

# ICELAND

## VOLUME FOUR - THE LANDSCAPE

In Black & White







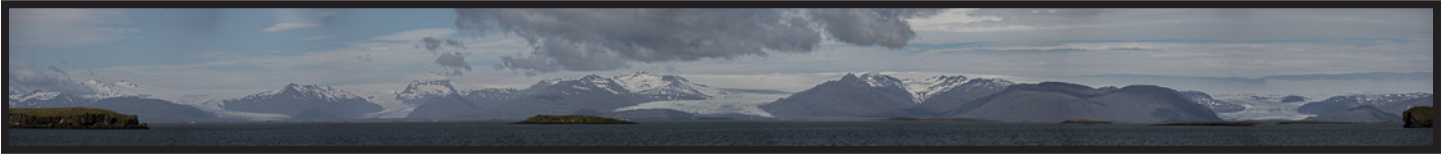






## In Color





The panoramic image above is of the Vatnajökull glacier, by some measures (volume is the most referenced), the largest glacier in Europe. I am quite a distance away and yet it extends a huge visual distance left to right with many ice flows coming off it. It covers more than 8 percent of the Iceland landmass. The average thickness of the ice is 1,300 feet, and as much as 3,300 feet deep.

Below is a small piece of the Vatnajökull glacier that had made it all the way into the North Atlantic Ocean and had been washed up on a black sand beach. I can't imagine how many centuries it may have taken this piece of ice to make its way here, only to melt away into the black volcanic sands. It seems a sad but fitting commentary about melting glaciers in not only Iceland, but the world.



Below is the famous farm at the base of the famous Eyjafjallajökull glacier. Famous because of the recent 2010 volcanic eruption that affected air traffic around the world. Eyjafjallajökull is a volcano completely covered by an ice cap. The 2010 eruption was considered relatively small for volcanic eruptions (by some standards anyway)... Here is a link to a YouTube video of the 2010 Eyjafjallajökull eruption: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-TMtRh8AIs> so you can judge for yourselves.









## Retired Boats







## The Roads







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