

# ICELAND

## VOLUME FIVE - ARCHITECTURE AND THE REST

### COMMON BUILDINGS OF TODAY...

Architecture in Iceland was typically Scandinavian, being practical, simple and clean. There are some more modern and contemporary examples, most notable in Reykjavik such as the HARP performance center.

The home to the right was very typical.















Below is the former French consulate, called Höfði, the site of the Reykjavík Summit in 1986. The Reykjavík Summit was a summit meeting between U.S. President Ronald Reagan and General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev on 11-12 October 1986. The talks collapsed at the last minute, but eventually resulted in the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union.











TRADITIONAL TURF & SOD BUILDINGS...











## MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ARCHITECTURE...

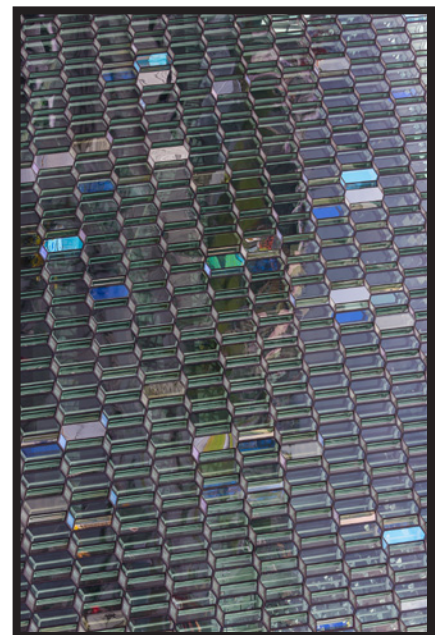
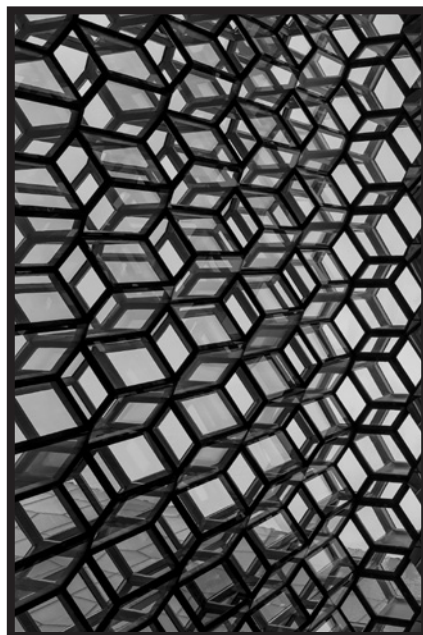
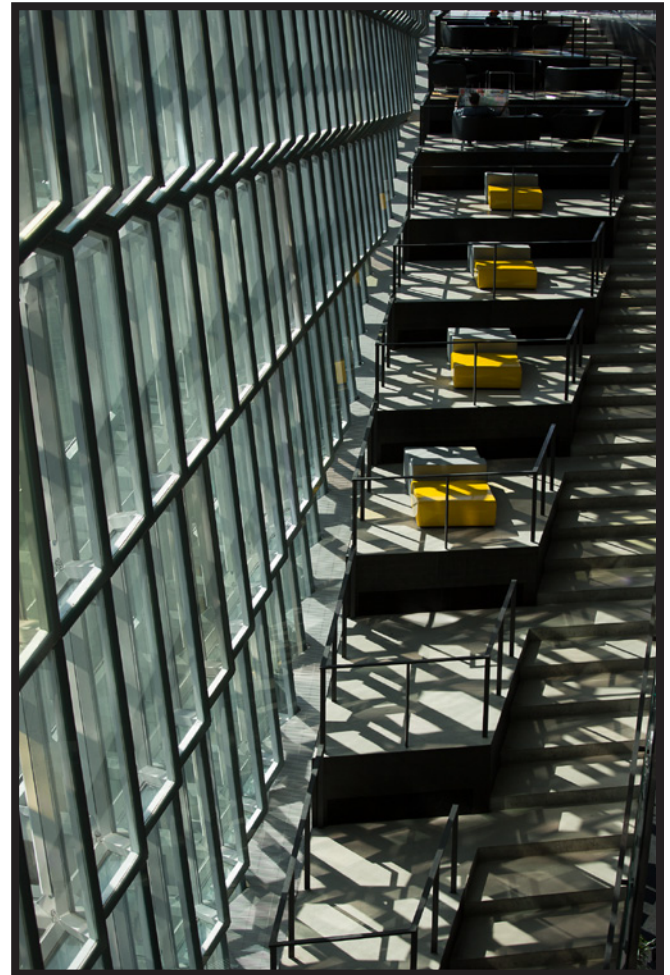
To the right is Höfðatorg Tower 1 in Reykjavik, an iconic tower completed in 2009, during the 2008-11 financial crisis. The same financial crisis we all participated in and is commonly thought to have started in Iceland. That is not to say Iceland caused it, because they did not. Iceland was just the first to collapse from the same mortgage practices most of the rest of the world operated by and taught them, (albeit Iceland bet a greater portion of themselves than most others).





Another iconic and contemporary building in Reykjavík is the Harpa concert hall and conference center in, Iceland. The opening concert was held on May 4, 2011. Harpa was part of a larger project that was abandoned when the financial crisis took hold. The completion of the structure was uncertain until the government decided in 2008 to fully fund the rest of the construction costs for the half-built concert hall. For several years it was the only construction project in existence in Iceland.

The structure consists of a steel framework clad with geometric shaped glass panels of different colors.



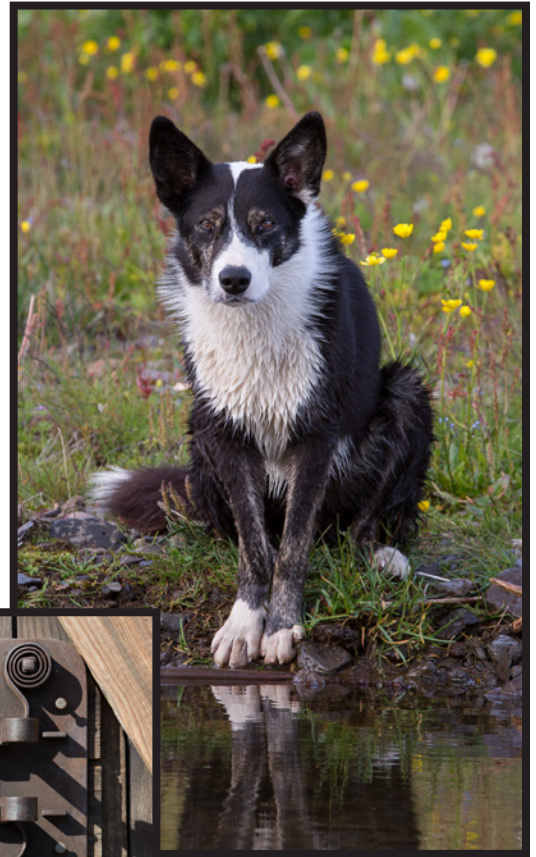


## THE REST...



Typical Icelandic lighthouse....

I made an Icelandic friend on one of my walks....



Interesting door lock/latch mechanics...

Icelandic water sports in the North Atlantic require wet suites and beer... mostly beer I think...







Roof hold down strapping indicates it may be windy at times?





A most perfect Situation Room!

Bless og Öryggisskápur ferðir (goodbye and safe journeys) from a giant troll chair.... That's all we have from our Iceland adventures...

Our next Flying Pig Adventure will be to southern Texas in a few weeks. The trip will be primarily for the famous Rio Grande Birding Festival, but who knows what other interesting adventures we will find. Maybe I can safely expand on the borders issues I was exploring on our Arizona winters until a couple winters ago.



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