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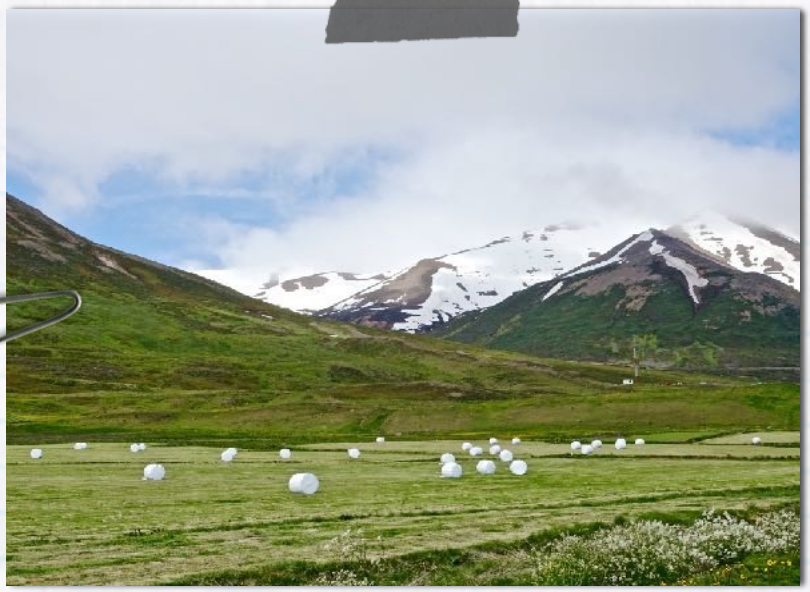


Akureyri to Olafsfjorgur

We stopped for a quick stroll down Akureyri's main street. It was decorated with large flower pots which were in full bloom. It set off the shopping precinct very well. Heather's shopping appetite satiated we walked on to the town's cathedral. It was very interesting architecture, mirroring the design in Reykjavik somewhat (designed by the same architect and built in concrete).

Because our overnight cabin had a kitchenette and even a hot tub to soak in we thought we deserved a short day and a total relax.

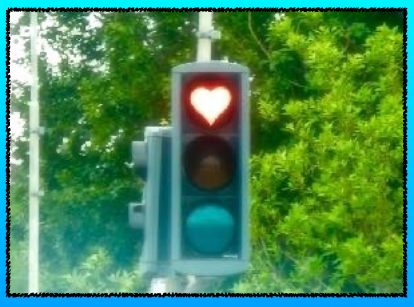
The run along Eyja fiord water's edge was truly spectacular. The sun had come out and it really brightened up our day. We were able to successfully navigate through the 3km tunnel only big enough for one car to fit through at a time. There were small passing places but traffic was light. Our

On to Olo

After a wonderfully restful sleep we opened the blinds to be greeted by a bleak sky once again. We were not concerned - its been cold and damp for a few days now and it has not caused us any real concern. Breakfast was part of the deal and it turned out to be one of the most varied menus on our Iceland trip so far. There seems to be no consistency between quality of accommodation (including breakfast) and how much you pay. Kigali is up there with the best on all counts.

After a sumptuous breakfast we packed the car and drove towards the second largest town in Iceland - Akureyri. Our route followed Iceland's ring road that skirts around the edges of many of the northern fiords. The early day continued to be cold and drizzly but by late morning the sky had cleared somewhat. On looking at our map Heather realised how close we were to the arctic circle. That water we had been looking at for the last couple of days was actually the Arctic Sea. Brrrr. The view across the water to the other peninsular was to snow covered peaks appearing through the swirling mist. These mountains look close enough to touch until your see a

BIG BOY Not sure if Heather's snap was of the massive 4WD or the guy having a pee.



RED HEART The red stop sign that desperately wants to be liked. I almost expected to see it pulse.

SNAPPAROO Heather snapped away all morning only to realise that her camera setting was on "painting mode". Blurry washed out photos don't rate well in

Glacial landscapes

PHOTOS