



Structured Educational Visit to Schools/Institutes & Training Seminar in **Iceland**

Reykjavík

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The program

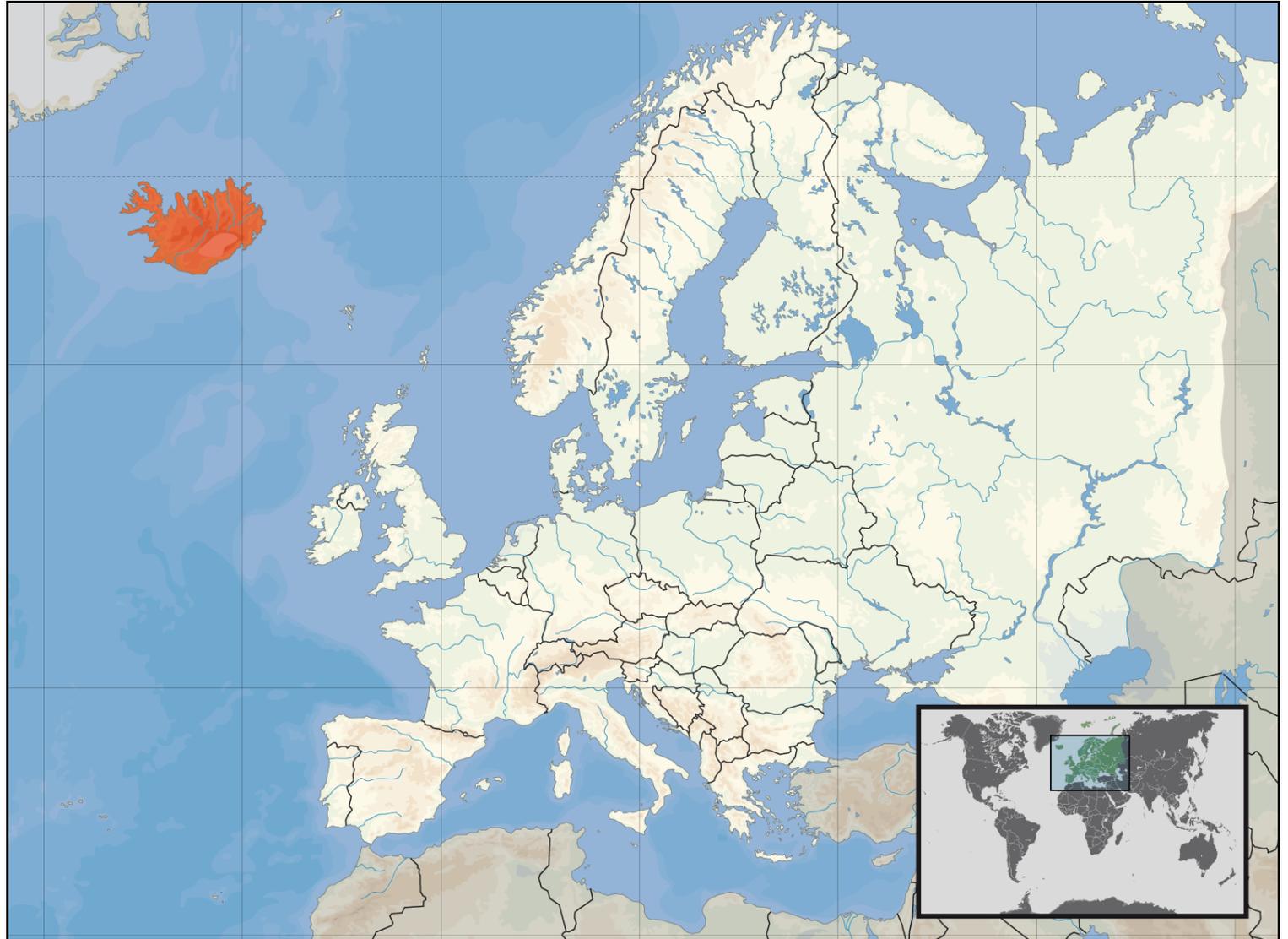
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7 days visit to a **University** and **3 schools** in Reykjavík

Excursions to the countryside.



Iceland



Iceland

Small country (330,000 citizens) and area of 103,000 km².
It is the most sparsely populated country in Europe.

Reykjavík (120,000 citizens)
3rd most expensive city in Europe!

Norwegian ancestors

Independent republic 1944

70% Lutherans

No military



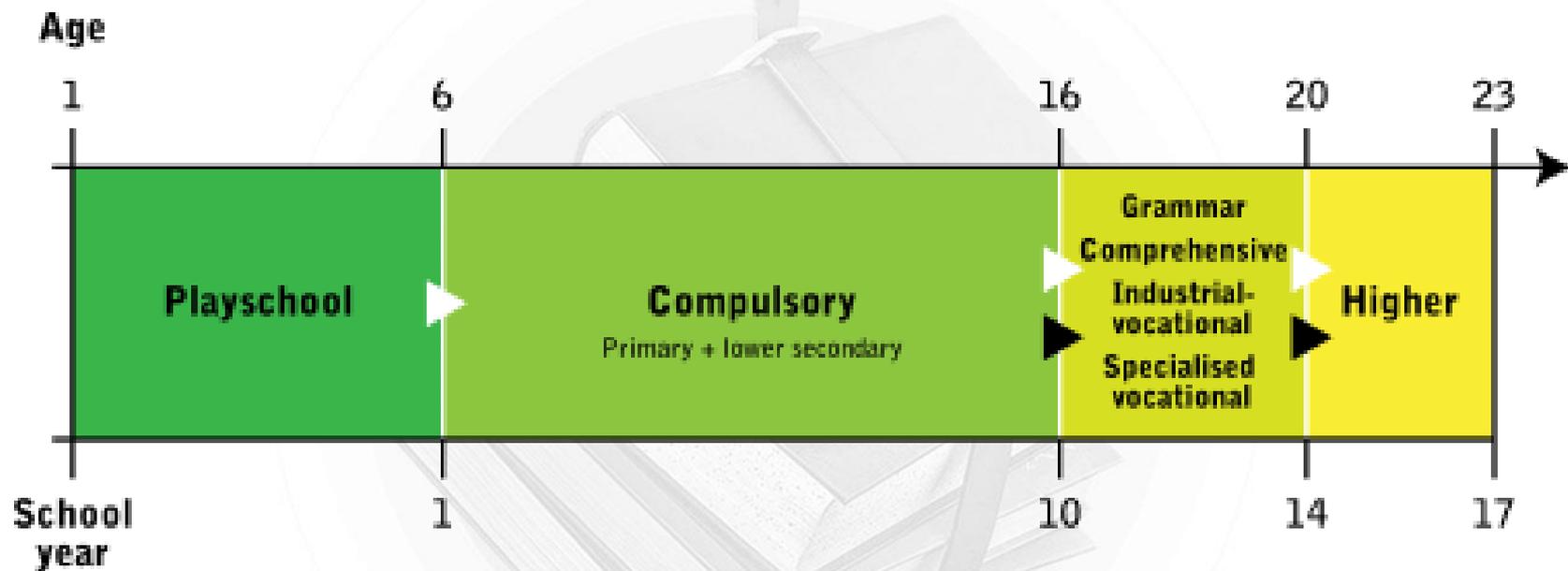
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Reykjavík



Educational system



- ▶ Open access
- ▶ Access subject to requirements

Levels of the Icelandic education system

Fundamental pillars in education



Autonomy

Every school **can shape the curriculum** the way it wants, although there are guidelines from the state.

The budget of each school depends on the outcomes and mainly on the number of students.

The headmaster with the school board is managing the school with considerable **autonomy** (hiring all the staff members, selecting the students, choosing the books).

All schools have supporting **structures and personnel**.
E.g. 1 psychologist, 1 teacher for students with special needs and 2 social workers per school (500-700 students).

Autonomy

There are schools for anything the students want (e.g. agriculture, horses, fishery, etc.).

Several ways of **evaluation** of the students (for science 70% exams and 30% homework).

An example

3 long terms, 12 weeks each

(50 teaching days, 10 assessment days).

8 classes per week each subject (sports 2 classes)

Each student has **4 or 5 subjects + sports**.

Some numbers

30 secondary school in Iceland, **10** in Reykjavik.

180 and **175** school days per year (compulsory and secondary)

25-30 students per class.

The **time frame** is from 8:10 to 14:50 (or 15:30).

Students learn **3 foreign languages**
(English, Danish and German or French).

25% drop out of school, due to low unemployment (2%)!

1st day

kick-off meeting





1st day

kick-off meeting





2nd day

visit to Education University of Iceland





2nd day

visit to Education University of Iceland



3rd day

visit to Menntaskólinn við sund (1st school)



Entrance

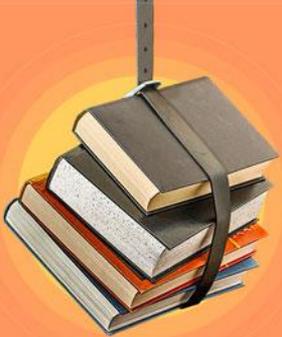
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3rd day

visit to Menntaskólinn við sund (1st school)



School corridors



3rd day

visit to Menntaskólinn við sund (1st school)





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Resting area



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Physics lesson



3rd day

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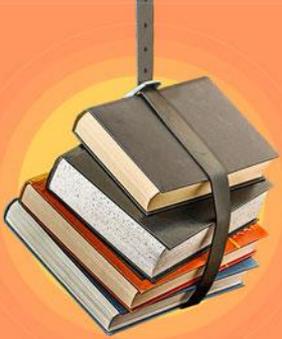


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Recording studio



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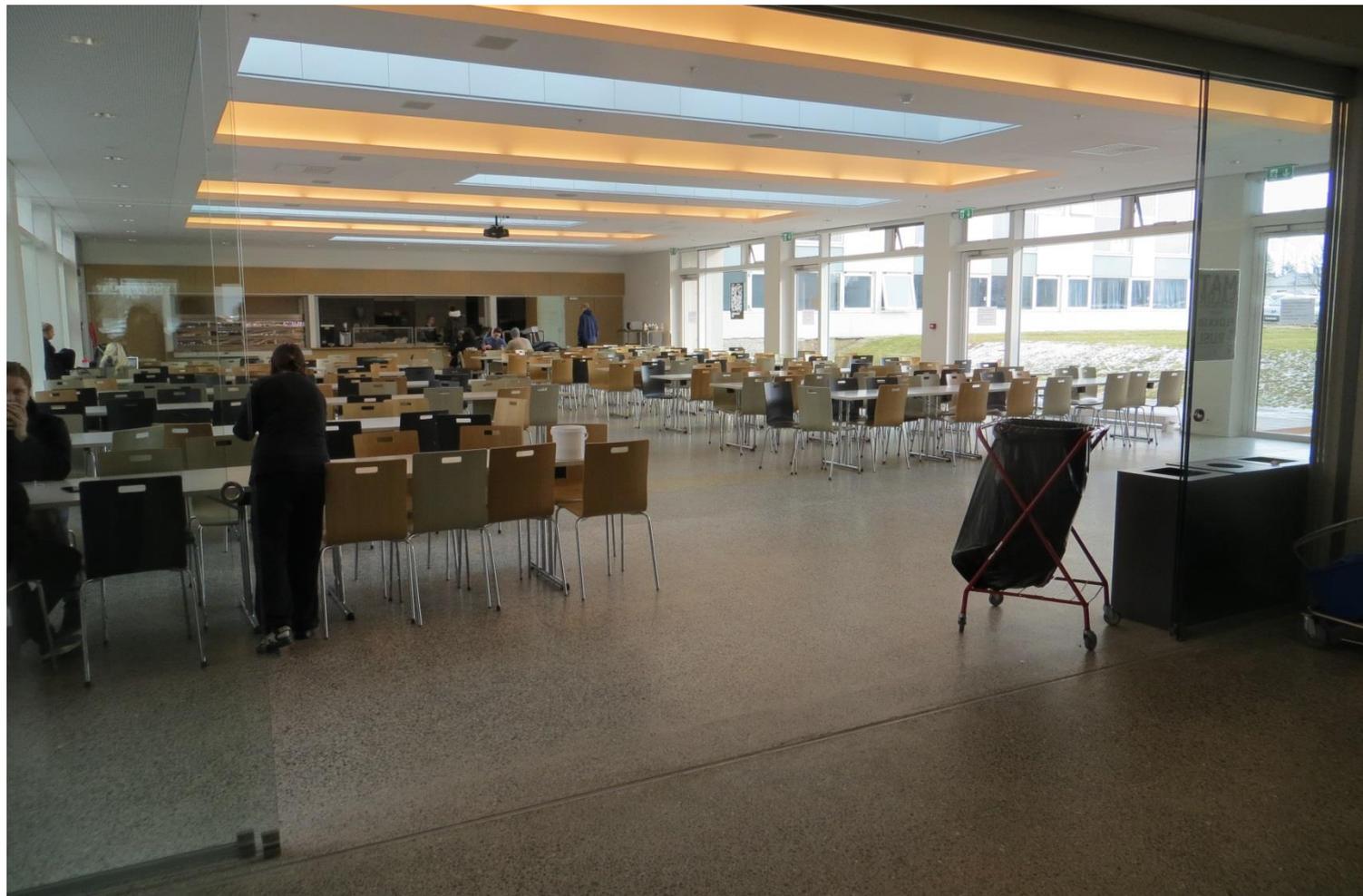
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Teachers cantina



3rd day

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4th day

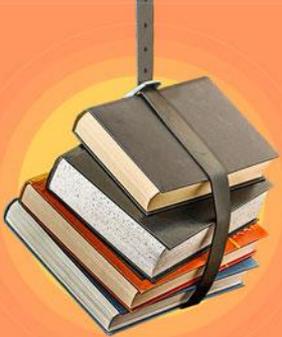
visit to Brúarskóli (2nd school)



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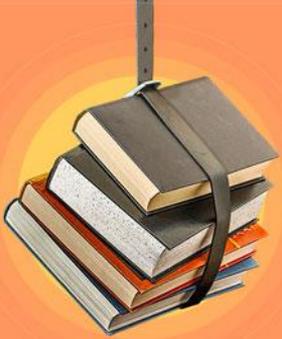
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A stack of four books of different colors (grey, white, orange, and red) tied together with a black ribbon, set against a circular orange background.

4th day

visit to Brúarskóli (2nd school)





4th day

visit Reykjanes Peninsula



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5th day

visit to Kvennaskólinn (3rd school)



A stack of several books of various colors and sizes, tied together with a black strap, hanging from a metal hook against an orange background.

5th day

visit to Kvennaskólinn (3rd school)



School corridors



5th day

visit to Kvennaskólinn (3rd school)





5th day

visit to Kvennaskólinn (3rd school)





5th day

visit to Kvennaskólinn (3rd school)



A stack of four books with a black strap around them, set against a circular orange glow.

5th day

visit to Kvennaskólinn (3rd school)



Classroom



5th day

visit to Kvennaskólinn (3rd school)



A stack of four books with a black strap, set against a circular orange glow.

5th day

visit to Kvennaskólinn (3rd school)



Students cantina



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Teachers cusine

5th day

visit to Kvennaskólinn (3rd school)



Teachers resting point



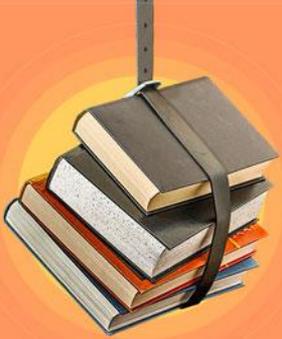
6th day

Golden circle tour



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7th day

Farewell meeting



7th day

Farewell meeting



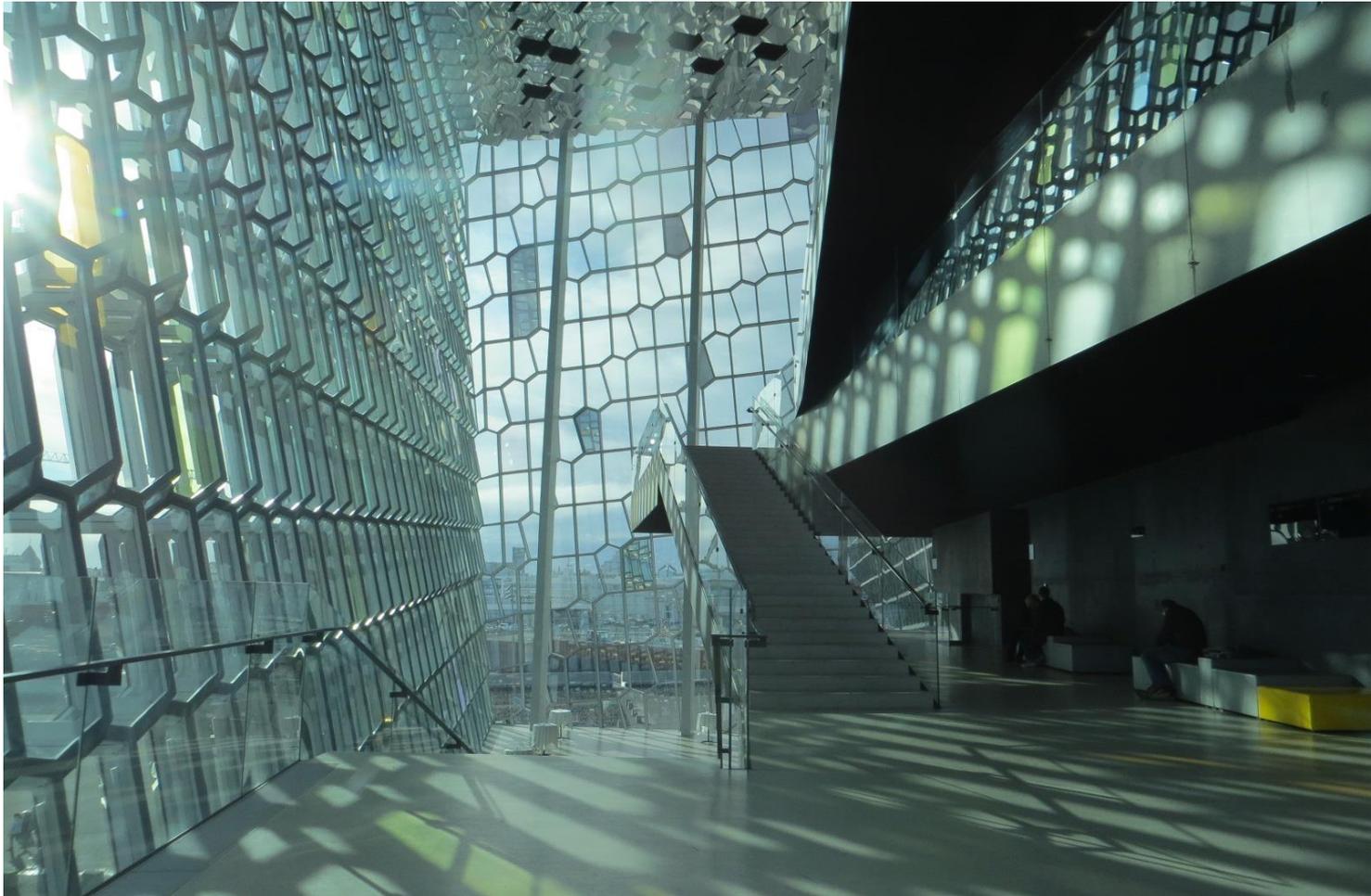
Memories (Lake Tjörnin, Reykjavík)



Memories (Höfði, Reykjavík summit, 1986)



Memories (Harpa, opera house)



Memories (Blue lagoon)



Memories (The unknown bureaucrat)



Memories (new friends)



Thank you for your attention

