

**Iceland Complete - Winter
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**

Admire Iceland's natural wonders and majestic landscapes during the beautiful light and shadows of fall, winter and spring! Visit all Iceland's main attractions along the Ring Road escorted by a professional local guide. Travelling around Iceland in these months offers you the chance to see northern lights when the weather conditions are ideal.

Day 1: Reykjavik

Upon arrival you'll be transferred to your hotel in 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 coffeehouses, making dinner a great way to get better acquainted with Iceland's capital.

Please note that guaranteed early check-in is not included in the price. Most hotels begin check-in around 2:00pm. Overnight stay in Reykjavik.

Day 2: Geysir, Gullfoss, Skogar, Dyrholaey, Vik (Exploding Geysers – Waterfalls – 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 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 and the black sand beaches of Iceland's South Shore. Continue to the village of Vik. Dinner and overnight stay in the Vik area. [B/D]

Day highlights: Geysir | Gullfoss | Reynisdrangar Cliffs | Vik

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

Breakfast at your hotel. Continue your journey on the Ring Road crossing 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 Vatnajokull National Park. Continue to the stunning Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon to see the birthplace of icebergs. Throughout the day you will also enjoy magnificent views of the mighty Vatnajokull Glacier. Dinner and overnight stay in the Hofn area. [B/D]

Day highlights: Skaftafell National Park | Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon | Hofn

Signature option: Super jeep tour on Vatnajökull glacier (4 hours)

Day 4: Hofn, East Fjords, Egilsstadir (Narrow Fjords – Steep Mountains – Picturesque Coastline – Mineral Collection)

Breakfast at your hotel. Drive from Hofn through the Almannaskard pass, stopping to admire the majestic coastline. Continue to the towering mountains plunging vertically into the sea that form the magnificent East Fjords. Explore Petra's renowned collection of local stones and minerals. Dinner and overnight stay in the Egilsstadir area. [B/D]

Day highlights: Egilsstadir

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. Other volcanic features of Myvatn include the multi-coloured geothermal area of Namaskard, Krafla volcano and the dark lave citadels of Dimmuborgir. Dinner and overnight stay in the Myvatn area.

Day highlights: *Hverfjall | Myvatn | Dimmuborgir*

Signature options: *Mývatn Nature Baths
Horse riding in Myvatn (1-2 hours)*

Day 6: Lake Myvatn Area, Akureyri, Siglufjordur ("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 Eyjafjordur Fjord. After spending some time in Akureyri, continue along the coastal roads of Eyjafjordur 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 Siglufjordur, 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. Siglufjordur is a very enjoyable and friendly town for an evening stroll. Dinner and overnight in Siglufjordur.

Day highlights: *Godafoss | Akureyri | Trollaskagi - Troll Peninsula | Siglufjordur*

Signature option: *Northern Lights Boat trip / Sea angling / Whale watching (dep. on season) in North Iceland (3-3.5 hours)*

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

Breakfast at your hotel. This morning visit Siglufjordur's award-winning Herring-Era Museum. The museum recreates the atmosphere of the early 20th century, when Siglufjordur was transformed into a herring boomtown, thanks to a large migration of herring. Afterwards, head along majestic mountains and narrow passes to Skagafjordur, 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 Blonduos built on both sides of the river Blanda. Hrutey Island, a protected nature reserve, sits within the center of this popular Salmon River. Cross the Holtavorduheidi plateau through Borgarfjordur to the beautiful town of Borgarnes. Dinner and overnight stay in Borgarnes area. [B/D]
Highlights: Skagafjordur Fjord | Borgarnes

Day 8: Borgarfjordur, 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 Europe. 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. Dinner is on your own. Overnight stay in Reykjavik. [B]

Day highlights: *Deildartunguhver | Barnafoss | Hraunfossar | Thingvellir National Park*

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: Non guided tour to the Blue Lagoon on arrival/departure (2-4 hours). Book in advance. Price depends on availability

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

Your Tour Includes

- Shared round trip transfers
- Accommodation 2 nights w/facilities in Reykjavik
- Accommodation 6 nights w/facilities in countryside
- 7 day guided tour as per itinerary from/to Reykjavik
- Breakfast daily except arrival day
- 6 dinners in the countryside
- Entrance to Petra's Stone collection
- Entrance to Laufas Folk Museum incl. refreshments
- Horse Show in Skagafjordur
- Entrance to the Herring Museum

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
- 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)

Optional tours and activities:

- *Booked via your guide at the start of your tour.*

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 and Departure Dates:

Departure Date	Double	Single
2018 Departures		
14 February	\$2,399	\$2,899
21 March		
28 March		

Prices are per person and may change without notice.

Children rates

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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