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FUN FACTS ABOUT THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

Shorter days and longer nights give us more opportunities to see the northern lights. We made a list of fascinating facts about the aurora—read on to learn what we found.

DON'T LOOK UP!

Many years ago, pregnant women in Iceland were told not to look at the northern lights. Why? Because there was a fear that their child would be born cross-eyed.

A COLORFUL COMBINATION

Every northern lights display is unique. The color and movements change all the time, meaning you can see the lights again and again and still feel inspired.

AROUND THE GALAXY

Earth is not the only planet that has auroras. In fact, astronomers have seen the lights on Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Jupiter.

THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPH

Nowadays, professional photographers fly to Iceland just to take photos of the aurora. But the first photograph of the northern lights was taken on January 5, 1892 by German astronomer and physicist Otto Rudolf Martin Brendel.

A ROMAN GODDESS

The name aurora borealis actually has Greek and Roman origins. Aurora is the goddess of the dawn and Boreas is a Greek word for the north wind.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Cultures from around the world have associated the northern lights with a variety of meanings. The British and French thought they were a bad omen whereas Scandinavians believed they foreshadowed good things.

Illustration by Jack Ansey

Front cover photo by Herman Desmet



Pictures by Ingibjörg Friðriksdóttir

SOUVENIR FROM HOTEL RANGÁ

It's always fun to bring home a few souvenirs after your travels abroad. Share your trip with loved ones by giving them a memento from your journey. Or keep a souvenir for yourself to remember the incredible memories made during your travels.

We offer a selection of souvenirs, many of which are unique to Hotel Rangá. Our personalized deck of cards features images of the beautiful artwork and design found throughout our property. Play a game of cards and remember your trip to Hotel Rangá.

For the whisky lover, bring home a unique lava shot glass. These glasses are designed to resemble rocky basalt cliffs bordering beaches across Iceland. Handmade by expert masons at Steinkompaníð, no two glasses are identical. What's more, the columnar basalt ensures that your drink will stay icy cold.

Hotel Rangá also sells stylish swimwear from the brand Secret of Iceland. This local company creates designs based on Iceland's amazing natural phenomena. Remember your trip as you sport a swimsuit covered in green northern lights or red-hot lava. Or if you need something to keep you warm, take home a Hotel Rangá head buff. These cozy buffs can be worn as a face cover, hat or neck warmer.

For book lovers, Quite the Situation is a unique, interactive book work by Icelandic artist and composer Inki. The piece blends together history, culture and art by telling a story about Icelandic women's relationship with US/UK soldiers during the 1940s.

Last but not least is our Hotel Rangá coloring book. This book is filled with lovely illustrations by artist Natalie O'Brien, each of which tells a story about Iceland. This is a great gift idea for both adults and children.





CAVES OF HELLA

Only minutes from Hotel Rangá, Caves of Hella is a new attraction that has recently opened to the public. We interviewed Dóra Steinsdóttir, Project Manager, to learn more about these mysterious caves. Ask about the caves in our reception, and we can help you make a booking.

HOW OLD ARE THE CAVES?

The exact age of the caves has not been confirmed scientifically. However, there are indications that the caves were already here when the Vikings came to Iceland around 850 A.D. More recently, the caves have belonged to the same family for almost 200 years, since 1840.

WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THE CAVES?

We know that the caves are all man made. The exact purpose of the caves is unconfirmed, though we do have our theories. You can see that some caves might have a distinction from others. One cave has elevation in the floor and a small altar, perhaps indicating Christian services of worship. There is another cave that has something that we can guess is an old stove, where perhaps people used to cook.

Throughout the years, the caves have taken on a variety of uses. Some caves were certainly used by people as a place to live. In more recent history, farmers have used the caves as storage or to hold animals.

One theory is that Irish monks built these caves and had some kind of society. When you are sailing from Ireland, the location of the caves is exactly where you would land. What's more, the sandstone offered the conditions to create a dwelling and a base for the Irish monks.

Though we do not have scientific or academic proof, we have many theories. But there are very few historical places that have this element of mystery. You are left with questions and things to wonder about. You are free to make your own assumptions.

HOW MANY CAVES ARE THERE?

There are 12 caves that belong to the great Ægissíða farmland. Only four of them are currently accessible to people. The caves must be maintained; if the forecourt (cave's entrance) is not maintained, then the caves can gradually fill up with sand and dirt.

When the farmers stopped using the caves during the last century, they stopped maintaining the caves. With the remaining caves we need to excavate, redo the forecourt, make chimneys and do other maintenance. The walls of the cave are made of sandstone which is very fragile and must not be touched. It is some work to get the cave into a presentable form.

We try to keep true to our roots and to the cave's history. We maintain the forecourts as they should be traditionally. We are trying to preserve the history of the caves and their traditional materials of turf and rocks.



Pictures by Ingibjörg Friðriksdóttir



WHY DO WE FIND CAVES IN THIS PART OF ICELAND?

Number one, we have sandstone. In the ice age, volcanic activity produced fine sand to create the sandstone. This specific material is needed to create this kind of cave.



Pictures by Caves of Hella

ARE THERE ANY MARKS ON THE CAVE WALLS?

There are many etchings and carvings on the walls. However, we cannot date these carvings because the walls are made of sandstone. There is no carbon dating or anything indicating time. If I were to make a scratch on the wall today, it would have the same surface as carvings made many years ago. Therefore, nothing can help us to date these carvings. Some carvings are certainly more recent but some are more mysterious. For example, there are Viking runes carved onto the walls of the cave, though there is no way to know if the Vikings actually made these carvings.

CAN YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT THE TOUR?

Guests will meet their guide at the Caves of Hella reception, which is located just outside the town of Hella. However, private and luxury tours can be booked at any time. A guide will bring the guests through the caves and share stories about the caves and theories about their origins.

The temperature of the caves is always about 4 degrees Celsius / 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Visitors should wear a light jacket in the summer and a warmer coat during the winter. It is also important to wear good hiking shoes. The floors are uneven, so you need a good grip. There is a short walk outside from the reception area to the caves' entrance, so it is important to dress for the weather.

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT THE LUXURY TOURS?

Our luxury tours offer guests a special whisky and beer tasting inside the caves. These excellent drinks are paired with smoked and cured goose. The whisky is Icelandic and we offer five different types. We also offer excellent beer made from potato peel. All of these products are locally produced. The goose is from the butcher Villt og alið in Hella, and the beer is made from potato peel grown in the nearby village of Þykkvibær. The whisky is made from barley that is grown in Landsveit. There are even some whisky and beer barrels that are aging in one of the caves. Visitors can book our luxury tours at any time of the day. This could be an amazing way to celebrate a special moment, perhaps even an engagement or birthday.

HAVE PEOPLE EVER BEEN MARRIED INSIDE THE CAVES?

Yes, we love to host cave weddings. We prepare the cave and decorate it with candles and seating. If you have any special requests, we will honor them. Couples can have any kind of ceremony - Christian, pagan, civil ceremonies or humanist. The caves are a great place to take photos. The lighting is magical and makes everyone look good. Wedding couples can also set up some fun activities outside the caves. We have had parties with a Viking theme and set up axe throwing and archery for guests.

ARE OTHER EVENTS HELD INSIDE THE CAVES?

Throughout the years, we have held concerts, lectures and stand-up comedy. The caves are meant to be used, and we are happy to share the space with the community.



HOTEL RANGÁ PLAYING CARDS

It's always a good idea to have a deck of cards handy - so we decided to create our very own

Now, Hotel Rangá has our very own personalized deck of cards. We made the playing cards to highlight the incredible artwork and design located throughout Hotel Rangá. Thumb through the deck to see the unique wall murals that can be found in many of our rooms. These murals were created by local artists and depict Icelandic stories and symbols. Our deck of cards also features photos of our luxury suites and the stunning Northern Lights. Winter is the perfect season to get together with loved ones and play a card game. Pick up a deck of Hotel Rangá playing cards and take a tour of our property while you play.



Picture by Ása Steinarsdóttir

HOTEL RANGÁ FAMOUS WILD MUSHROOM SOUP

Servings for 4 people

INGREDIENTS:

- 400 g Icelandic mushrooms or fresh field mushrooms
- 2 large white onions
- 100 g dried mushrooms
- 200 g mixed frozen mushrooms (ceps, porcini or similar)
- 5 tbs vegetable oil
- 300 g butter
- 100 g plain white flour
- 100 ml white wine
- 100 ml madeira
- 500 ml water
- 2000 ml double or heavy cream
- 3 tbs mushroom powder (you can make your own or buy)

METHOD:

1. Slice the mushrooms and onions thinly
2. Take a large heavy-based saucepan and gently heat the oil
3. Gently fry the fresh mushrooms, onions and frozen mushrooms for 5 minutes
4. Pour all the wine into the pan and let it boil until the wine has reduced to almost nothing
5. Add the water to the pan
6. Now add the dried mushrooms and stir
7. Add the mushroom powder into the pan and let the mixture boil for 20 minutes
8. Now add the cream into the pot and let it simmer for 60 min
9. In a small pan place 100 g of butter, heat gently and let it melt, then add the flour and combine to make a roux. Whisk the roux mixture into the soup until the soup thickens
10. Let the soup simmer for 10 min and then add the remaining 200 g of the butter
11. Blitz the soup with a hand-held blender
12. Season with salt and pepper
13. Optional: Drizzle over with sherry vinegar at the end

Serve with delicious bread of your choice

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RECOMMENDS

WINTER

Ready to explore Iceland's incredible landscape? Here are our top winter activities.

VISIT AN ICE CAVE OR GO GLACIER HIKING

Winter is a great season to hike on a glacier with an expert guide who will share fascinating facts as you explore. Or venture inside an ice cave and marvel at the colors and textures of the ice. These unique structures actually grow and change according to seasonal weather conditions.

SNOWMOBILING

Snowmobiling on top of Eyjafjallajökull—the volcano-glacier that erupted in 2010—is an unforgettable experience. Zoom across the snowy glacier while you experience incredible views of Iceland's 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 expansive views of the mountains, coast and countryside.

DRIVE A BUGGY

Buggy tours are a unique and exciting way to enjoy Iceland's natural beauty. Traverse remote parts of the countryside and experience Iceland's stunning landscape up close. Feel the wind in your hair as you drive across a black sand beach or beside hidden waterfalls.

VISIT AN ANCIENT CAVE

Hotel Rangá is located minutes from several mysterious, man-made caves in the town of Hella. Tour the caves with a local guide and learn the theories behind the caves' creation. Explore underground and ponder how Iceland's early inhabitants might have lived.

SOAK IN A HOT SPRING

Don't forget to bring a bathing suit on your trip to Hotel Rangá—south Iceland is home to amazing natural hot springs like Landmannalaugar and Reykjadalur valley. 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

Winter is a wonderful season to visit Iceland's highland interior on a Super Jeep tour. Visit remarkable locations like the Þórsmörk nature reserve or Landmannalaugar—a stunning geothermal valley bordered by colorful mountains.

TAKE FLIGHT

There is no better way to see Iceland's fantastic landscape than from above. A helicopter can pick you up outside Hotel Rangá's front door and take you on the ride of a lifetime over mighty volcanoes, ancient glaciers and powerful rivers. What's more, our guests can even book a ride on Iceland's first electric aircraft.

GUIDED DAY TOURS

Experience the best of south Iceland by taking a day tour with a local guide. Go off the beaten path and explore hidden waterfalls, majestic mountains and beautiful black sand beaches. Your guide's expert knowledge will ensure that your trip is unforgettable.

Picture by Paige Deasley

Picture by Ingibjörg Friðriksdóttir



Picture by Paige Deasley

INSIDE THE NORTH AMERICA SUITE

Get the inside scoop about Hotel Rangá's unique North America Suite

Hotel Rangá's North America Suite is spacious and decorated in an authentic and comfortable style.

"Hotel Rangá's North America suite design was a team effort," says hotelier Friðrik Pálsson. "We had Canadian carpenters helping us with the furniture. They took it all the way, and the furniture is very rustic."

Though the room highlights a variety of North American countries and regions, observant guests will notice a Canadian flag on the inside of the door.

"These carpenters knew that the room was supposed to be North American, but they thought the Canadians would be forgotten. So they decided to leave the Canadian flag in the room."

The North America Suite's bathroom offers the ultimate luxury in a giant copper bathtub.

"For the bathroom, we found a pure copper bathtub in Mexico, the same with the sinks. The bathtub is handmade out of just one copper

plate. It is completely beautiful with large handles on the sides. To get that Wild West feeling you just need John Wayne in that bathtub in full clothing with a hat, cigar in one hand and glass of whisky in the other."

The room has been a hit with travelers from around the world. In fact, one guest loved the room so much that he returned to Rangá with a gift for Friðrik.

"BIG JIM ANDERSON WAS A TEXAN WHO VISITED HOTEL RANGÁ SOME YEARS AGO. HE LOVED THE NORTH AMERICA SUITE. WHEN HE RETURNED TO HOTEL RANGÁ, HE GAVE ME A 10-GALLON COWBOY HAT – A REAL TEXAS HAT."

So if you see Friðrik walking around Hotel Rangá in his 10-gallon hat, now you know the story behind it.

For a sneak peak of the North America Suite, ask one of Hotel Rangá's reception staff.



Pictures by Hreinn Magnússon



SUSTAINABILITY, AT HOTEL RANGÁ

Hotel Rangá is passionate about sustainability. We constantly look into our day-to-day operations and make every effort to utilize environmentally friendly solutions.

SLH CONSIDERATE COLLECTION

Hotel Rangá is proud to be a member of the Small Luxury Hotels Considerate Collection, a handpicked group of hotels that strive to go above and beyond in measures of sustainability. To be part of the collection, hotels must be community minded, cultural custodians and environmentally conscious.

REDUCE, RENEW, RECYCLE

Our policy focuses on three key tenets of sustainability – reduce, renew, recycle. First, we strive to minimize our environmental impact by reducing waste. We use motion sensor lights and energy efficient light bulbs. Second, we prioritize renewable energy sources. Finally, we always recycle as much waste as we are able.

GO GREEN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Iceland is a land of fire and ice, but these dramatic elements are more than just a scenic backdrop. The country's incredible quantity of rivers and glaciers are harnessed to produce hydroelectricity. In fact, Hotel Rangá's heating and operations are powered by green and renewable energy sources.

CHOOSE LOCAL

At Hotel Rangá, we always prioritize local suppliers. Locally grown products require less transportation costs. We also support local businesses by putting resources back into the community. What's more, we are proud to support local Icelandic artists by decorating our property with incredible pieces of artwork.

FRESH IS BEST

Our Rangá Restaurant is well-known for its emphasis on farm-to-table cuisine. We pride ourselves on sourcing the best Icelandic produce and game. We are constantly aiming to serve locally caught fish and locally farmed meat. Our chefs even harvest wild arctic thyme on our property.

HELPING THE YULE LADS

The Yule Lads are a mischievous yet friendly lot. In the thirteen days before Christmas, they come down from the mountains and bring presents to children. We encourage our younger guests at Hotel Rangá to leave a shoe outside their door to see if a Yuletide lad will pay them a visit.

Local children from the school in Hella actually help out the Yule Lads. We give our extra linens to the kids, and they make special Christmas bags for the Yule Lads to use at Hotel Rangá. In return, Hotel Rangá gives the local school sewing machines and other things they need.



Friðrik, owner of Hotel Rangá, and his daughter in front of the new electric aircraft.

Picture by Ingibjörg Friðriksdóttir

FLIGHTS IN THE ELECTRIC AIRCRAFT CAN BE ARRANGED WITH OUR FRONT DESK UPON REQUEST.

ICELAND'S FIRST ELECTRIC AIRCRAFT

Iceland's first electric aircraft took off in July 2022. The introduction of this revolutionary aircraft is the initiative of Friðrik Pálsson, Hótel Rangá's hotelier, and his friend Matthías Sveinbjörnsson. Friðrik has long been a champion of green energy, setting a standard for Hotel Rangá's sustainability policies.

As Iceland is located between Europe and North America, it is a desirable location for energy exchange in international flights. Therefore, Iceland's first electric aircraft is only the beginning. Electric aircraft are the way of the future.

ALWAYS INNOVATE AND ADAPT

At Hotel Rangá, we are committed to green initiatives and constantly updating our processes and procedures to reflect the newest innovations. For example, we provide our guests with paper straws, recyclable lunch boxes and natural, plant-based and biodegradable slippers.

Our newest addition is a cooperation with Viss - a work community for people with disabilities. Hotel Rangá supplies Viss with recyclable materials and helpful tools. Viss then creates special gift bags for items purchased at the hotel.

TOP 10 WATERFALLS SOUTH ICELAND

1 - ÁRBÆJARFOSS

Only 12 minute drive from Hotel Rangá, the riverbank beside Árbæjarfoss waterfall is a popular fishing spot for locals and travelers alike. Look for the concrete walls on the side of the waterfall—this is a salmon ladder, a series of steps designed to enable salmon to bypass the waterfall and move upstream to their breeding grounds.

2 - SELJALANDSFOSS

Located only 20 minute drive from Hotel Rangá, Seljalandsfoss is one of Iceland's best-known waterfalls. In fact, visitors can walk behind the waterfall and see its beauty from an unusual perspective. The view is mesmerizing—watch the water pouring down with immense power and speed. If you are lucky, you might even see a rainbow through the spray.



Seljalandsfoss - Picture by Herman Desmet

3 - GLJÚFRABÚI

When visiting Seljalandsfoss, don't forget to see its neighbor Gljúfrabúi. Visitors must wade through a stream to access the falls which are partially hidden behind a cliff. The sight is truly incredible—water cascades from above as you stand surrounded by walls of stone. Don't forget to bring waterproof shoes if you want to get up close.

4 - GLUGGAFOSS

Only 25 minute drive from Hotel Rangá, Gluggafoss is a hidden gem that offers visitors access to both an upper and lower falls. Be sure to walk the short path to visit the higher waterfall. There, you will see that the river has created several holes in the rock making "windows" where the water flows through. This is how the waterfall gets its name—the Icelandic word Gluggi means window.

5 - SKÓGAFOSS

Skógafoss is a breathtaking waterfall located approximately 45 minute drive from Hotel Rangá by car. According to an old Icelandic folk tale there is treasure hidden behind the waterfall; however, we don't recommend that you go looking for it! If you want to view the falls from another perspective, climb the 370-step staircase on the right-hand side. A small viewing area places you directly over the waterfall, and you will see beautiful views of Iceland's south coast.

7 - KVERNUFOSS

Kvernufoss is a lesser-known waterfall located nearby the more famous Skógafoss. There is a short and easy 10-minute walk to the waterfall—the path begins behind the folk museum where you will cross a small fence. You will walk through a beautiful gorge that leads you to the waterfall which cascades from a cliff into a small pool below.

6 - DRÍFANDI

Only 25 minute drive from Hotel Rangá. To access the waterfall, there is a short and beautiful hike through a small forest. On the way, you will pass a statue of the poet Þorsteinn Erlingsson (1858-1914), who grew up in this area—the trees were planted in his honor. Drífandi cascades down a small cliff and turns into a lovely stream that flows through the forest. This is a great spot to take a picnic when there is good weather.

8 - TUNGUFOSS

Only 20 minute drive from Hotel Rangá, Tungufoss is a bit off the beaten path. You will need to cross a river to access the waterfall, so it is important that you drive a 4x4 car. There is a short and easy hike to the waterfall, just 5 minute drive. Once you arrive at the falls, you will find beautiful views of clear waters racing past huge river rocks.

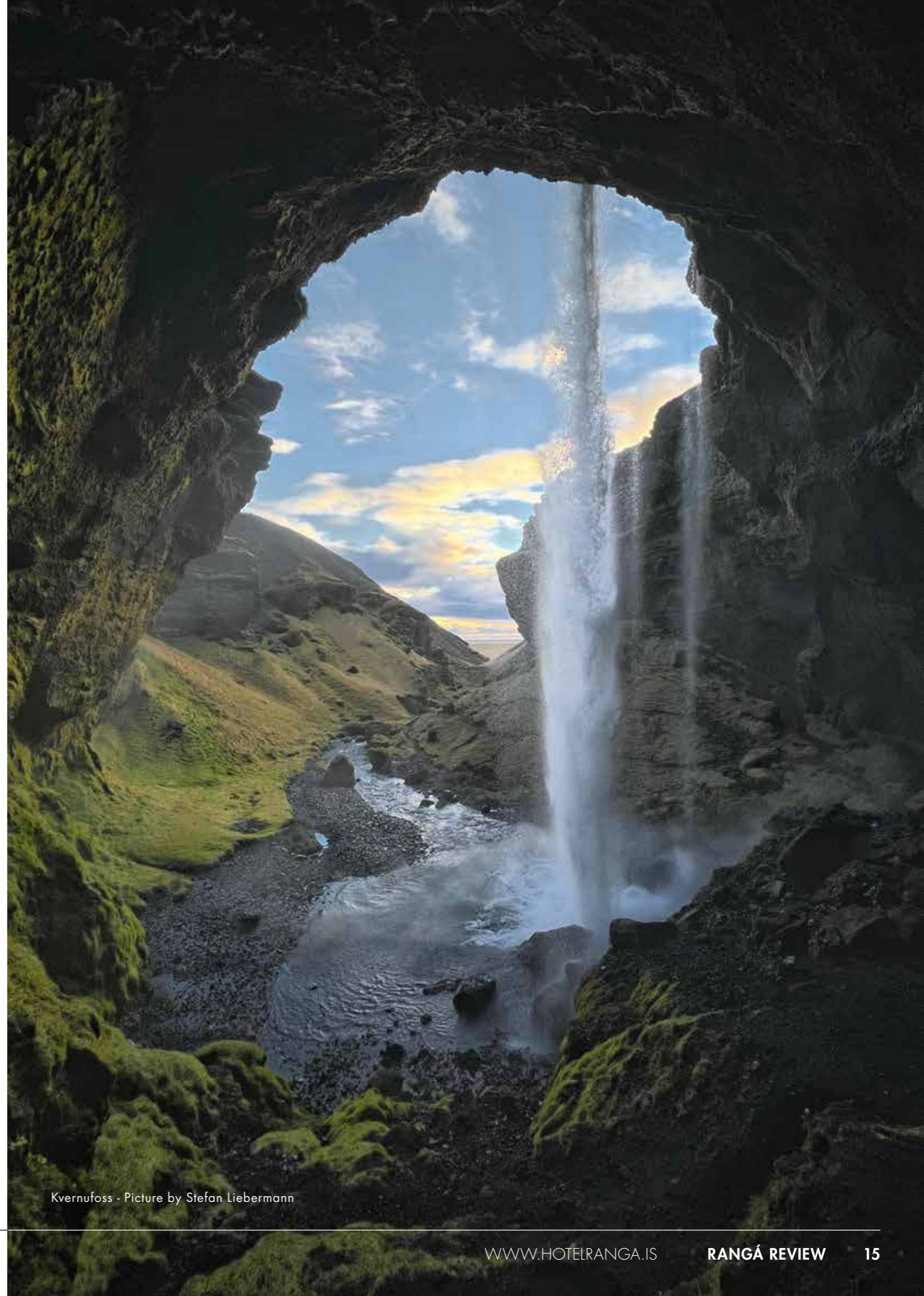
9 - URRIÐAFOSS

Urriðafoss is located on the river Þjórsá right beside highway 1, 20 minute drive from Hotel Rangá. There is a short and easy hike to the viewpoint from the parking area. Even though there are 5 dams in the Þjórsá river—consequently diminishing its volume by up to 50%—Urriðafoss is still the largest waterfall in volume in all of Iceland.

10 - ÆGISSÍÐUFOSS

Ægissíðufoss waterfall is a lovely, lesser-known waterfall only 12 minute drive from Hotel Rangá. The falls are in the middle of the Rangá River and offer a beautiful vista for visitors. There is a popular fishing spot just below the falls, so if you visit in the summertime you just might see a fisherman landing his catch.

DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO OUR
FRONT DESK FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT
WATERFALLS IN OUR AREA.



Kvernufoss - Picture by Stefan Liebermann



Picture by Olivia Synnervik

MIDNIGHT SUN CATCHER

Pictures by Olivia Synnervik

We offered photographers from around the world the chance to win an epic trip to stay at Hotel Rangá and capture the Midnight Sun.



We had over 500 applications from 55 countries. After an extremely difficult choice, we invited Olivia Synnervik from Sweden to be Hotel Rangá's Midnight Sun Catcher.

OLIVIA SYNNERVIK

Olivia is from a small town in Sweden called Lidköping. She has loved photography since she got her first digital camera at the age of 10. Today, she works as a content creator in media and public relations. Since 2020, she has focused on her photography career and loves everything from nature to portrait photography.

"This was my first visit to Iceland, and it was one of the best trips I have ever made. To see this beautiful hotel, the waterfalls, Vestmannaeyjar and the incredible midnight sun was an experience of a lifetime. One of the best moments was around nine or ten in the evening when we were visiting Seljalandsfoss waterfall. My heart almost stopped from the beauty of this gigantic waterfall in the midnight sun. The sun was beaming high in the sky, and it created a rainbow in front of this dreamy waterfall. It was an out of this world experience."



Portrait by Ingibjörg Friðriksdóttir



Picture by Stefán Pálsson

ICELAND ECLECTIC

We created our Iceland Eclectic playlist to transport listeners into an Icelandic mood. From indie rock to classical piano, our playlist will bring you to Iceland in a sonic sense.

During Covid, transportation was limited and many trips were postponed. Around the world, travelers of all kinds began to feel restless. In fact, Forbes Magazine asked Hotel Rangá to create a playlist to help ease everyone's travel bug.

Luckily, our Digital Marketing manager, Ingibjörg Friðriksdóttir, is a musician herself. She was more than up for the task and created an epic playlist filled with all kinds of Icelandic artists. We asked her to share more about the playlist and Icelandic music scene.



SCAN TO START LISTENING

"THE INSPIRATION FOR ICELANDIC MUSIC IS OFTEN CONNECTED TO THE COUNTRY'S WILD, UNTAMED NATURE. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO FEEL INSPIRED BY OUR COUNTRY, WITH ITS GIGANTIC GLACIERS, FREQUENTLY ERUPTING VOLCANOES, AND CRAZY MARS-LIKE EXTERIOR OF THE ISLAND."

"Icelandic musicians are as wild and untamed as our nature, and the scene is world-renowned for being authentic. We have so many talented musicians who are innovative and unafraid of creating their own path because Iceland is willing to invest in culture with governmental funds, and also because we have role models like Björk who have proven you can be true to your rebellious music and succeed."

"The scene is also special in that we are one big family, all genres of music. If you are an active musician in Iceland, soon you will know everyone from the most talented jazz saxophonist to the conductor of the symphony orchestra and the hottest hip hop dude. It makes it accessible to create innovative projects where a lot of great minds come together. That is what I tried to represent on this playlist: the whole scene, all of us together as one big family, because that is also representative of Iceland today. We try to make every guest visiting Hotel Ranga feel that way, too."

On the playlist, you can expect to find Icelandic artists from all genres. Listen to tracks from film composers like Herdís Stefánsdóttir, Atli Örvarsson and Bjarni Biering. You'll also hear songs by the best known Icelandic rock bands: Mammút, KALEO, Aget Fresco and many more. Ingibjörg regularly updates the playlist with latest new releases.

Here, we share some featured songs—take a listen, and let us know what you think.



SALT LICORICE JÓNSI WITH ROBYN

For those who enjoy experimental house beats

From Sigur Rós's lead singer Jónsi comes an new ode to Scandinavian pain with Swedish pop star Robyn. Aggressive rhythmical beats contrast with Robyn's eerie vocals. We recommend you try Iceland's licorice candy or stop by our bar for a licorice shot while enjoying this song.

BORDERLAND ÁSGEIR

For those who enjoy singer-songwriters

This song is from the album Time On My Hands released in October 2022 by singer-songwriter Ásgeir. The track is a textured, thoughtful brand of folk-pop. A fun fact about Ásgeir is that he grew up in Vestur-Húnavatnssýsla just like Friðrik Pálsson, the owner of Hotel Rangá.



FAR FROM HOME VALBORG ÓLAFS

For those who love indie music



This record was self-produced in a church under the Eyjafjallajökull volcano, close to our hotel. It was created during the pandemic, hence the title of the song. Valborg describes her music as honest and mysterious.

Valborg sometimes opens her home to small groups to share stories and songs. If you are interested in learning more, ask at the Hotel Rangá reception.

MAXIMUM EMERGENCY BERNDSSEN

For those who love the 80s

Berndsen's sound is a mixture of new soundscape and elaborate 80s electronic pop combined with his signature soft vocal tone. Recently, Berndsen has expanded his career to fine arts, producing visual pieces of art that are influenced by sound waves.



FOR JÓHANN BY VÍKINGUR ÓLAFSSON

For those who love classical piano music



Víkingur Ólafsson is one of Iceland's best known classical pianists. For Jóhann is from his album Back Reworks which was awarded Album of the Year at the BBC Music Magazine Awards in 2019.

OUT OF THE DARK MIMRA

For those who love electro-acoustic folk pop

MIMRA creates music with a delicate but complex blend of alternative folk-pop, jazz and electronics. Her voice has an amazing strength and range that blends perfectly with the layered sonic landscape.



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.

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