Journey to the Centre of the Earth

Take in many of the stunning sites and natural wonders in the south of Iceland as well as explore the beautiful and dramatic west coast with its imposing volcano and icecap, Snaefellsjokull. There are plenty of well known sights to see, beautiful anytime of the year.





8 days/7 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival to Iceland

Following your arrival at Keflavik Airport in Iceland, transfer by bus into Reykjavik for the first overnight stop.

This itinerary begins with a night in the capital. For the rest of the trip you'll stay in the countryside and visit many of Iceland's highlights including the famous geysers at Geysir, at least four magnificent waterfalls: Gullfoss; Skogafoss; Seljalandsfoss and Hraunfossar and the magnificently rugged Snaefellsnes Peninsula. Travel further east and explore Skaftafell National Park, where you could make the short hike to Svartifoss, bringing the total number of waterfalls to five! A little further east again, is the breathtaking glacial lagoon at Jokulsarlon a hauntingly beautiful place at any time of year and one where you'll definitely need a camera! Also have time at the end of the trip to visit the famous Blue Lagoon.

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.

Day 2: Reykjavik - Kirkjubaejarklauster area

Pick up your car this morning and head east over Hellisheidi, past the greenhouse village of Hveragerdi to two of Iceland's best known waterfalls, Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss. Visit the Skogar Folk Museum or drive to Reynishverfi and stroll along a volcanic sand beach backed by impressive basalt columns. Cross eerie, moss-clad lava fields and check in to your accommodation in the Kirkjubaejarklauster area for two nights. Be sure to take a walk up to the nearby lake of Systravatn and view the delightful waterfall, Systrafoss.

Day 3: Skaftafell National Park

Drive east to Skaftafell National Park, nestled between glacier tongues at the foot of Iceland's highest mountain and largest icecap, Vatnajokull. Take a short walk either to the tip of the Skaftafellsjokull glacier tongue, or Svartifoss, a beautiful waterfall framed by basalt columns, depending on the weather. Visit the stunning glacial lagoon, Jokulsarlon.

Day 4: Golden Circle area

Make your way back along the south coast, past Myrdalsjokull and Dyrholaey with its spectacular rock arch. Visit the Thjorsadalur Valley, including the reconstructed farm at Stong, which dates from the Viking period, and Mt Hekla. If you have opted for a high clearance 4WD vehicle, experience some of the more rugged scenery by driving through the "behind the mountains" route to the colourful Landmannalaugar area.



Spend two nights in the Golden Circle area offering splendid views of the surrounding countryside.

Day 5: Golden Circle

Explore three of Iceland's best known natural wonders - the Geysir hot springs area, mighty Gullfoss and, depending on road conditions, Thingvellir National Park for a walk around the ancient assembly site.

Day 6: Borgarnes or Snaefellsness Peninsula

Head north to Borgarfjordur and Hraunfossar and view a waterfall that emerges from under a lava flow to cascade into a glacial river. Visit nearby Reykholt and Iceland's largest hot spring Deildartunguhver. Spend two nights in Borgarnes or Stykkisholmur.

Day 7: Snaefellsness Peninsula

Explore the scenic Snaefellsnes Peninsula, walking among the fantastic coastal formations at Arnarstapi and visiting the fjords and fishing villages along its north side. With good weather you may have views of the mystical cone shaped volcano and Snaefellsjokull icecap.

Day 8: Farewell to Iceland

Drive back towards Reykjavik but be sure to take a detour to the Blue Lagoon for a bathe in its mineral-rich geothermal waters, before dropping off the vehicle at Keflavik and taking the flight home.

Details

2019 Departures:

Daily

2019 Pricing:

Low season

January 01 - April 30; October 01 - December 23, 2019

Budget: US\$1,269 Moderate: US\$1,379 Superior: US\$1,610

Shoulder Season

May & September Budget: US\$1,495 Moderate: US\$1,670 Superior: US\$1,989

High Season

June - August; December 24/19 - January 01/20

Budget: US\$1,810 Moderate: US\$2,045 Superior: US\$2,399

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

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

Trip Code:

200016-W20

INCLUDED

- One-way airport transfer
- 1 night Reykjavik accommodation with breakfast
- 6 nights countryside accommodation with breakfast
- 7 day four wheel drive, manual transmission vehicle, unlimited mileage, basic insurances and taxes, two registered drivers, a GPS and mobile phone

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from Iceland
- Meals not specified
- Optional tours
- Travel Insurance
- Items of a personal nature
- Park fees, where applicable

TOUR NOTES

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