



Dominick takes a leader's stance at Gönguleider

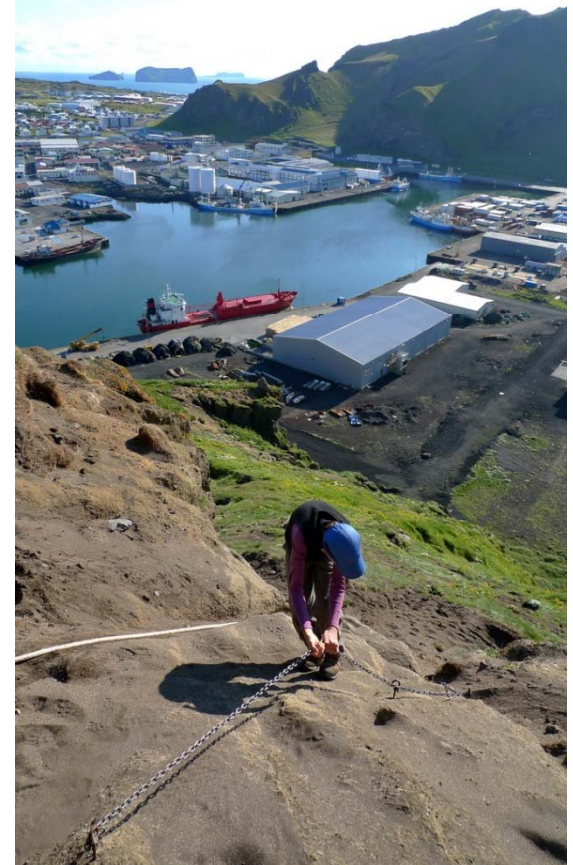


The lava tube at Raufarhólshellir



Looking for birds along the shore

Our previous two bicycle tours were cold & wet slogs, so our decision was to take a driving/hiking tour of someplace we would not want to travel by bicycle. Iceland fit the bill. A minor eruption under a glacier thwarted our planned route by closing the only road heading east, but plan B worked beautifully. Reykjavik was our starting and ending point for three weeks of hopping between campgrounds in a rental car. The scenery was both bare and severe, but almost always incredibly beautiful. We visited old homesteads, saw the thermal features of Geysir, walked on a glacier, soaked in a natural geothermal pool in a fjord, hiked on some gorgeous trails, and saw lots of puffins. All while not being too wet or too cold. We missed the bike, but agreed that Iceland is the wrong place to tour by bike.



Camping on Vestmannaeyjar



Dangerous climb up Heimaklettur





Getting up close and personal with a waterfall



Guided tour on Myrdalsjökull glacier



Admiring Seljalandsfoss



Eye masks made sleeping through the "night" possible



Glacial melt water has no flavor



Turf houses at the Skógar Museum





Black sand at base of cliff hike near Vik



Basalt columns at Reynisfjara



Reliable Strokkur at Geysir



Near the torrent of the upper Gullfoss



Campground thermal pool at Geysir



Lunch between American and European plates at Thingvellir



Site of Snorrabud at Thingvellir





Night sky just past midnight at Akranes



Basalt column cliff near Borgarnes



Scoping for birds near lighthouse at Saxhólsbjarg



Campground sculpture at Akranes



Farm camping at Grundarfjordur



Black pebble whaling beach at Dritvik

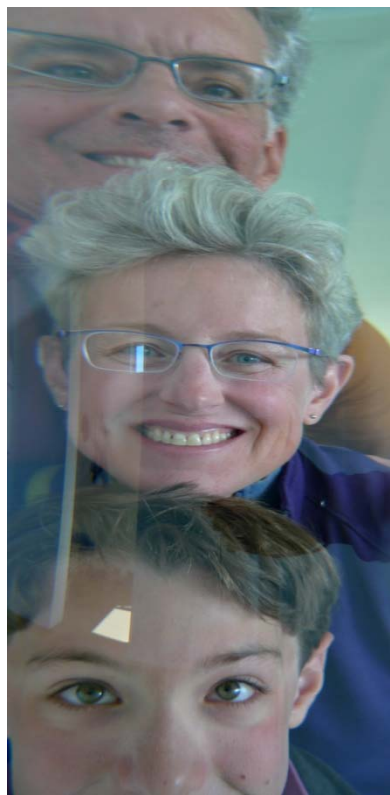


Guardian spirit Bárður Snæfellsás



Along the Hellnar to Arnarstapi hike





Artwork of vertical tubes of glacier water in Stykkisholmur



Old house with whale rib roof beams near Talknafjordur



Local hot tub at Pollurinn near Talknafjordur



Idyllic creek along hike



Puffin on cliff Latrabjarg Peninsula



Hraunfossar waterfall on Hvita River near





Geothermal swimming pool at Husafell campground



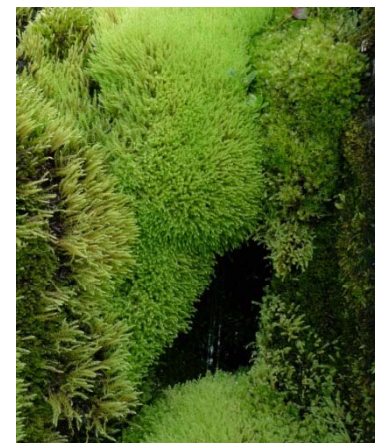
Climbing hike at Husafell



Setting up the tent at Husafell campground



Staring contest at Reykjavik Botanic Garden



Nice moss waterfall



Toe fuzz angel at Reykjavik Botanic Garden





Cold, rainy and 50 mph winds as we brave a soak at the Blue Lagoon



Hellisheidi geothermal power plant



Eerily blue water after generating steam at Svartsengi geothermal power plant



Aboard the Odin Coast Guard ship museum



Reykjavik harbor with the new Harpa Concert Hall



Viking sculpture along coast walk in Reykjavik