



## Iceland Complete

**New for 2019**, now also available as a small group tour. One of our most popular tours in Iceland – the Iceland Complete is a wonderful snapshot of this amazing country. Visit all of Iceland's main attractions along the Ring Road, escorted by a professional, local guide.



YOUR  
ADVENTURE  
AWAITS

9 days/8 nights

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Arrival

Arrive at Keflavik airport and transfer to Reykjavik (not included), with a full day to explore the city. Early check-in at your hotel is not guaranteed with general check-in beginning around 2:00 p.m. You may, however, leave your luggage in the hotel's baggage storage and go out for a walk and some lunch before returning to check in. You have the option of taking an afternoon city tour, a whale watching tour from the old harbour or a Hop On Hop Off bus pass for the day.

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 in Reykjavik.

#### Day 2: Geysir – Gullfoss Waterfall – Skogar-Dyrholaey- Vík

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.

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

#### Day 3: Vík – Skaftafell National Park – Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon – Höfn

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 Kirkjubæjarklaustur 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 Jökulsárlón 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 Höfn, a seacoast village located near the glacier. Dinner and overnight stay in the Höfn area.

#### Day 4: Höfn – East Fjords – Egilsstaðir

Breakfast at your hotel. Today you'll enjoy amazing scenery as you head from glacial landscapes to fjord views. Drive from Höfn 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.

#### **Day 5: Lake Mývatn area**

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.

#### **Day 6: Lake Mývatn - Akureyri - Siglufjörður**

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 your own this evening, with lots of options in Akureyri to choose from.

#### **Day 7: Skagafjörður - Borgarnes**

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 tolt. Continue towards the village of Blönduós built on both sides of the river Bláa. Hrutey Island, a protected nature reserve, sits within the centre of this popular Salmon River. Cross the Holtavörðuhéidi plateau through Borgarfjörður to the beautiful town of Borgarnes. Dinner and overnight stay in Borgarnes area.

#### **Day 8: Borgarfjörður - Thingvellir National Park - Reykjavík**

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 Hvalfjörður 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 Reykjavík. Dinner is on your own, with a multitude of dining options in the capital.

#### **Day 9: Departure**

Breakfast at your hotel. The final morning in Reykjavik is free to explore, do some shopping or take an early whale watching tour. We can book a standard airport transfer for you or upgrade your transfer to include a stop at the famous Blue Lagoon before heading to Keflavik for your return flight home.

This day by day itinerary is subject to change by the tour operator without advance notice. The tour operator's itinerary takes precedence over this outline.

### **Details**

**Group Size:** Classic group max. 36 / Small group max. 16

#### **2019 Departure Dates:**

April: 24

May: 01, 08, 15, 22, 29

June: 03, 05, 12, 19, 26

July: 03, 08, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 31

August: 05, 07, 14, 21, 28

September: 04, 11, 13, 18, 20

All tours are guided in English only.



**2019 Pricing:**

April (classic tour only)

US\$2,413 – triple

US\$2,431 – twin

US\$3,033 – single

May

Classic tour

US\$2,331 – triple

US\$2,421 – twin

US\$3,158 – single

Small group tour

US\$2,893 – triple

US\$2,984 – twin

US\$3,719 – single

June – August

Classic tour

US\$2,679 – triple

US\$2,875 – twin

US\$3,912 – single

Small group tour

US\$3,253 – triple

US\$3,457 – twin

US\$4,496 – single

September

Classic tour

US\$2,483 – triple

US\$2,699 – twin

US\$3,631 – single

Small group tour

US\$3,140 – triple

US\$3,281 – twin

US\$4,211 – single

Prices are shown in US\$ per person based on three people in a triple room, two people sharing a twin room and one person in a single room. New – triple rooms are now available on this tour.

Children 6-11 years sharing a twin room with two adults receive a 25% discount off listed prices. Children 12 and older pay full adult price. This tour is not recommended for children 5 years of age or younger.

The tour operator reserves the right to increase prices already quoted or published in their price list without notice in the event of currency fluctuation, government tax increases or due to any other cost increases that are outside their control. We will pass on any such increases as soon as we are made aware of them by the tour operator.

**Trip Code:**

008202-W20

**INCLUDED**

- 7 day guided tour from/to Reykjavík
- 2 nights moderate accommodation with private facilities – Reykjavík
- 6 nights moderate accommodation with private facilities – Countryside
- Daily breakfast, except day of arrival
- 5 dinners in the countryside (dinner in Akureyri not included)
- Entrance to Laufás Museum with refreshments
- Herring-Era Museum entrance
- Horse show in Skagafjörður

**NOT INCLUDED**

- Airfare to/from Iceland



- Round trip transfers between Keflavik airport and downtown Reykjavik hotels (one way transfer and one way Blue Lagoon transfer available as an option)
- Optional tours
- Travel insurance, gratuities and items of a personal nature
- Passport and visa fees, if necessary

## TOUR NOTES

With so much to discover and explore in Iceland, this classic tour highlights the natural wonders, majestic landscapes and unique character of Iceland. Features of this popular tour include stops at the Glacial Lagoon, Lake Myvatn, the Golden Circle (Gullfoss, Geysir and Thingvellir National Park). This tour provides the perfect mix of culture and nature and has been a bestselling tour for over 10 years.

### Optional Tours:

Day 3: Boat tour on the glacial lagoon | 45 mins | Price for summer 2017: 4.800 ISK

Day 3: Super jeep tour on Vatnajökull glacier | 4 hrs | Price for summer 2017: 26.000 ISK

Day 5: Myvatn Nature Baths | Flexible time | Price for summer 2017: 4.300 ISK

Day 5: Horse riding in Myvatn/Safarihestar | 1-2 hrs | Price for summer 2017: 7.500 -12.000 ISK

Day 6: Sailing / Sea angling / Whale watching (dep. on season) Akureyri | 3 - 3.5 hrs | Price for summer 2017: 12.100

Day 8: Non guided tour to the Blue Lagoon on arrival/departure | Flexible time

Optional tours are booked with your tour guide at the beginning of your tour and are paid locally. Price depends on availability. Please note, the operation of optional tours listed are at the discretion of the tour operator and are subject to change at any time without notice.

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