



Bucket list

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Up early to visit the natural wonders of Iceland at their best... quiet and unspoilt.

Then the tour buses arrive... a constant stream... spilling people out onto the paths. Americans, Europeans and Asians... armed with cameras, smart phones and selfie sticks... vying for position at the viewpoints... climbing over barriers to get 'the' shot to prove they were there... damaging the fragile landscape.

And then they're gone as fast as they came... back on the bus and off to the next stop on the bucket list... missing the opportunity to see what's around the corner... unaware what they're missing... taking no time to find a moment of calm to enjoy the experience and soak up the beauty of their surroundings. Lasting memories based only on photographs, not experiences.

And what of the impact of all these people? 2 million visitors in a small country with a population of only 330,000. Will these awesome natural wonders still be there for our grandchildren?













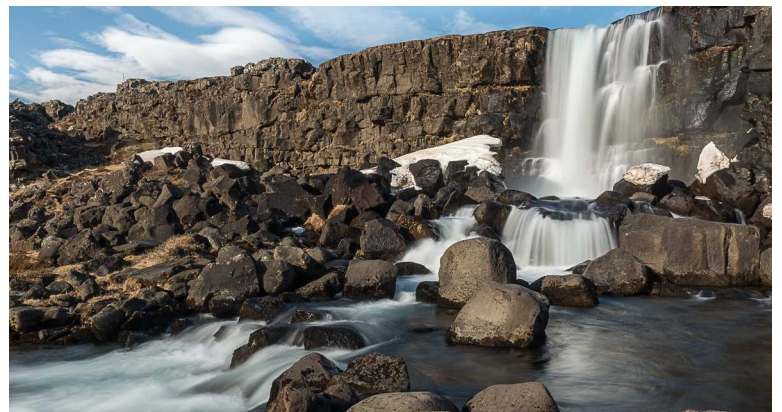






























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