



Iceland Complete Winter

Admire Iceland's natural wonders and majestic landscapes during the beautiful light and shadows of fall, winter and spring! One of our most popular summer tours now available year round.



YOUR
ADVENTURE
AWAITS

9 days/8 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival

On your own, transfer to Reykjavik. We recommend the easy and convenient FlyBus Plus transfers, which can be booked through Iceland Travel. 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.

Please note guaranteed early check-in is not included in the price. Most hotels begin check-in around 14:00 (2:00pm). Overnight stay in Reykjavik (airport transfer not included). Dinner on own.

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. 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 and the black sand beaches of Iceland's South Shore. Continue to the village of Vik. Dinner and overnight stay in the Vik area.

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. 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 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.

Day 4: Hofn - East Fjords - Egilsstadir

Narrow Fjords - Steep Mountains - Picturesque Coastline - Mineral Collection
Breakfast at your hotel. Drive from Hofn through 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.

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 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 Siglufjorður.

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

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. Overnight stay in Reykjavík. Dinner is on your own.

Day 9: Departure

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to the airport not included. 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. Advance reservations are required to gain entry to the spa.

Details

Group Size: Maximum 36

2018 Departure Dates:

English only:

October: 04, 11, 18

November: 01

February: 14

March: 21, 28

April: 11

2018 Pricing:

October

US\$2,406- twin

US\$3,081 – single



November – April
US\$2,254 – twin
US\$2,821 – single

Prices are shown in US\$ per person based on two people sharing a twin room and one person in a single room. Triple rooms are not 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 - W25

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
- 6 dinners in the countryside
- Entrance to Petra's Stone Collection
- Entrance to Laufás Museum with refreshments
- Horse show in Skagafjörður

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from Iceland
- Round trip transfers between Keflavik airport and downtown Reykjavik hotels or one-way transfer and one-way Blue Lagoon transfer
- Optional tours
- Travel insurance, gratuities and items of a personal nature
- Passport and visa fees, if necessary
- Gratuities to driver and guide

TOUR NOTES

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.

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.

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 Mývatn and all the famous sights of the Golden Circle such as Gullfoss, Geysir and Thingvellir National Park.

Optional Tours:

Day 3 – Super jeep tour on Vatnajökull glacier | 4 hrs

Day 5 – Mývatn Nature Baths

Day 5 – Horse riding in Myvatn | 1-2 hrs

Day 6 – Northern Lights Boat trip / Sea angling / Whale watching (depending on season) in North Iceland|| 3 – 3.5 hrs

Optional tours are booked with your tour guide and paid locally. Optional tours offered may vary depending on the season of travel and weather conditions.

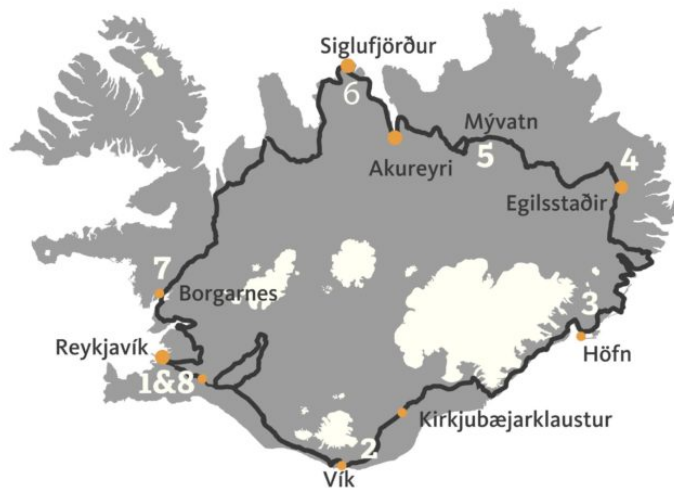
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