

The Icelandic history

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The recorded history of Iceland

It began with the settlement by Viking explorers and the people they enslaved from the east in the late ninth century.



First Icelandic settlers

They say that the first settlers was the couple Ingólfur Arnarsson and his wife named Hallveig Fróðarsdóttir. They came from Norway at the year of 874.



When was Iceland founded

- Si. Iceland was founded more than 1000 years ago during the Viking age of exploration and settled by a mixed Norse and Celtic population.



history of Iceland

Iceland was still uninhabited after long time after the rest of western Europe had settled, and the record settlement has conventionally always been dated back to 874,



Alþingi

Alþingi is the oldest parliament in the world. It was originally in the national park Þingvellir. In the year 930 was Alþingi established. Alþingi is now located in downtown Reykjavík. The house was designed by a Danish architect named Ferdinand Meldahl. In 1844 was the house first used and is still used to this day.



Pirates attack Iceland

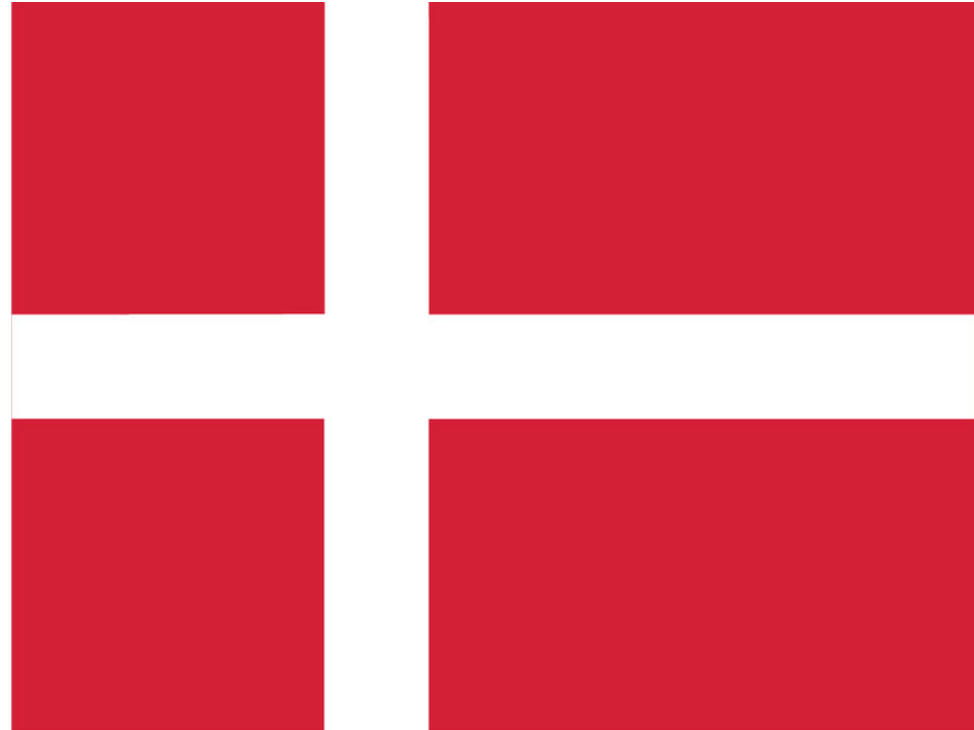
The Turkish Abductions were a series of slave raids by pirates from Northwest Africa that took place in Iceland in the summer of 1627. The pirates came from the cities of Algiers which was part of the Ottoman empire (in modern-day Algeria) and Salé which was its own City state known as The Republic of Sale a tributary state of Morocco. They raided Grindavík, the East Fjords, and Vestmannaeyjar. About 50 people were killed and close to 400 people were captured and sold in the African slave market. A ransom was eventually paid, 9 to 18 years later, for the return of 50 individuals.



How long was Iceland part of Denmark

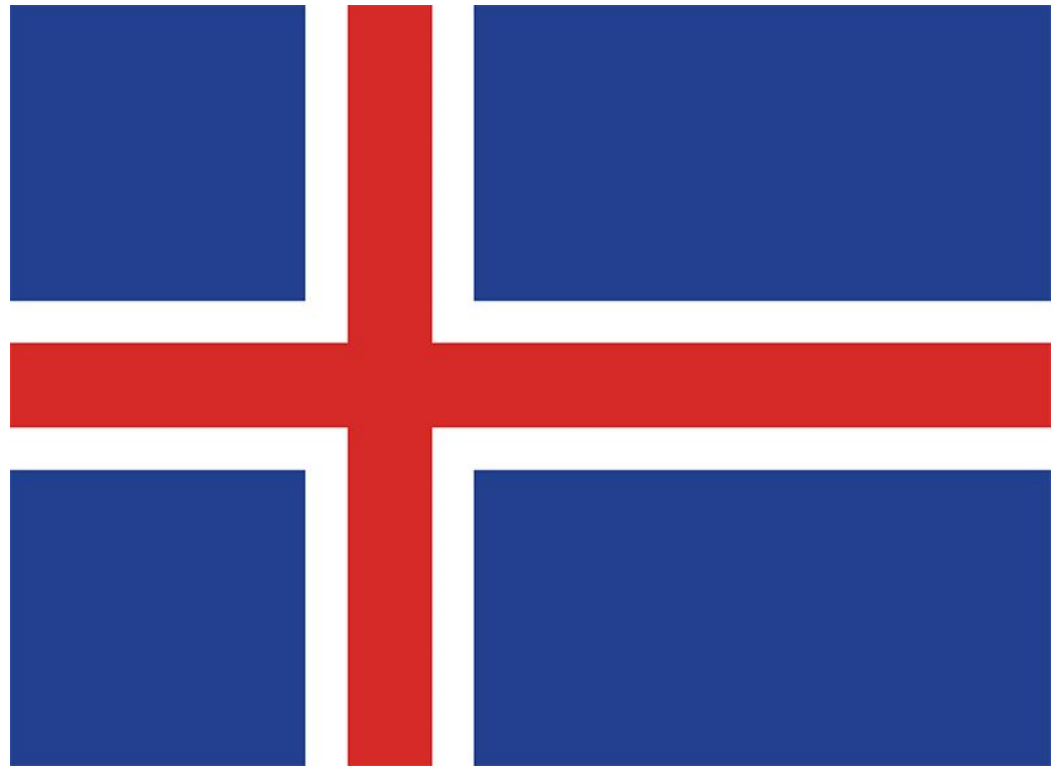
After the dissolution of Denmark-Norway, Iceland was a part of the Kingdom of Denmark from 1814 to 1918 and a separate kingdom in a personal union with Denmark until 1944, when Iceland declared independence.

So Iceland was part of Denmark for 130 years total.



Has Iceland always been an independent country?

Iceland became an independent republic on June 17th 1944. So every June 17th we celebrate independence day of Iceland.



The cod war

The Cod Wars were a series of 20th-century confrontations between the United Kingdom (with aid from West Germany) and Iceland about fishing rights in the North Atlantic. Each of the disputes ended with an Icelandic victory.



Vigdís Finnbogadóttir

In 1980 was Vigdís Finnbogadóttir elected as the first female president in the world. She was the fourth president of Iceland. She was president for four terms.



European Union

In 2010 Iceland joined the EU.
But in 2013 only 3 years later
Iceland left.



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