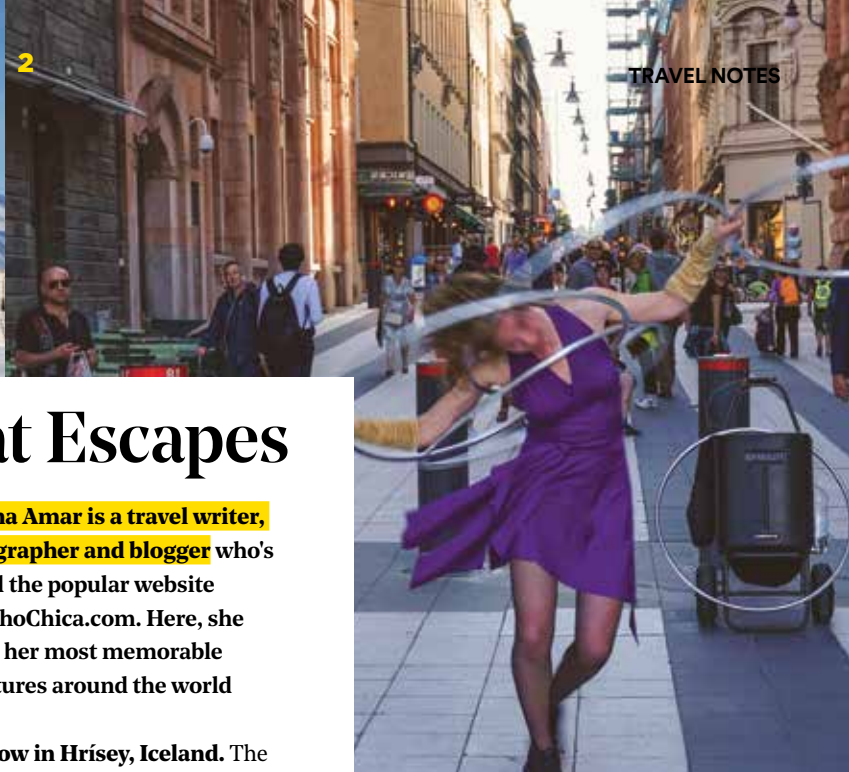




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My Great Escapes



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1. Seeing a blanket of snow in Hrísey, Iceland. The wintery white landscapes made me fall in love with Iceland. My favourite place was Hrísey, a remote island off the north coast, which is home to just 120 people. My friend and I spent an afternoon exploring and bumped into just one other person along the way. **2. Watching street artists in Stockholm, Sweden.** When in a new city, I like to spend a few hours walking around to get a sense of what it's really like. In Stockholm, I admired the great energy of the pedestrianised street of Drottninggatan. I always remember this amazing performer when I think of Stockholm. **3. Exploring the Po Delta in Emilia Romagna, Italy.** I visited this nature reserve with a fisherman to learn about the flora and fauna. We spent the day on a fishing boat exploring the delta, islets and abandoned beaches and enjoyed an afternoon picnic of homemade pickled sardines and freshly baked bread. **4. Visiting Ushguli in Svaneti, Georgia.** The highest inhabited village in Europe, Ushguli is 2,100 metres above sea level. After weeks of snow blocking the only access road, I finally got to visit. It was a happy day of slushing around in the lanes, eating warm khachapuri (a traditional dish of cheese-filled bread) with the villagers. **5. Hiking in Bornholm, Denmark.** Bornholm is a Danish island in the Baltic Sea, often referred to as the sunniest part of Denmark. At the end of my second day, after hiking for eight hours, I was rewarded with this peaceful view at Hammersø Lake. **Weekends 6. Soaking up the view in Oman.** Last year, I spent my birthday hiking through Jebel Akhdar. I made my way along the falaj channels, navigating the craggy peaks, steep gorges and fields surrounded by walnut trees, pomegranate bushes and olive groves and the view from the Saiq Plateau was spectacular.

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