

Iceland Complete – Summer
9 days – 8 nights
Reykjavik, Geysir, Gullfoss, Skogar, Dyrholaey, Vik, Skaftafell National Park, Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon, Hofn, East Fjords, Egilsstadir, Lake Myvatn, Akureyri, Siglufjordur, Skagafjordur, Borgarnes, Borgarfjordur, Thingvellir
Ecology, Nature, Discover, Relaxation

Visit all Iceland's main attractions along the Ring Road escorted by a professional local guide. With so much to discover and explore in Iceland, this classic, best-selling tour highlights the natural wonders, majestic landscapes and the unique character of Iceland. Features of this popular tour include stops at the Glacier Lagoon, Lake Myvatn and all the famous sights of the Golden Circle such as Gullfoss, Geysir and Thingvellir National Park. This is a classic circle tour that provides the perfect mix of culture and nature. Get the most out of your holiday in Iceland!!

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

Welcome to the Land of Fire and Ice! 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. Ingolfur Arnarson, the first settler of Iceland, built his farm on the peninsula where Reykjavik stands today. 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 coffee-houses, 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 Sun Voyager |Perlan |The Blue Lagoon

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

Day 2: Geysir, Gullfoss, Skogar, Dyrholaey, Vik

Exploding Geysers – Waterfalls – Seabird Colony – Black Sand Beaches of the South Shore
 Breakfast at your hotel. Start the day with a short city sightseeing of Reykjavik. From Reykjavik head through the greenhouse village of Hveragerdi. Head on to the Golden Circle natural wonders. Explore Gullfoss, the "Golden Waterfall", and the nearby Geysir hot spring area to see the famous Geysir and Strokkur, as well as numerous other hot springs and boiling mud pools. Continue along the south shore and stop to admire the waterfalls Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss before continuing to Dyrholaey* nature reserve. Continue to the village of Vik. Dinner and overnight stay in the Vik area. [B/D]

**Please note that Dyrholaey is closed during nesting season in the spring, approximately mid-May until June 25th.*

Day highlights: Hveragerdi |Geysir |Gullfoss |Seljalandsfoss |Skogafoss |Vik |Dyrhólaey

Day 3: Vik, Skaftafell National Park, Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon, Hofn (Lava Fields – Glacial Lagoon with Icebergs – Europe's Largest Glacier)

Breakfast at your hotel. Continue your journey along the Ring Road. Cross Eldhraun, the largest lava flow recorded on the planet in historical times. Visit Kirkjubaejarklaustur town, the former site of a 12th-century Catholic convent. The tour continues over Skeidararsandur sands to Skaftafell, a beautiful glacial area within

Vatnajökull National Park. Continue to the stunning Jokulsárlón Glacial Lagoon to see the birthplace of icebergs. As you head east, you will continue to enjoy magnificent views of mighty Vatnajökull, Europe's largest glacier. Your destination is Hofn, a seacoast village located near the glacier. Dinner and overnight stay in the Hofn area. [B/D]

Day highlights: Jokulsárlón Glacial Lagoon |Skaftafell National Park |Vatnajökull

Day 4: Hofn, East Fjords, Egilsstaðir (Narrow Fjords, Steep Mountains, Picturesque Coastline)

Breakfast at your hotel. Today you'll enjoy amazing scenery as you head from glacial landscapes to fjord views. Drive from Hofn through Almannaskard pass, stopping to admire the majestic coastline. Head into the magnificent East Fjords with its views of towering mountains plunging vertically into the sea. Pass through coastal fjord villages on your way to Egilsstaðir. Dinner and overnight stay in the Egilsstaðir area. [B/D]

Day highlights: Hofn |Petra's Minerals |Djúpivogur |Reydarfjörður |Faskrudsfjörður

Day 5: Lake Myvatn Area (Highland Desert, Bizarre Lava Formations, Geothermal & Volcanic Activity, Rich Birdlife, Protected Salmon River)

Breakfast at your hotel. Explore the empty vastness of the highland desert plateau Modrudalsoraefi as you head towards the Lake Myvatn area. On the way, stop at Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall. Continue onwards to Namaskard pass with its boiling mud pools and vibrant colours. Explore the natural beauty of the Lake Myvatn area, including the pseudo craters at Skutustadir and the Laxa Salmon River. One of the Myvatn area's claims to fame is that it is home to more species of ducks than any other place on Earth, with very diverse birdlife in general. Dinner and overnight stay in the Myvatn area. [B/D]

Day highlights: Dettifoss |Myvatn |Krafla

Day 6: Lake Myvatn Area, Akureyri, Siglufjörður ("Waterfall of the Gods", Folk Museum, The beautiful Troll Peninsula)

Breakfast at your hotel. Start the day by exploring the peculiar lava formations at Dimmuborgir. Visit the magnificent Godafoss waterfall and the old turf farm Laufas. Afterwards, visit Akureyri, the colourful northern "capital" of Iceland. The town has charming buildings and beautiful view of the Eyjafjörður Fjord. After spending some time in Akureyri, continue along the coastal roads of Eyjafjörður and the Troll Peninsula. This is a beautiful drive along steep mountains with amazing views over the Arctic Sea and black sand coastline. The destination is Siglufjörður, set in a beautiful fjord of the same name. This town has some of the finest timber buildings in the country, beautifully restored to their original glory. The evening and dinner is on your own at one of the town's restaurants. Siglufjörður is a very enjoyable and friendly town for an evening stroll. Overnight in Siglufjörður. Dinner is on own. [B]

Day highlights: Dimmuborgir |Godafoss |Akureyri |Trollaskagi - Troll Peninsula |Siglufjörður

Day 7: Skagafjörður, Borgarnes (Fertile Farmlands, Glacial Rivers, Unique Viking Horse Demonstration)

Breakfast at your hotel. This morning visit Siglufjörður's award-winning Herring-Era Museum. The museum recreates the atmosphere of the early 20th century, when Siglufjörður was transformed into a herring boom town, thanks to a large migration of herring. Afterwards, head along majestic mountains and narrow passes lead to Skagafjörður, considered to be one of the finest places in Iceland for horse breeding. Enjoy an introduction to the unique Icelandic horse breed with its special fifth gait - the tölt. Continue towards the village of Blönduós built on both sides of the river Blanda. Hrútey Island, a protected nature reserve, sits within the centre of this popular Salmon River. Cross the Holtavorduheidi plateau through Borgarfjörður to the beautiful town of Borgarnes. Dinner and overnight stay in Borgarnes area. [B/D]

Day highlights: Borgarnes |The Herring Era Museum |Skagafjörður Fjord

Day 8: Borgarfjörður, Thingvellir, Reykjavik (Europe's Largest Hot Spring, Picturesque Waterfalls, National Park with Geological Wonders (UNESCO))

Breakfast at your hotel. Drive to Deildartunguhver, the most powerful hot spring in the world. Stop to admire the beautiful Hraunfossar waterfalls before continuing via Hvalfjordur fjord to Lake Thingvallavatn, Iceland's largest lake and Thingvellir National Park. This UNESCO heritage site is where the world's oldest continuing parliamentary government was founded in the 10th century. It is also the place where the North American and European tectonic plates meet. Overnight stay in Reykjavik. Dinner is on your own. [B]

Day highlights: Hraunfossar |Barnafoss |Deildartunguhver

Day 9: 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.

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

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

Your Tour includes:

- Arrival and departure shared transfers
- 8 nights accommodation w/private facilities:
 - Reykjavik - 2 nights
 - Countryside - 6 nights
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 5 dinners in the countryside
- 7 day guided tour as per itinerary
- Entrance to Laufas Folk Museum, including refreshments
- Herring-Era Museum Entrance
- Horse Show in Skagafjordur

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
2018 Departures		
Apr 25	\$2,555	\$3,185
May 2,9,16,21,23	\$2,865	\$3,669
June 4,6,11,13,18,20,25,27	\$3,375	\$4,689
July 2,4,9,11,16,18,23,25,30		
August 1,6,8,15,22,29		
September 5,7,12,14,19,26	\$3,235	\$4,309

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.

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Optional tours and activities:

Day	Description	Length	Price
Day 1 or 8	Non guided tour to the Blue Lagoon on arrival/departure	Flexible	See Note (1)
Day 3	Boat tour on the glacial lagoon	45 Mins.	4,800 ISK
	Super jeep tour on Vatnajökull glacier	4 Hours	26,000 ISK
Day 5	Mývatn Nature Baths	Flexible	4,300 ISK
	Horse riding in Myvatn/Safarihestar	1 Hour 2 Hours	7,500 ISK 12,000 ISK
Day 6	Sailing / Sea angling / Whale watching (dep. on season) Akureyri	3-3.5 Hours	12,100 ISK

These options must be booked with your guide at the start of your tour

(1) Book in advance. Price depends on availability

