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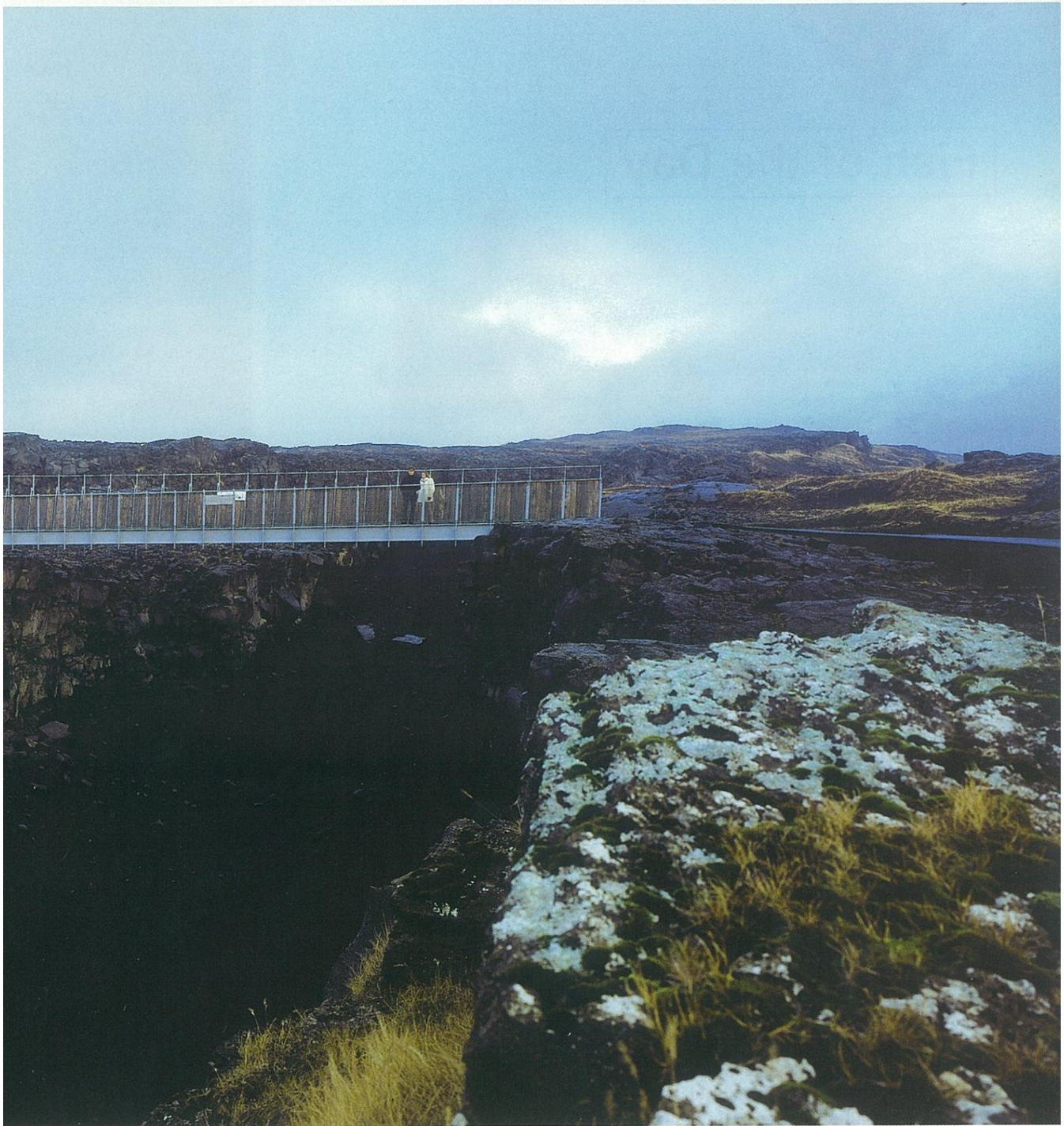
Bridging Two Continents

If you were to build a bridge connecting the Eurasian continent to the North American continent, how large would the bridge be?

The answer: 20 metres.

What in the world am I talking about? The Bridge Between the Two Continents, located on the black sand beach Sandvík, near the town of Hafnir, on the Reykjanes peninsula (southwest Iceland).

The lava-scarred Reykjanes peninsula is a geological wonder.



where two of the Earth's tectonic plates split – where the Old World and the New World engage in a violent game of war. The small footbridge, which opened last July, was erected as a symbol for the connection between Europe and North America.

One of the newest spots in Iceland, only 750 years old," says Jóhann D. Jónsson, tourist officer for the area of Reykjanes. "From 1226 through the 1240s, the area was all on fire.

Some of this firestorm can still be seen in the fissures and

along the jagged lines of the Reykjanes Ridge; the area is one of the most powerful geological regions in all of Iceland.

For the many tourists visiting the region, it's like taking a field trip in geology by means of a bridge (also known as the Leifur Eiríksson Bridge) that stands as a symbolic link between two worlds. EW

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