

# Ash plume causes havoc to air travel

Volcanic ash clouds from eruptions in Iceland have drifted to many parts of Europe, forcing air-traffic controllers to close airspace to commercial aircraft and compelling airlines to cancel thousands of flights

**UK:** Airspace closed, up to 6,000 flights cancelled

**Predicted extent of ash plume**  
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**Wednesday: Volcano beneath Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull glacier erupts, hurling plume of ash up to 11,000 metres into atmosphere**

