

**Across the Wilderness  
Icelandic Interior and More  
11 days – 10 nights**

**Reykjavik , Thingvellir, Gullfoss, Geysir, Hvolsvöllur, Vik, Dyrholaey, Kirkjubaejarklaustur,  
Jokulsarlon, Skaftafell, Landmannalaugar, Thjorsardalur, Sprengisandur, Lake Myvatn  
Tjornes, Asbyrgi, Dettifoss, Akureyri, Skagafjordur, Laugarbakki, Hvammstangi,  
Ehiking,iriksstadir, Fellsstron, Snaefellsjokull National Park  
Hiking, Ecology, Nature, Discover, Relaxation**

**Weather and Hours of daylight**

Month	Temp.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Average high	°F	36	37	40	44	50	54	57	57	52	45	37	36	45
Average low	°F	28	28	30	34	39	45	50	46	43	37	32	30	36.9
Hours of daylight		4	7	10	15	18	20-22	19	16	13	9	6	4	12
Northern lights intensity		None												

**Day 1: Reykjavik**

Get on board your shared transfer to Reykjavik. If your flight lands early in the day, a great suggestion is to explore Reykjavik, the largest municipality in Iceland. There are many great museums, art galleries and attractions in the city. If you want to stretch your legs, the city has many scenic walking trails. The town got its name “Smoky Bay” after the columns of steam that rose from the hot springs in the area and made such a deep impression on the first settlers. Dinner is on your own. Reykjavik offers a multitude of restaurants and/or coffeehouses, making dinner a great way to get better acquainted with Iceland's capital. Overnight stay in Reykjavik (airport transfer not included). Dinner on own.

**Day highlights:** Reykjavik |Hallgrimskirkja |Tjornin |The Blue Lagoon

**Signature option:** [Blue Lagoon Entrance and Extras](#) |[Airport transfer via Blue Lagoon](#)

**Day 2: Reykjavik , Thingvellir, Gullfoss, Geysir, Hvolsvöllur (UNESCO World Heritage site with Geological Wonders, The beautiful Golden Falls, Exploding Geysers, Plant a birch tree)**

Breakfast at your hotel. The first day begins with a visit to Thingvellir National Park, the ancient site of the world's first parliament. Here you can see the dramatic continental drift between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates. An hour's drive away the popular Geysir geothermal area awaits. The most active geyser, Strokkur, shoots water high into the air every few minutes but you'll also witness boiling pools and hot springs. Next your group will take part in Iceland Travel's reforestation program, located in Haukadalur valley. Help plant a total of five trees, which not only allows you to leave your mark in Iceland but also for your tour group to reduce your carbon footprint! Then it's onwards to Iceland's most popular waterfall, the impressive two-stage Gullfoss (“Golden Falls”). Dinner and overnight stay in Hvolsvöllur area. [B/D]

**Day highlights:** Gullfoss |Geysir

**Day 3: Hvolsvöllur, Vik, Dyrholaey, Kirkjubaejarklaustur (Thundering Waterfalls, Seabird Colony, Black Sand Beaches of the South Shore, Lava Fields)**

Breakfast at your hotel. Start the day by driving along the highway, making a stop at two impressive waterfalls; Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss. Head to the black sand beaches to enjoy the far-reaching views from Dyrholaey headland, where thousands of puffins and other seabirds nest until mid-August. Enjoy a stop in the quaint village of Vik before crossing the Myrdalsandur volcanic ash outwash plains. The day ends after passing through the vast Eldhraun lava field, the world's largest recorded single lava flow in the last 10.000 years. Dinner and overnight stay in Kirkjubaejarklaustur area for the next two nights. [B]

**Day highlights:** Seljalandsfoss |Skogafoss |Myrdalsjokull |Vik |Dyrhólaey

**Day 4: Jokulsarlon, Skaftafell (Glacial Lagoon with Icebergs, Scenic Glacial Park, Europe's Largest Glacier)**

Breakfast at your hotel. The day starts with a drive through beautiful scenery towards Vatnajökull, the largest glacier in Europe, and the country's highest peak of Hvannadalshnjukur. The highlight of the day is surely Jokulsárlón Glacial Lagoon, where huge icebergs dance around in icy seawater. Continuing on your way, pass by several outlet glaciers from Vatnajökull, visiting at least one of them. Along the route you also will get magnificent views of Skaftafell, a glacier-crowned wonderland within Vatnajökull National Park. Dinner and overnight stay in Kirkjubæjarklaustur area. [B/D]

**Day highlights:** *Jokulsárlón Glacial Lagoon | Oraefajökull | Myrdalsjökull | Skaftafell National Park | Vatnajökull*

**Signature option:** *An optional boat tour among the icebergs is available.*

**Day 5: Kirkjubæjarklaustur, Landmannalaugar, Thjorsardalur (\*Multi-colored Mountains of the Interior, Lava Fields, Hot Springs with Bathing, Hekla Volcano)**

Breakfast at your hotel. It's finally time to leave the asphalt behind and meander along the Fjallabaksleid interior track to Landmannalaugar, an astonishing area surrounded by colorful rhyolite mountains. The surreal beauty of the uninhabited interior reveals deep valleys and sculptured mountains, many formed in volcanic eruptions under glaciers during the Ice Age. After a nice walk (optional) enjoy a relaxing swim in a warm brook created by the convergence of hot and cold springs. Dinner and overnight stay in the Thjorsardalur area. [B/D]

**Day highlights:** *Landmannalaugar | Thjorsardalur*

**Day 6: Thjorsardalur, Sprengisandur, Lake Myvatn (Wild Heart of Iceland and Black Sand Desert)**

Breakfast at your hotel. It's time to head north through the very heart of Iceland. Discover hidden treasures of Iceland's uninhabited interior traveling along the Sprengisandur highland route, a vast, barren, black desert connecting the north and south. With only rough tracks and un-bridged glacial rivers, your group will rely on your experienced driver to navigate the rugged passage between the glaciers. (Note: If Sprengisandur is closed, we take the Kjölur highland route instead.) Dinner and overnight stay in the Lake Myvatn area for the next 2 nights. [B/D]

**Day 7: Tjornes, Asbyrgi, Dettifoss (Glacial River Gorge, Europe's Most Powerful Waterfall, Geothermal Wonderland, Rich Birdlife)**

Breakfast at your hotel. After traveling on the gravel roads of the highlands the past couple of days, the smooth highways of the North make the fully-packed day ahead more comfortable. Travel through the town of Husavik and around the Tjornes peninsula, the northernmost point of your journey. Discover the impressive 100 meter (328 feet) high walls of the horseshoe-shaped canyon of Asbyrgi. According to Norse mythology, the canyon is the hoof-print left by Sleipnir, the magical eight-legged horse of the pagan god Odinn. The journey continues to Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall, which is located in the awe-inspiring Jokulsárgljúfur canyon. Next travel to the unforgettable Lake Myvatn area, a geological wonderland and paradise for bird watchers. Some of the most visually bizarre attractions in the region include the mud pits of Hverarond and the still-warm lava fields of Krafla, teeming with lava flows, fissures and explosion craters. Dinner and overnight stay in the Lake Myvatn area. [B/D]

**Day highlights:** *Dettifoss | Ásbyrgi | Myvatn | Jokulsárgljúfur National Park | Húsavík | Krafla*

**Day 8: Lake Myvatn, Akureyri, Skagafjordur, Laugarbakki (Waterfall "Of the Gods", The Capital of the North, Viking Horses)**

Breakfast at your hotel. Start the adventure today with a visit to Godafoss, one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. Continue to Akureyri, the vibrant "Capital of the North". Enjoy some free time to explore this colorful and charming town. Some activities might include a visit to the delightful botanical garden, a swim in the local geothermal pool, or perhaps enjoying the atmospheric Listagil neighbourhood dedicated to culture, art and fine food. The route then continues to the Skagafjordur district, known as the traditional heart of horse breeding in Iceland. This area also boasts many historical sites from the classic Sagas. Dinner and overnight stay in the Laugarbakki area. [B/D]

**Day highlights:** Godafoss |Akureyri |Skagafjordur Fjord

**Signature option:** Tonight, horseback riding on a purebred Viking horse might be an appealing option, as would be an invigorating walk in the picturesque surroundings. The horse riding tour in Gauksmyri takes an hour and a half.

**Day 9: Laugarbakki, Hvammstangi, Eiriksstadir, Fellsstrond (Historical Farmlands, Birthplace of Leif Eiriksson)**

Breakfast at your hotel. The journey continues around Vatnsnes Peninsula, which contains the extraordinary rock formation of Hvitserkur, a 15 meter (49 ft) tall cliff jutting out straight from the sea. You might even see seals resting close to the beach. In the after-noon, drive through rolling farmlands and across Laxardalsheidi heath to the Viking Age house at Eiriksstadir. This was the original homestead of Erik the Red and birthplace of his son Leif Eiriksson, two of the most celebrated Vikings in the world. In a replica of a grass-roofed house, meet modern day Vikings who demonstrate the lifestyle from 1000 years ago, sharing their crafts and knowledge. Dinner and overnight stay in West Iceland. [B/D]

**Day highlights:** Hvitserkur |Vatnsnes Peninsula |Eiriksstadir Viking Home

**Day 10: Snaefellsjokull National Park, Reykjavik (Snaefellsjokull Glacier, Pebble Beaches, Sea Cliffs with Birdlife, Quaint Fishing Villages)**

Breakfast at your hotel. Today is spent exploring the amazing variety of natural landscapes in Snaefellsnes National Park. Undoubtedly the crowning jewel is Snaefellsjokull glacier itself, which covers a dormant volcano that last erupted in 250 AD. Walk along the uniquely pebbled seascape of Djupalonssandur beach. At the picturesque harbor village of Arnarstapi, you can observe magnificent basalt rock in stacked formations and take a unique walk along the hiking trail linking the settlements of Arnarstapi and Hellnar. Afterwards drive back to Reykjavik. Overnight in Reykjavik. Dinner is on your own. [B]

**Day highlights:** Snaefellsjokull National Park |Stykkisholmur |Djupalonssandur |Arnarstapi |Hellnar

**Day 11: Reykjavik, USA**

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to the airport. We advise departing your hotel no later than three hours before your international flight. If you did not visit the Blue Lagoon on your arrival day, you might use the opportunity to stop there now on your way to the airport. [B]

**Signature option:** Blue Lagoon Entrance and Extras |Airport transfer: Arrival via Blue Lagoon

[B] = Breakfast | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner

**Important:** Please note that good trekking shoes/hiking shoes are important on this tour.

**Your Tour includes:**

- Arrival and departure shared transfers
- 10 nights accommodation with facilities:
  - Reykjavik – 2 nights
  - Countryside - 8 nights
- Meals
  - Breakfast daily
  - 8 dinners
- 9-day tour with driver-guide from/to Reykjavik
- Participation in Iceland Travel's Reforestation Project in Haukadalur
- Entrance to Eiriksstadir Museum
- English speaking guide during tour
- All taxes

**Tour does not include**

- International or Domestic airfares
- Any taxes and surcharges relating to airfares
- Travel insurance
- Wi-Fi at hotels
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out (Most hotels begin check-in around 2:00pm).
- Expenses of personal nature
- Porterage at airport and hotels
- Optional tours and activities
- Any service not specifically listed under "included"
- Swimsuit at the Blue Lagoon (can be rented on site)

**Hotels in your Tour:**

City	Hotel
In Reykjavik	First Class
In the countryside	Superior Tourist Class

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

**Tour Prices:**

Departure Date	Double	Single
June 21,28	\$4,099	\$5,159
July 5,12,19,26		
August 2,4,,9,16,18,20,30		

Prices are per person and may change without notice.

**Children rate**

Child's Age	Description	Discount
Children 6-11	Sharing room with 2 adults*	25%
Children 12+	Children 12 years or older	0%

\* Valid only for 1 child per room

It is not recommended that children 0-5 years old travel on scheduled tours.

**Tour Code:** IS07REK18IT

**Optional tours and activities:**

Day	Description	Length	Price
Day 1 or 11	Tour to Blue Lagoon	Flexible time	73 EUR
Day 4	Boat tour on the Glacial Lagoon	30-40 mins.	5.000 ISK
Day 8	Horse riding tour in Gauksmýri	1.5 hours	9.500 ISK

We strongly recommend that you book these optional tours in advance due to high demand of these activities.

(1) Book in advance. Price depends on availability

