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There is a Small World on this Small Island

I daresay that nothing has impacted my life more than scouting



Inga Auðbjörg Kristjánsdóttir

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Curaçao, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, South Korea, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Narnia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, UK, USA, Uruguay, Macau and Faroe Islands.

I am not sure, but I find it highly unlikely that people

from as many nations have ever been gathered in one spot in Iceland before. It might even be safe to assume that these are more nationalities than have ever visited Iceland in any given year. You see, only a few years ago Iceland was not the tourist magnet it is now and despite its popularity amongst the travellers of the world, it is still quite remote and inaccessible.

That's why the moot is such an important event. It brings together all these different cultures, these different people from different backgrounds, and puts them in the same place at the same time, and therefore creates a platform for people to connect, grow and learn from each other.

And somehow, although we've only been here for a day, we've changed from a group of strangers into a community. Somehow, I found myself discussing the lack of facilities for people who use a menstrual cup with total strangers from Lebanon, Austria and the UK. Somehow, I ended up on stage, an Icelander, singing a Austrian song for a crowd of more nations than I could count. Somehow, everyone knows Xander from Curaçao.

And yes, I had to look up the spelling of that amazing island. And the location.

I daresay that nothing has impacted my life more than scouting. Through scouting, I've been lucky enough to travel far and wide and learn so many things about other cultures, but most of all, so many things about myself. Through scouting, I have made friends and have invested into this huge family that knows no borders. Scouting has brought me love and sorrow, challenges and euphorias and so many tools and values that have helped me in my daily life. And for this I am so, so grateful.

I hope you've all made new friends from all over the world and that the international day yesterday was truly an amazing experience, that will broaden your horizon. May the next days continue to bring you experiences, deep conversations and delicious, exotic food.

The Moot Magazine

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Seen something cool?

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Missed the Last Issue?

Hi there, local participant/IST/Planning team member or just a random person in the recycling facility who happens to stumble upon the third edition of Ratatoskr. As you might have noticed, Ratatoskr is published every other day. You might not have found the first two issues on the campsite but don't worry all editions are published on the official Moot app and on the Moot website.

Furthermore we would like Ratatoskr to be a monument to this great event. At the end of the Moot all four issues of Ratatoskr are to be published in one bundle and delivered on departure.

We hope you enjoy reading the Moot magazine. We certainly enjoy making it for our loyal readers.



Here is the Spanish contingent badge. Although at first glance the badge appears to be an Iceberg, the top part is actually a traditional Scouting Hat. Can you see it? Good Luck finding a Spanish

contingent participant! There's only 6 of them! They do have some badges, but they are as rare as the nights are short. And they are pretty, the Spanish participants as well as the badges. But that is obvious.



Girls and Boys are Back in Town

By Mayra Sanchez

Put up my tent? Again? A white tent for... what? A party? Where? Another opening ceremony? Wait, what? And as only Scouts can do it, we had a great Welcome Party for this second part of the moot, celebrating Change and our international community. First, we got to see photos and videos from each of the expedition centers and the adventures they had. Yeah, memories of the last few days began to arise.

With this as background, Marta Magnúsdóttir, Chief Scout of Iceland, gave an inspiring message and invited us to take advantage of our days left at the moot to have a real international experience. "Explore by asking and by answering. Share as much of yourself as you can." And not only to explore the outside,

but your inner self by asking, "why are we scouts?"

As the motto of the moot, Change is the reason we are here at this event, to change our communities, our ways of doing, broaden our minds, to Change the world for a better place.

After, came our very own dancing group and as we finished dancing and singing our moot song, DJ Erla Jónatansdóttir made her appearance on stage and made everyone scream and jump, breaking all differences of language or origin with music, uniting all in one voice to enjoy a great night. "This couldn't have been a better way to begin Alþingi and celebrate the Scout movement," said Ann-Sophie Hammermann, Liechtenstein, who was also celebrating her 23rd birthday.

Totally just chilling with the Chief Scout.
No biggie. Whatever.



"I'm not good at following a script, that is why I work in a team"

An insight into the life of a Moot participant who happens to be the Chief Scout of Iceland.

By Ger Hennessy

I always feel in a rush," Marta Magnúsdóttir, 23, told me when we sat down for a chat on Sunday afternoon, "it's just my mentality." Earlier that morning she ran over to the main stage to take part in a rehearsal for a traditional Icelandic dance. "That was kind of funny," she remarked, "there were 30 participants, and the woman in charge was getting frustrated with our lack of rhythm - there's a reason Iceland does not have a tradition of dancing."

It was at this point that I asked Marta if her appearance at the moot song performance during the welcoming ceremony on Saturday was rehearsed, or a last minute decision. "I'm not good at following a script, that is why I work in a team." This line could describe Marta's Scouting history.

Marta's current role as Chief Scout means she leads the board of the Icelandic Boy and Girl Scout Association. She only joined scouting 8 years ago, after a scout visited her school, looking for members for the new scout group he was setting up. "He mentioned something about Roverway, which Iceland was about to host," she said, "so I joined, and I went." This event had a significant effect on Marta's outlook. "I guess I would not have stayed with scouting, if it had just been weekly meetings," she admits, "It was the camps, like that one, that created my love of scouting"

As Chief Scout, Marta uses this example from her own life when encouraging young people to sign-up. "You can't judge scouting from the outside," she says, "you need to try it, but not just for

one meeting. Wait until you experience a camp." She is a big believer in the balance between weekly meetings and outdoor camps.

Marta's still a participant at #Moot2017, and based in Hveragerði. "I joined the patrol pretty late in the process," she said. "When we met in Reykjavík, there was a camera lady with me, so some members of the patrol weren't sure if she would stay with me the whole time," she laughed. Given her high-profile position, it is surprising that Marta only has one scout shirt. She has managed to keep it clean during the whole moot, in between meeting with politicians, presentation ceremonies and photo calls, which is particularly surprising because, she said, "I'm actually the most unorganised in my patrol!"

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Marta Magnúsdóttir
Chief Scout of Iceland

Trip TribeAdvisor

If TripAdvisor visited Úlfjótuvatn during the moot, we think they'd have an interesting time...

By Kirsty Minnis

The location

Nestled in the beautiful Icelandic countryside, just a 45 minute drive from Reykjavík, Úlfjótuvatn Scout Center boasts stunning views of the lake and surrounding hills. A promising start.



Good to know

Booking the IST package comes with strings attached - you'll be expected to work hard during your stay. Don't let that put you off - the banter's great and the canteen portions are generous.



Queues, queues, queues.

Top tip: Skip the queues for ordinary shower blocks - go al fresco! Head for an outdoor shower and get clean while basking under the glorious Icelandic sun (yes, you heard me, sun).



Dining out

Head to the Icelandic Country Cafe to sample traditional cuisine. From hot soups to flat breads, waffles to cakes - there's something for everyone. Prices start from 150 ISK.



Scout Shop

Joined the queue but never made it to the front. If you want to get hold of swag: you'll need to get there early, or make lots of new friends in the queue while you wait. Great spot for badge swapping, if that's your thing.



The accommodation

Cons: Had to bring own bedding. And tent. No towels provided. No complimentary toiletries.



If you do find yourself caught in a queue, do check out our article on page 12 and level up your small talk.



Pros: Beautiful location. As an early check in (IST package) I bagged a sweet spot near the edge of my designated site, and is located right next door to the canteen (also part of the IST package). Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided.

Hidden gem

Xander Krolis from Curaçao told us about a great place that has a tricky reservations policy,- it's famously difficult to book in advance. Having said that the First Aid tent is kind to walk-ins, but only if you meet the stringent admissions conditions. They're very particular about their clientele. But once you're in, you'll be treated like a superstar.

"It sounds stupid, but uh, it's the best place," commended Xander, who had earned his entry following 60 km of walking, with some seriously blistered feet.

"It's really warm, they have food, they have water, the people are really nice. I even got a massage!"

★★★★★ 5 stars

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Xander Krolis
Still alive



A Privilege to Witness Scouts Strive for a Better World

By: *Stefán Rafn Sigurbjörnsson*

The World Scout Moot is the first major scouting event for recently elected Icelandic President Guðni Th. Jóhannesson. He believes that politics are relevant in all societies, as well as scouting, but his business at the moot is to listen not to preach.

I'm very impressed. It's wonderful to see how many people are gathered here, how everybody is friendly, everybody is happy and everyone is intent on having a good time, but learning at the same time. People seem eager to bring back experiences and knowledge on how to make the world a better place," says Guðni Th. Jóhannesson, the President of Iceland and patron of the Icelandic Boy and Girl Scout Association.

As President, the 15th World Scout Moot is his first major scouting event. He, like the moot participants, is eager to

learn something during his short visit to Úlfajótsvatn. "I've met many people from many parts of the world. I've

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caught a glimpse of the Scout Movement and what it is doing. I've learned about change and how the movement is focused on positive change. So from this place I will bring back great memories and information about what the World Scout Movement is trying to do to be a force for good."

When asked about his perception of scouting and the common old-fashioned mis-

*Guðni Th. Jóhannesson
President of Iceland*



Guðni (with the blue scarf) poses for a selfie with some Scouts

conception that all scouts do is well tucked in uniforms and help old ladies cross the street he claims that scouts are an asset to society in modern times but should retain some traditions.

“I think scouting can play a positive role,” he says. “I think you need to combine the positive aspects of the old traditions, as well as looking forward, so that young people today can get a sense for the Scout Movement being a positive force, a modern force, a place you can have fun but also a place where where you can be a part of positive change. I think the movement has all the resources to do that. But it is true, some people who are not in the know might think the Scout Movement is that and not in connection with the modern world. But that is just a chal-

lenge and I think the scouts are aware of that. I think that the Scout Movement has a bright future.”

Guðni attended a few scout meetings in his youth, but it did not last. Would the Scouts be appealing for eleven-year-old Guðni today?

“I’m pretty sure,” he says laughing. “As a parent I am almost always impressed by today’s kids. They are smart, they are compassionate, but sometimes we need to drag them away from laptops and smartphones. I think the Scout Movement can be a force for good there. Teach kids to work together, entertain themselves as a group where you rely on each others and take responsibility for your action. Yeah I think eleven year old Guðni would benefit greatly from the scouts.”

After his visit to the campsite the president is well aware of the moot theme of Change. He believes that the scouts and events like the moot can play a positive role.

“There are, of course, so many issues facing the world, there are so many conflicts and so many problems. We have poverty, we have famine, we have civil strife, we have religious strife. But at the same time, we have positive developments. The world is a better place in my opinion compared to centuries ago. We need to move forward, we need to be optimistic and we need people like you guys and girls and everyone in the Scout Movement intent on being a force for good. Why not use a venue like this to say: “Yeah we have problems but they can be solved so let’s work together and see where that takes us”.”

U.S. President Donald Trump

recently made headlines for making a political speech at the U.S. National Jamboree. Something unusual for a scouting event since the Movement is supposed to be above the daily bickering of politics. But this raises the question whether politics are altogether irrelevant in scouting.

“I think that politics is relevant in all societies,” Guðni claims. “When I come here I try to learn from others and I try to listen more than to speak. I have been doing that today and I bring back with me the input of others and I don’t feel like I have to make any statements here. I’m more in the business of learning rather than preaching.”

Embracing the theme of Change, we ask him the traditional beauty pageant question. If he were able to change anything in the world what would that be?

“Of course you can be naive and ask for world peace,” he says. “Everyone wants world peace. But I think you have to be realistic and realize that you cannot change the world in a day. What I would want to achieve and what I want this scout moot to achieve is greater awareness, that we live on this earth together, we need to take care of this earth together, we need to be compassionate and we need to fight prejudice with words and information rather than the sword. If we accept opinions of others, beliefs of others, and others accept our opinions and beliefs, I am convinced that slowly but surely we will become a better society, a global society and you scouts are showing the world how we can do this. Being able to witness that firsthand is a privilege for me.”

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Guðni Th. Jóhannesson
President of Iceland







Etienne Touma and
Oliver Newton,
Information Center IST

We Know it Better, We Better Know it

"Hi, how can I help you?"

By: Gemma Mears

This is the phrase the 10 IST members who are working in the Information Tent have been saying with a smile on their face for 15 hours a day!

Olly Newton from the UK told me that working at the center has been pretty full-on, with this morning (Sunday) being even more hectic, as over 300 Rovers queued to sign up for the Spejderman triathlon challenge - all fighting for just 100 spots. During my 15 minutes in the Information Center, there was a steady flow of queries from IST and participants, but thankfully for all, no queuing!

What's my schedule? What should I do? Where should I go? What's the programme? How do I buy Internet? Where can I charge my phone? Where can I buy food or essentials like toothpaste and deodorant? Where do I buy tickets for the swimming pool? Where do I buy souve-

nirs?...

These are just some of the most frequently questions that are being asked - so frequently that the answers can now be found in the Moot App or on the FAQ list, stuck on the outside of the Information Tent - and all around the campsite!

The biggest job for the staff is managing the steady stream of people, either handing in lost property or coming in to find their misplaced items. To manage the ever changing list, the team has created a log, on Google Docs, meticulously recording each item. At lunchtime on Sunday, there were 263 items that had been found (and during my short time in the tent, an additional 5 items of Lost Property were either handed in or claimed).

"The weirdest thing we've had handed in, is a plastic horsehead," laughed Etienne Touma from Lebanon, "but mostly,

we get clothing - lost coats and hats."

Other items of lost property waiting to be reunited with their rightful owners include mobile phones, credit cards, a wedding ring and two tents(!).

The moral of this story, is to not lose your stuff! But if you do, go and visit the Information Tent!

The Information Tent is open 7 am - 10 pm every day, and is there for all of your needs (well most of them), and for those problems or questions they can't help you with, they should be able to let you know who can!

On behalf of all mootsters - Thank You to the Information Center staff for supporting us all with anything and everything!

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Etienne Touma
Lebanon



Spotted at the welcoming ceremony. Owner please retrieve from the Information Tent



Australia vs. the UK – Who Wins?

By Gemma Mears

As tradition would have it, the moot rugby match between Australia and the United Kingdom took place on Sunday. It was definitely an interesting game with some twists and turns (although these were predominantly from the crowd)!

The game finished 25-5 to the UK with both sides playing extremely well, putting in 110% effort.

There was a lot of chanting going on from the crowd. Some ‘Oggy, Oggy, Oggy’ from the Aus-

tralian crowd and ‘Swing, Low, Sweet Chariot’ from the British. And then things turned a bit... (I’ll let you decide the next word in that sentence). One of the Australian’s ‘acquired’ one of the British flags, then one of the British ‘acquired’ the inflatable Kangaroo and this went on for some time and there was much running back and forth



from one side of the pitch to the other (but of course without running onto the actual pitch)!

After the match, I spoke with Chris Rumley, Coach and Captain of the UK Team, “It was a brilliant game. Both sides gave their all. Our training paid off and I am extremely proud of each and every member of the team. They put everything on the line and deserved the win!” I also spoke with Andy Ellis, Skipper of the Australian



team who said: “We were unprepared, with only 5/10 minutes before the match commenced, but everyone worked extremely hard and

I’m tremendously proud of the team and our supporters. The UK did an ok job, but definitely need to be worried for the re-match in 4 years’ time in Ireland, as we’ll be much better prepared.”

Congratulations to the United Kingdom on winning the 2017 Moot UK/Oz Rugby Match!

It was a brilliant game. Both sides gave their all.



Chris Rumley
UK



Get Out of Your Small Talk Zone. Now.

Deep is the new hardcore

by Sara Boletti

The Scout Movement is like Nokia - connecting people. But hardcore. Okay, we are probably as long-lasting and indestructible as the good old 3310, but we are far more efficient when it comes to really connecting. We are charging our battery on campfires or with solar panels. And we share messages, instead of storing them. "It's so easy to get in contact here, you can talk with everyone. Usually at home I tend to be shy and don't talk a lot to foreigners, but here it's a must", explains Barbara, a Mexican participant. But what does one need to make a real connection with someone, just by talking? Is handshaking, exchanging names and forgetting them faster than you can say Úlfjótuvatn enough? Is smiling, laughing, nodding, leaving and repeating with the next person really getting the most out of your experience?

Welcome to the moot, where meeting people is a big thing. A big thing with small talk. And we are good at small talk. Everyone talks. Because everyone is curious. Because they are open minded

(at least most of them). Because there are so many obvious stories and things to talk about. Where are you from? Want to swap badges? Where did you stay? And of course the weather. And then, when we've been through all these obvious small talk questions we reach the end of the story far too often, and miss out on a potentially long-lasting friendship. The end of that story is the beginning of this story. It's about leaving your small talk zone and why it is worth it.

Deep talk

Deep talks tend to begin with questions. "It would, for example, be weird if you went over to someone and started explaining that you don't want an ordinary burial post mortem," tells Stefán from Iceland, "but it's totally different if you ask someone a question that makes people think. That way you are inviting them to the conversation." Questions have the important role, inviting people into a conversation, and they have the potential to help delve into the depths - if they are the right questions...

"Don't ask which job someone has, ask them what they do and why they are doing what they are doing," tells Þórgnýr from Iceland. "And listen. Because when you are really listening you will find out which topic or content someone is particularly interested in. And if you have found that one thing, you will get closer in minds and you will go from one topic into another one." It's not easy, especially after a few days. It's exhausting to continue meeting new people and looking out for deep moments. It is especially exhausting when our minds and words are bombarded with different cultures, languages and ideas. "My English is not that good, and I wish was better - I am struggling with getting into deeper talks with someone who doesn't speak Spanish", explains Jorge from Argentina.

Furthermore, deep talk is super risky. Super, super, super risky. As risky, as leaving the tent open in Iceland or having unprotected sex. We are human beings who have feelings, which can be hurt. And we don't want to be hurt, because we are human. So we build comfort zones. But

it's boring there,.
Remember a few days ago. We arrived at the moot, as part of our contingents, got divided into patrols, started talking, opened our minds because we had to, found our friends for the next few days and set up a kind of comfort zone. There are 5000 people, we'll probably talk with 100, and hang out with 10 from whom 4 are from the same contingent. That's it? Nope.

Different paths, same destination

"I believe that humor is an essential tool for deep talk as well, and humor helps you to go deeper while talking - jokes lead you into a topic, as they have the potential to get out of the conversation again, when you went too deep, or

when you reached a point, where you can't get deeper", explains Brecht from Belgium and laughs. He is joking about the weather, because the weather is Small Talk's personal lifeguard. True story. Small Talk is the gatekeeper for our deepness zone.

Right questions, right answers, right feelings are necessary to get deeper than good old weather talk. And it's worth it. You can gain so much from a deep talk - energy, vibes, love. And yes, maybe you will regret it, maybe you will get lost, maybe you will get hurt. But what if not? What, if you swap words instead of badges, and feelings instead of niceties and good weather talks? You will talk about things, think about

it, think about it again and finally you will remember what you've talked about. And you will have an opinion, and a point and something to say. That's called statement. And you will share your statements outside, somewhere there, where your real life is happening. And that's the point, my friends.

Because outside, in the world, where our scarves sleep in drawers, and where we prefer Nokia over campfires, there is a world waiting for each of us to make change, to connect people, powered by our deep talks.

And we don't want to be hurt, because we are human. So we build comfort zones. But it's boring there

Dancing is Our Common Language

"We don't even need to speak to each other in order to communicate."

By Mayra Sanchez with special thanks to Louise Pestana, Brazil, for translating

Have you ever been the new student or outsider in a group? It might be quite scary at first, but it can turn into a lot of fun, especially when you manage to go with the flow and find your place. But what if you didn't speak the same language and couldn't communicate with this new group of people, what would you do? A situation like this happened with one moot patrol, but they got through it in the most awesome way possible!

Patrol 4 from tribe REK 04 have adopted dancing as their main form of communication, because one of their members, João Pedro Neves Drumond from Brazil, doesn't speak English. The patrol found themselves challenged with the difficulties of language barriers, since no-one else speaks Portuguese, so it's been the best craziest experience ever.

It's been an adventure for Pedro, (who goes by 'Pepe'), since they've all made him feel welcome. "I didn't know I could have chosen to be with a Portuguese speaker," he said, "but I love the fact that I'm with so many different people from different countries."

The whole patrol is so happy to have Pepe. "He gets up with a smile and goes to bed with a smile," says Jonathan Nöstlinger from Austria, "everyone has learned some simple Portuguese words," when we asked about how they manage to communicate. This often turned out to be more efficient than gesturing.

And the dancing? It turns out that Pepe is a dancer back in Brazil. He dances at the Brazilian Carnival, how cool is that? "He's a professional dancer," says Jomo Gehrler, Switzerland, and of course, he had to teach his new friends how to dance." After two

days, we had our own patrol dance. He cheers us up with this song every time." Jonathan adds: "We get up and dance together, so we don't even need to speak to each other in order to communicate."

"It's amazing for me" Is there a better way to live Change and experience a moot than to let friendship and inclusivity guide you?

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*João Pedro "Pepezito"
Neves Drumond
Brazil*





Around the World in 8 Dishes

By Dominique Lysser

In case you have no idea about where to travel next, either because you haven't made any friends yet at the moot (which, of course, is highly unlikely) or you've already made so many (which we can totally understand) that you have no idea about where to even start planning a trip that will allow you to meet all your new besties and buddies again: don't despair yet! We have the perfect recipe for you.

Do you have a sweet tooth? Is candy the fuel that keeps you going in the busiest of times? Candy cotton is not just a sweet, light, and fluffy caress for your tongue, but a blanket for your soul? Are you literally going to die, if you have to go without a fix for too long? Well, not literally of course, we mean metaphorically; You're not actually going to die, you just get really, really moody and become a giant pain in the ass, basically. That's the difference between literally and metaphorically. You should always learn something when you read. You're

welcome. But now we're off topic. Get your candy bar, focus and let's get started.

If you live on the sweet side of life, you might want to try rahat lokum, a very sugary candy based on a gel of starch and sugar. Usually, one drinks freshly brewed coffee with it and the combination is heavenly. So, book your flight and pack your bags: it's time to visit Bosnia and Herzegovina. And if you're already in Europe, go approximately 1200 kilometers north west, visit Switzerland for the best chocolate in the world (Sorry, I might be a little bit biased

on this issue. I'm happy to argue with anyone who claims otherwise, though) and have a cup of hot or cold Ovomaltine. But why stop there? Make the journey to Norway and look forward to eating Vestlandslefse. What's that? A traditional soft Norwegian flatbread made with butter, cinnamon and sugar. And if you happen to be allergic to cinnamon, Lefse comes in all types and forms!

If you feel like this might not be a sweet enough trip for you, then you'll need a change of scenery. Travel half way around the globe and stop in

Sounds like a good trip, doesn't it? You'll only need about 1547100 Icelandic Krona and about 6 weeks to do all of it.

Uruguay for *tortas fritas* (a kind of fried biscuit), eat it with *dulce de leche* (“candy made of milk”), and finish it all off with *salchichón de chocolate* (if it has the word chocolate in its name, you know it’s good).

At this point, we’d suggest you brush your teeth and take a break, otherwise you might have a heart attack. How about spending the night in Argentina, sit in a circle and share some *mate* with friends? Unwind and relax. By doing this, you’re leaving the sweet zone, though. *Mate* tastes quite bitter, but as the saying goes: the bitterer the beverage, the sweeter the company. (I don’t know, if anyone actually says that, but let’s make it a thing!)

And off we are again! Our next destination will be the Middle East, more specifically Jordan and Lebanon. Since this is a pretty long flight, let’s make a pit stop at Trinidad and Tobago for some Benny Sticks, a sesame based snack that keeps up your blood-sugar levels. We follow the sesame trail to Jordan, we add some pistachios and what we get is: Brazeq. Of course, if you’re in the area, you should also eat some hummus! But



don’t stuff yourself, the next and last stop is very close. You certainly don’t want to miss out on the Lebanese cuisine. Consider it the culinary culmination of this trip! Try *Debes*, a sweet sugary dessert made of carob or *Halawa* (which literally translates into dessert or sweet) and consists of sesame seeds, sugar and pistachios. By now, if you’re still alive and haven’t yet overdosed with sugar, sit back, enjoy a Turkish coffee and learn about *tobssir* (fortune telling). When you’ve finished your coffee, let the *bossara* (fortune teller) enlighten you about your future. Ask her about Ireland. No reason.

Sounds like a good trip, doesn’t it? You’ll only need about 1547100 Icelandic Krona and about 6 weeks to do all of it. If this sounds absurdly ridiculous to you, well, you are right. It is. So how come we spent so much space and time on this impossible travel itinerary? Because it’s neither absurdly ridiculous nor impossible if you do it here in the next three days or go with all your new besties and buddies to the Moot 2021 in Ireland and do it all in one day!

The Moot in Numbers

1

the number of songs we want more of.

2

the number of people who can dance the Moot-Song-Dance properly.

5.6

the number of hours you have to wait to get into the Scout Shop.

0

the number of items you bought after 5.6 hours of waiting in the Scout Shop.

6

the number of deaths on last night’s episode of *Game of Thrones* (GoT).

309

the number of wifi hours bought to watch GoT.

309

the number of people who couldn’t watch the new episode of GoT, ‘cause the wifi was down.

892

the number of times, the Information Center was asked where the nearest toilet was.



Hólaskjól: Changed by Isolation

Did you really think we forgot about you?

By Inga Auðbjörg Straumland

Hólaskjól is basically in the middle of nowhere... It has no electricity, nor running water and almost no cell reception. We couldn't exactly phone anyone up to ask for news, or get our furry squirrel paws on any photos. So we decided to save the best for last!

Hólaskjól is located up in the highlands, an oasis surrounded by unspoilt nature. The mootsters that spent their first days in Hólaskjól were cut out from all modern niceties and left to deal with the wilderness. "It was amazing to be surrounded by such pure nature," Wendy Kok from Austria told us. "It's impossible to go to a place in Austria where you don't see any signs of civilization. If you climb up a mountain,

you'll always be able to spot a house or a road." Her friend, Pia Ruttner, agrees. "I was really happy to be there in the untouched nature. You were surrounded by nature in its purest form."

Asked if they didn't mind the primitive facilities they shook their heads. "We didn't notice the lack of electricity because the nights were light anyway. But I'm not the right person to ask, as I haven't turned my phone on in three weeks" said Pia and explained that back home she'd only ever used her phone to talk to her boyfriend and as they've been traveling together in Iceland there's been no reason to turn it on at all.

One aspect of the survivalist atmosphere at Hólaskjól ap-

parently had an impact on the two girls, as they're very eager to talk about it: Hygiene. "There was no water, so on the first day we didn't shower at all, on the second day we hiked a long way and bathed in Landmannalaugar and on the third day we bathed in a horribly cold river" says Pia. Due to the absence of bathing facilities the buses stopped in the Hvolsvöllur swimming pool on their way to Úlfjótstvatn. "The poor families that were in the pool when we came," exclaims Pia, "buses full of dirty scouts who haven't showered for days! We flooded the pool, played games in the hot tub and completely took over the place. There was even a queue to the ice water tub!"

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