

Travel via the Kerr's

The Kerr's are back home after having spent some 3 weeks in Ireland, Scotland and Iceland. Most of the trip was really great. Iceland was a bit damp but given its Northerly position and relation to the Gulf Stream, moisture was to be expected. We ate what was put before us with one exception - Haggis in Scotland. Saw a lot of old age structures and finely made objects made to fasten outer garments. Most of us grew up thinking that the Pyramids of Egypt were old - well in both Scotland and Ireland there were big mounds and small objects made of gold that predated the Pyramids by more than 500 years or more plainly, were some 7000 years old.

In Iceland, the Mid-Atlantic rift, (where the European plate meets the American Plate) is on the surface. They have a visitor center where one can walk down the depression some 30 feet below the nominal ground level and look up at the American plate which is some feet 20 above nominal ground level. The distance between the two plates is separating around 1-2 centimeters per year. As the tour bus drove around their big park, one could see the American plate sticking up above ground level for miles. It goes without saying that in a few years there will be a major disturbance in Iceland. The hotel we stayed at, in Iceland, had a computer with a European Keyboard. The desk lady had to reprogram two keys so that we could type the "@" sign.

Lots of other items that are different from what we normally have and are just as good or even better. Their shower stalls are certainly not one of their better invention. It was always an adventure to see how small their stalls are and the imaginative design of the cold/hot water fixtures. The biggest risk we had all the way throughout was the "Rolling Donut Shop" just outside the hotel we stayed at in Dublin - what a great selection and the Coffee was better than Starbucks! We did have a great time but certainly look forward to remaining home for quite a while. Hope each of you are well and are ready for an early fall in the Northern Hemisphere.

Submitted by Lynne and LCDR Earl Kerr, USN RET