2014. (1 hr. 35 mins.) Available for rent or purchase on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKYQp-xyXmc

WEBSITES

https://www.iceland.is/

http://inspiredbyiceland.com/

https://visitreykjavik.is/


https://icelandnaturally.com/explore/

https://www.britannica.com/place/Iceland

https://www.nytimes.com/topic/destination/iceland
Iceland – Experience the Land of Fire and Ice. Home » Nordic » Iceland. Updated: May 13, 2020 by Clair Robinson. With intense volcanic activity and 11% of its area covered in ice, Iceland is often referred to as the “Land of Fire and Ice”. This photo essay will take you from icebergs to steaming lava fields and from glacier to volcanic craters. Get transported to another world. Land of Fire and Ice. Jokulsarlon Lagoon. Jokulsarlon beach in South Iceland brings you both ice and fire: icebergs from the glacier float to the ocean and wash off on the volcanic black sand of the beach. This site is intriguing by all weather with white, black and blue icebergs to admire up-close. Want to see more of Iceland? Learn about the Magnificent Icelandic Horse. Leirhnjukur steaming lava. Iceland: Land of Ice and Fire. Natural World 2015-2016. Episode 5 of 10. Documentary. A look at Iceland through the eyes of the animals and people that have made this wild island home. The constant volcanic threat boils over in this explosive year. Show more. In what turns out to be an explosive year, witness Iceland through the eyes of the animals and people that have made this wild island home. An arctic fox family must eke out a cliff-top living, an eider farmer has his hands full playing duck dad to hundreds of new arrivals and Viking horsemen prepare to saddle up for the autumn round-up. Iceland. The ultimate driving adventure. The land of fire & ice. With its rugged volcanically-active terrain, few countries provide a better stage for a driving adventure than the land of fire and ice, showcasing the activity of Mother Nature in all her glory. A final relic from the world’s last ice age, its shatteringly beautiful, barren and rugged lunar landscape is truly awe-inspiring. 2 land rover adventure travel by abercrombie & kent. Trip highlights. Visit Iceland’s epochal geysers, glaciers and waterfalls of the Golden Circle. Drive in challenging snow and ice conditions with expert guidance from Land Rover Experience Instructors. Enjoy the group camaraderie as you develop your driving skills together.