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West Fiords

Maybe we are becoming a little jaded but the early part of our drive had little to excite us. The cold bleak overcast weather probably did not help our demeanour and apart from a quick detour to a hidden deep gorge with waterfall, our drive was fairly uninteresting. The snow covered uplands flattened appreciably and there was little farming activity. We stopped at Budardalur for a bite to eat, consuming our sandwiches in our seats as the cold wind buffeted outside. Brrrrr. I drove on. The scenery did improve as we continued west. The snow topped mountains came back into view again and we passed through an area of recent volcanic eruption. We could see where lava had flowed down to the sea. Soon we arrived at Hvamms fiord. Across the fiord on the other side we could make out a very high peninsula. This was more like it. At one point we were surprised to see 1000's of long necked white cygnus geese feeding on the seaweed in the bay below. The scenery was seriously beautiful. We arrived in Stykkishomur - our overnight stay - to be greeted by a

Roads Less Travelled

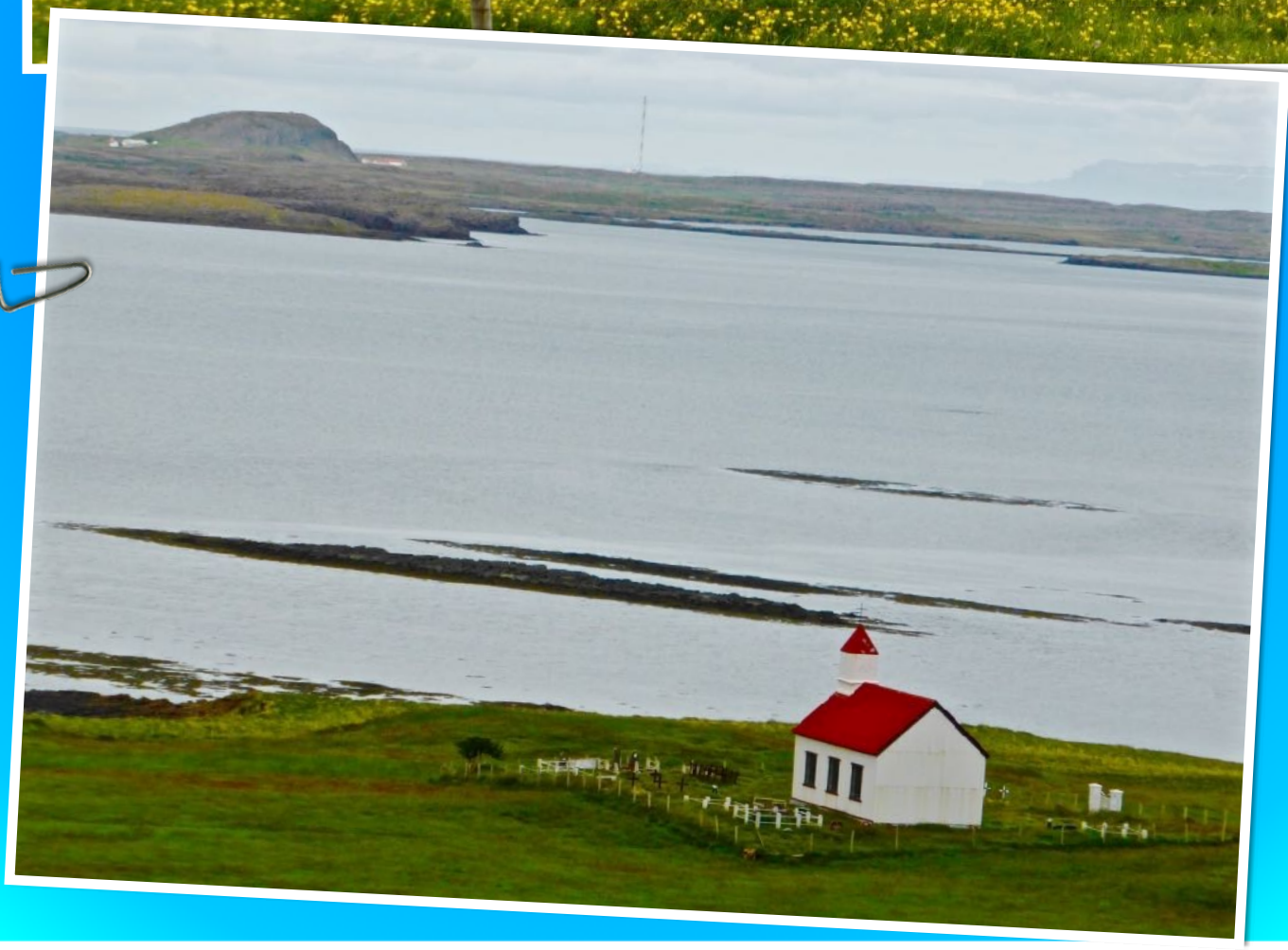
We decided to depart our overnight guesthouse reasonably early because we figured that the trip today may take a little longer than normal. Heather had checked our intended route from Blunduos to Stykkishomur on our road map and saw that it included a large stretch on unmade roads. We ate a simple breakfast in our room (cheapskates) and made haste. The weather remained bitterly cold and windy all day but the rain held off despite the bleak conditions. I was not expecting it to be so cold for so long, being summer and all. With the car heater and our "hot seats" turned on we took off to experience the West Fiords. The guide books claim the area is worth seeing.

Most of the roads around Iceland hug the coast and our trip today certainly did that. The unmade roads we travelled on were well formed and never dangerous. I have left our Suzuki Vitara 4WD in 4 wheel drive mode right through our trip. and it handled the bumps and gravel very comfortably. What was dangerous were the stupid drivers coming from the opposite direction driving far too fast and

BAD FIT This sheep looked like it has been to the op shop to buy a blanket that did not fit properly.

SIZE MATTERS When we asked how big the pizza sizes were we were directed to the sign. L is for Little, M is for Medium and S is for Stupendous???

LOVE THIS Someone has a very good sense of humour or a total lack of imagination.



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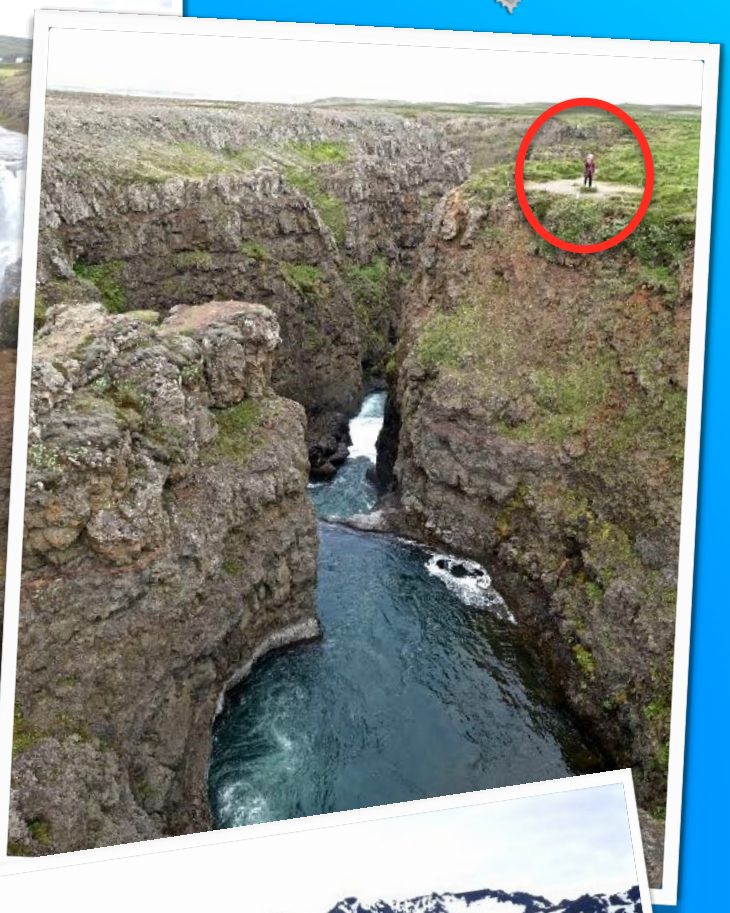

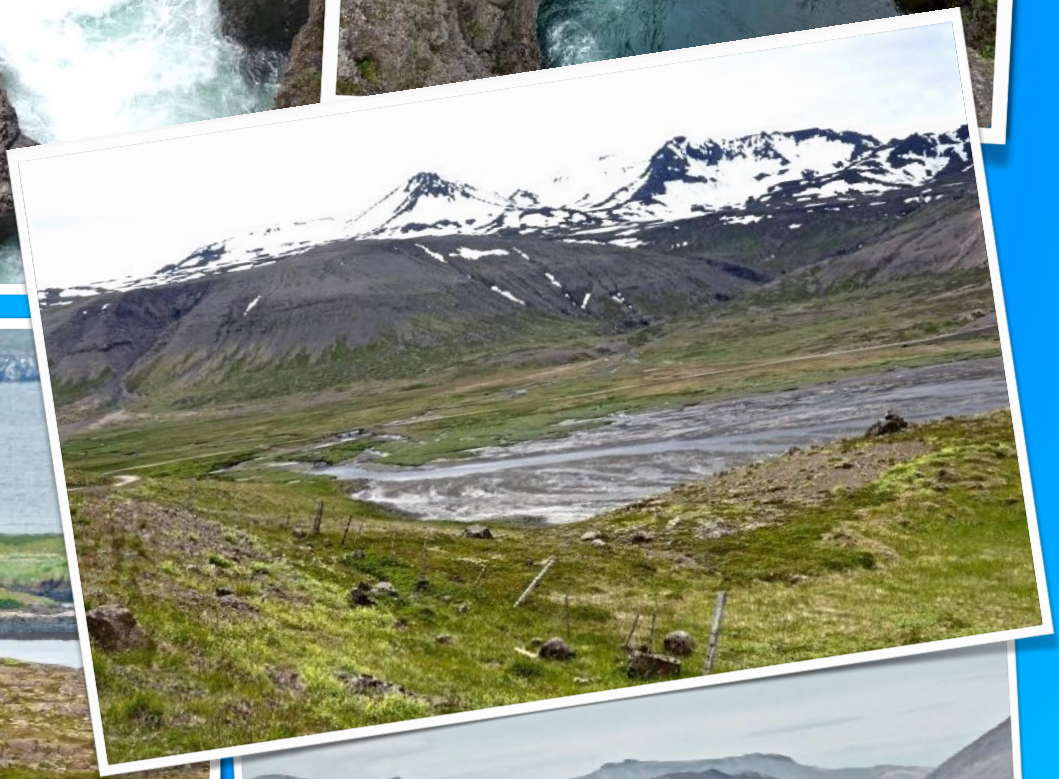

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INTERESTING COLOURS - RECENT ERUPTION SITE

VOLCANIC SCREE SLOPE

THOUSANDS OF WHITE CYGNUS GEESE