National Parks and Natural Wonders

A variation of our popular Around Iceland self-drive that substitutes a flight between Reykjavik and Akureyri for those a little short of time to do the whole circle. See three of Iceland's national parks, Jokulsa, Skaftafell and Thingvellir in addition to the stunning Lake Myvatn.





10 days/9 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1: Reykjavik – Akureyri

Arrive in Iceland. Transfer upon arrival from Keflavik Airport to the domestic airport in Reykjavik for the short flight north to Akureyri where you will pick up your rental vehicle and overnight.

Discover sensational landscapes and the sheer pleasure of driving in Iceland. Moon-like volcanoes and brooding grey deserts contrast with shimmering icecaps. Vibrant green valleys, peaceful fjords, sleepy fishing villages and naturally, countless waterfalls in all shapes and sizes each contribute to the many wonders. Flying part of the route allows you more time to spend in the most scenic places. Don't forget that you can add an extra night anywhere along the route, for a surprisingly reasonable cost. Please contact us to customize the itinerary just for you!

Day 2: Akureyri - Lake Myvatn

Explore the quaint northern town located almost at the head of Eyjafjordur. Then drive to Myvatn, making a detour at picturesque Godafoss for a photo stop. Spend two nights at Lake Myvatn.

Day 3: Lake Myvatn

Experience the geothermal and volcanic wonders of Myvatn and the surrounding area: mud pools, craters, surreal lava formations (Krafla & Namafjall), the lake with its prolific bird life. Take time to relax at the Myvatn Nature Baths.

Day 4: Lake Myvatn – Egilsstadir

Visit the Jokulsa Canyon National Park and explore its gorges and waterfalls, including Dettifoss. Then cross a moody desert landscape and head east to Egilsstadir for an overnight stay.

Day 5: Egilsstadir - Hofn

Perhaps head off to Mjoifjordur, considered by many to be the most beautiful of the stunning East Fjords, before continuing south through yet more striking scenery. Overnight in Hofn, a fishing port at the foot of Europe's largest icecap, Vatnajokull.

Day 6: Skaftafell National Park area

One eye-catching view follows another on the journey around the base of the icecap, Vatnajokull in sight of its many breathtaking glaciers. One has receded, forming a huge lagoon, where icebergs lie adrift this is Jokulsarlon. In summer, take a boat trip amongst the icebergs and head over to the beach and watch as they drift out to sea. Stay two nights near Skaftafell.

Day 7: Skaftafell National Park area

Go hiking in Skaftafell National Park and see stunning Svartifoss, a waterfall backed by basalt columns.

Day 8: Skaftafell - Hveragerdi

Journey along the south coast past the turf church at Nupsstadir, the folk museum and the thundering falls, Skogafoss. Don't miss the walk behind Seljalandsfoss and look out through its curtain of cascading water. Spend two nights in the Hveragerdi area.

Day 9: Golden Circle

Enjoy the three great attractions of the "Golden Circle"; the geothermal area at Geysir, the two-tiered waterfall at Gullfoss and historic Thingvellir (Almannagja, Hofdi), Iceland's third national park.

Day 10: Hveragerdi - Keflavik

Continue back to Keflavik Airport, drop off your rental vehicle at the airport and return home. Allow time to have a relaxing soak in the geothermal mineral waters of the Blue Lagoon on your way.

Details

2018 & 2019 Departures:

Daily

2018 Pricing:

Low Season: October 1-December 23; December 27-30 Budget: US\$1,679 Moderate: US\$1,895 Superior: US\$2,159

High Season: December 24-26, 31 Budget: US\$2,375 Moderate: US\$2,695 Superior: US\$3,179

Taxes on airfare: approx. US\$15

2019 Pricing:

Low Season: January 02 April 30; October 01-December 23; December 27-30 Budget: US\$1,725 Moderate: US\$1,870 Superior: US\$2,190

Shoulder Season: May 1-31 & September 1-30 Budget: US\$2,045 Moderate: US\$2,289 Superior: US\$2,725

High Season: January 01; June 1-August 31 & December 24-26, 31 Budget: US\$2,335 Moderate: US\$2,659 Superior: US\$3,139

Taxes on airfare: approx. US\$22

Prices shown are starting from prices, per person in US\$ based on 2 people sharing accommodation in the category chosen and an economy, manual transmission vehicle rental. Rates for single and triple occupancy are available on request. CA\$ prices are available on request. Pricing is subject to change based on exchange rates in effect at time of booking and availability of components.

Trip Code: 200016-W20



INCLUDED

- One-way airport transfer Keflavik to Reykjavik
- One-way flight Reykjavik to Akureyri, including taxes
- 10 day economy vehicle rental, manual transmission, unlimited mileage, basic insurances and taxes, two registered drivers, a GPS and mobile phone
- 9 nights countryside accommodation with breakfast

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from Iceland
- Optional local touring options
- Travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature

TOUR NOTES

Extra days can be added to give you the opportunity to enjoy a visit to Reykjavik, the cosmopolitan capital city.

Worried about finding your way around? Don't be! We'll give you the best possible driving directions, written by Icelanders (translated into English, of course!), in addition to a GPS in the rental vehicle and a mobile phone, yours to keep.

Vehicle rental may be upgraded to a larger size, a 4WD, an automatic transmission, a van or luxury vehicle. Prices on request.

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ROUTE MAP









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