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Pining for the fjords (and chocolate licorice)

Jon Letman from Hawaii recently took an excursion to Iceland.

Where did you go? The all-too-appropriately named Iceland.

Where did you stay? Like most things in Iceland, accommodations can be very expensive. We stayed in guesthouses and still paid up to \$190 a night, although the rooms were clean, comfortable, and fantastic breakfasts were included. In Selfoss, we stayed in a guesthouse above a Thai restaurant with Siamese décor!

What did you do? We drove a 600-mile loop around southwest Iceland. Along the way we encountered barren lava fields, deep fjords, frozen waterfalls, green-houses growing tomatoes, lots of bird life, horses, and scenery like nowhere else on earth. We soaked in the Blue Lagoon springs and enjoyed sunlight 20 hours a day.



JON LETMAN

Where did you eat? The shrimp, salmon, and lamb were wonderful, but the most memorable (and cheapest) meals were from the fast-food places connected to the gas stations. Iceland has fantastic licorice (some varieties dipped in chocolate) and delicious berry-flavored *skyr* (like yogurt). The ubiquitous *pylsur* (Iceland's celebrated version of the hot dog), is served steamed with fried onions, mustard, and remoulade sauce that elevates that food to new heights. Really!

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