Aerial Pictures Show North American and European Tectonic Plates in Iceland Pulling Apart

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Tourists look like toys in these bird's eye view photos which show an impressive split landscape where two lands meet.

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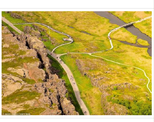
Some of the rifts are filled with clear cold water where divers can often be seen exploring the underwater crevices, which can be up to 61m (200ft) deep. The clean water is coloured by the sand, silt and other minerals at the bottom and the deeper rifts can be clearly seen from above.



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To take the colourful photos Jassen Todorov, 40, flew in a Cessna 170 plane around 600m (2,000 feet) high

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