

SHEEP HERDERS

How beloved, centuries-old traditions of rounding up sheep in Europe bring communities together.

The age-old traditions that govern the lives of shepherds are as varied as they are widespread. They form the architecture of entire villages and regions. The customs and cultures are built into the land, woven through communities, and passed down to eager new generations. Though deeply rooted in the past, these ways of life illuminate a promising view for the future.

RÉTTIR, ICELAND

Come mid-September in Iceland, the crowds of tourists have decreased; the long, sun-filled days of summer have turned a bit darker; and a chill in the air has compelled locals to dust off thick wool sweaters. An event takes place this time of year that excites the entire island: the annual sheep roundup, or, as it's known by locals, *réttir*.

One of Iceland's oldest cultural traditions, *réttir* is a community celebration that draws people from

