



Iceland Scuba Diving and Snorkelling Day Tours

Are you a PADI certified scuba diving or a recreational snorkeler looking for a really cool water experience? Here are some fantastic scuba diving and snorkelling day tours in Iceland to add to your holiday.



YOUR
ADVENTURE
AWAITS

1 day

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Snorkelling Silfra

5 hours from Reykjavik, 3 hours from Silfra / 30-40 minutes in the water

Maximum: 8

Operates: Year round

Liquid Meditation Iceland-Style

You don't need to be a certified diver in order to experience water at its clearest! Snorkelling Silfra is for everyone who feels comfortable in water and is a fantastic adventure for the whole family. We offer daily snorkelling trips to Silfra where you will float between two continental plates, surrounded by the astonishing clarity of the water and the mesmerizing colours of this underwater world. If you choose to use our transportation service, we will pick you up at your accommodation in Reykjavik and drive with you to Thingvellir National Park. During the one-hour drive, your guide will provide you with background information about the unique geology and cultural history of Silfra as well as the surrounding area of the UNESCO world heritage site – Thingvellir. Alternatively, if you have a rental car, you can drive yourself to the Silfra site in Thingvellir National Park. Directions to the meeting point will be provided with your tour documents.

Upon arrival at Silfra, your guide will give you your dry suit and snorkelling equipment. Your guide will explain how to use this equipment and how to ensure that you will be warm and comfortable during your 30 to 40 minute snorkelling tour of Silfra Hall, Silfra Cathedral, and Silfra Lagoon. During your snorkel you will explore the four main parts of Silfra. You will float through Big Crack, Silfra's narrowest section and where the continental plates are so close you can almost touch them. The fissure then widens into Silfra Hall. Here the full spectrum of Silfra's colours and clarity become all the more apparent. At this point if you look at just the right angle you can see all the way to Thingvallavatn, over 150m away. Near to the opening to Thingvallavatn we will enter the Silfra Cathedral; as the depth reaches 23m you feel like you are flying over the boulders and glacial silt. Your snorkel is finished in the endless visibility of Silfra Lagoon.

Make sure to drink some of the Silfra water while you are snorkelling! Who knows when you will be able to drink water so pure again.

Please bring:

Scuba Dive certification card (PADI Open Water or equivalent)

Long underwear – top and bottom for under dry suit

2 pair of thick socks (wool is best)



Warm clothes for after your dive

Participants must be at least 150cm tall, weigh at least 45kg and be at least 12 years of age; be comfortable in water and able to swim; be physically fit and not pregnant; able to wear a tight, constricting dry suit.

This tour is conducted alongside the Diving Silfra day tour, so if you like to snorkel and your friends or family want to scuba dive, you can still enjoy the day together!

Included

- Hotel pick up and drop off in Reykjavik (for the 9:00am and 5:00pm tours only)
- Guided snorkelling tour
- Necessary snorkelling equipment including dry suit
- Hot chocolate and cookies after snorkelling tour
- Entrance fee of ISK1,000 into Silfra

Diving Silfra

6-8 hours from Reykjavik, 4-6 hours from Silfra / 30-40 minutes in the water per dive

Maximum: 4

Operates: Year round

The Dive Between the Continents

A must for every scuba diver! Immerse yourself in a unique underwater world with unmatched water clarity and swim between two of the biggest continental plates on the planet! Your Silfra Diving Day Tour begins when we pick you up from your accommodation in Reykjavik. During the one-hour drive to Thingvellir National Park your guide will introduce you to the unique geological and cultural history of Silfra and the surrounding Thingvellir area. Alternatively, if you have a rental car, you can drive yourself to the Silfra site in Thingvellir National Park. Directions to the meeting point will be provided with your tour documents.

Upon arrival at the Silfra fissure, your guide will give you a detailed briefing of the dive site and the most important aspects of dry suit diving. Your guide will then assist you in setting up the dive equipment. We use only high quality BARE and Buddy brand SCUBA equipment and APEX regulators. Then it's time to take the plunge and experience diving into Silfra's pristine, crystal clear water. Filtered over decades by Iceland's volcanic basaltic rock, you can easily take a sip during your dive; you won't find purer drinking water.

During your dive you will explore the four main parts of Silfra. You will float through Big Crack, Silfra's narrowest section, where you can have your 'Dive Between the Continents' photo taken. As the fissure widens you will find yourself in the majestic Silfra Hall with the possibility of local geese and ducks paddling overhead. Near to the opening to Thingvallavatn we will enter the Silfra Cathedral; if there are divers ahead you will see the 'chandelier effect' of their rising bubbles. Your dive is finished in the endless visibility of Silfra Lagoon.

After this first dive, we will make our way back along a challenging but rewarding 250 meter path with our dive gear and then warm our hands and spirits with hot chocolate and cookies. Don't hesitate to ask your guide if you need some assistance with your gear.

This tour includes two dives. Each dive will take about 30-40 minutes with a maximum depth of 18 metres. In the winter, however, if the outside temperature drops below 0°C, we conduct only one extended (40-45 minute) dive for the safety and comfort of our divers.

Between the 15 May and 31 August a Diving Silfra Under the Midnight Sun tour is offered, which departs from Reykjavik at 4:00pm. This allows you to dive Silfra in the evening and night but, due to the Arctic summer's midnight sun, it will still be bright. Prepare to be amazed! The atmosphere at Thingvellir National Park is fantastic at this time of day and the later dive time allows you to do other activities during the day and use your evening time as well.

If you have friends or family who are not certified divers but would also like to experience Silfra, they would be very welcome to join the Snorkelling Silfra day tour, which operates concurrently.

Note: If you have never dived in a dry suit before, we strongly recommend that you prepare for this tour with a dry suit course. You will learn how to safely and confidently dive in a dry suit and thus enjoy diving in Silfra even more. You will also receive a PADI Dry Suit Specialty Certificate, which is an internationally recognised certification and often a requirement for diving in challenging cold-water dive sites elsewhere in the world.



Please bring:

Scuba Dive certification card (PADI Open Water or equivalent)
Long underwear – top and bottom for under dry suit
2 pair of thick socks (wool is best)
Warm clothes for after your dive

Participants must be at least 150cm tall, weigh at least 45kg and be at least 18 years of age; be a certified diver at the level of PADI Open Water or equivalent; bring proof of their diving certification with them; be physically fit and not pregnant; be ready to wear a sometimes tight & constricting dry suit.

Included

- Hotel pick up and drop off in Reykjavik
- Guide
- 2 guided dives in Silfra (if temperature drops below 0C one longer dive is done)
- Necessary dive equipment including dry suit
- Hot chocolate and cookies during break
- Entrance fee of ISK1,000 into Silfra

Geothermal Snorkelling Tour

5 hours from Reykjavik
Maximum: 6
Operates: 01Apr-15Oct

Floating on Top of the Devil's Jacuzzi

Snorkelling in bubbling hot springs is usually impossible as the water is far too hot, but the hot springs at the bottom of Lake Kleifarvatn provide us with the opportunity to do just that! Lake Kleifarvatn is hidden within a stunning volcanic landscape just 30 minutes outside of Reykjavík. Standing at the lake shore and changing into your dry suit, you will probably catch a whiff of the sulphur emitted from nearby hot springs and the total silence will let you forget that you are anywhere near civilization.

The underwater hot springs in lake Kleifarvatn have only recently been discovered and are about a 50 meter swim from the shore. Upon entering the lake you can see the white and yellow sulfur deposits on the lake floor. When we swim closer, you'll begin to sense the environment around you changing as you approach the gas emanating from below the lake's floor. We've heard this sensation described as similar to 'snorkelling in a glass of Champagne'—the fact that you are snorkelling in a caldera is also impressive!

When back on land we will enjoy some refreshments at the shore before moving on to Seltún, a nearby high temperature geothermal area on land. In Seltún we will walk along the boiling mud pots and colourful sulfur deposits.

We will then make our way back to Reykjavík. We highly recommend that you bring your swimsuit with you as we can drop you off at one of Reykjavík's local geothermal pools where you can relax in the hot tubs and end the day in traditional Icelandic fashion.

Please bring:

Long underwear – top and bottom for under dry suit
2 pair of thick socks (wool is best)
Warm clothes for after your dive
Swimsuit (if you want to be dropped off at a pool after the tour)

Participants must be at least 150cm tall, at least 45kg in weight and at least 12 years of age; be comfortable in water and able to swim; be physically fit and not pregnant; be ready to wear a tight, constricting dry suit.

Included

- Hotel pick up and drop off in Reykjavik
- Guided snorkelling tour in Lake Kleifarvatn
- Necessary snorkelling equipment including dry suit
- Hot vegan and gluten-free soup and light refreshments on the lake's shore
- Stop at geothermal hot springs area Seltun

Geothermal Hot Spring Dive Tour

6 hours from Reykjavik
Max 4



Operates: 01Apr-15Oct

Diving the Devil's Jacuzzi

On this Geothermal Hot Spring Dive Tour you will also visit the Seltún geothermal area after your dive. The underwater hot springs in Kleifarvatn lake have only recently been discovered and the bubbling springs are just a 100 meter swim from the shore of the lake. Only a 30-minute drive from Reykjavík, Kleifarvatn lake is nestled within an impressive volcanic terrain. One can experience complete silence in this stunning landscape. As there are only rugged tire tracks that lead to Kleifarvatn, we take our 4 x 4 dive bus equipped for this frontier diving adventure.

Your briefing will take place on the shores of Kleifarvatn. Depending on the direction of the wind, you might then already smell the nearby hot springs. At the lake's entry point, you can already see the white and yellow sulphur deposits on the lake floor and the gas emanating from below the lake's floor.

In the centre area of the hot springs is a wide caldera that releases large amounts of warm water and gases. When entering into this space, you may have the feeling of diving into a gentle earthquake because the air bubbles coming out of the ground create pressure that causes the rocks to vibrate. Divers can feel these vibrations deep into their bones if the activity is strong enough that day.

After the dive we will travel to Krysuvík and Seltún, a nearby geothermal hot springs area. In Krysuvík we will visit the boiling mud pots and the colourful sulphur deposits.

We will then make our way back to Reykjavík. We recommend that you bring your swimsuit with you as and we can drop you off at one of Reykjavík's local pools. Here you can relax in the hot tubs and end the day in traditional Icelandic fashion.

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Scuba Dive certification card
Long underwear – top and bottom for under dry suit
2 pair of thick socks (wool is best)
Warm clothes for after your dive

Participants must have a Scuba dive certification (PADI Open Water or equivalent); have dry suit diving experience; be at least 18 years old; be physically fit and not pregnant; be ready to wear a sometimes tight & constricting dry suit.

Dry Suit course are available in the days preceding your diving tour, please inquire for availability and pricing. You will receive a Dry Suit Training Certificate upon completion of the training program, which is recognized world wide.

Included

- Hotel pick up and drop off in Reykjavik
- Guide
- 1 guided dive in Kleifarvatn
- Necessary dive equipment including dry suit
- Hot chocolate and cookies during break
- Guided walk at Seltun geothermal hot springs area near Krysuvik

Icelandic Ocean Diver

6-8 hours from Reykjavik

Max: 4

Operates: 01Apr-30Sep

Dive the Icelandic Sea

On the Ocean Diver Day Tour you will join the undersea inhabitants of the North Atlantic for a swim through Iceland's cool coastal scene. Our favourite local ocean dive site is Gardur, located at the tip of the Reykjanes peninsula. Here we will swim out approximately 80 metres from the shore. Kelp forests offer a great habitat for a number of marine species, including lumpsuckers, nudibranchs, and a wide variety of invertebrates. Colourful algae also flourish here off the coast of Iceland. You will most likely notice pairs of eyes sticking out of the sandy patches of the ocean floor where the flounders live. Soft orange coral also intermittently decorates the sandy ocean floor. In the area of the kelp forests, a wolf fish might pay you an unexpected visit or stick its head out of a pile of rocks, looking a bit like a prehistoric creature.

We will pick you up at your hotel in the Reykjavik area and bring you back afterwards. The pick up time of this tour depends on the tides. We usually want to end our second dive around the peak of the high tide. Note that ocean dives



in Iceland depend on the weather and it can happen that scheduled ocean dive trips have to be cancelled due to unfortunate weather conditions. If that is the case we usually have a plan B and can offer you other dive sites, such as Bjarnagia, Kleifarvatn or Silfra that do not depend on the weather as much.

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Dry Suit course are available in the days preceding your diving tour, please inquire for availability and pricing. You will receive a Dry Suit Training Certificate upon completion of the training program, which is recognized world wide.

Included

- Hotel pick up and drop off in Reykjavik
- Guide
- 2 guided dives in the ocean (if temperature drops below 0C only one longer dive is done)
- Necessary dive equipment including dry suit
- Hot chocolate and cookies during break

Details

Group Size: Max. 4, 6 or 8

Seasonal – please see tour descriptions for dates of operation.

Snorkelling Silfra – from US\$285
Diving Silfra – from US\$485

Geothermal Snorkelling Tour – from US\$270
Geothermal Hot Spring Diving Tour – from US\$520

Icelandic Ocean Diver – from US\$520

Pricing is set in ISK (Icelandic Kronur). The approximate, per person price in US\$ is shown, based on current exchange rates. Prices are subject to change due to currency fluctuations and tariff increases by the tour operators, additional government taxes and new park entry fees imposed that are not currently included in the rates.

Trip Code:

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INCLUDED

- Varies by Tour. Please refer to itinerary for details.

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from Iceland
- Travel insurance
- Meals and beverages unless listed in tour description
- Purchase of photos from tour operator
- Items of a personal nature



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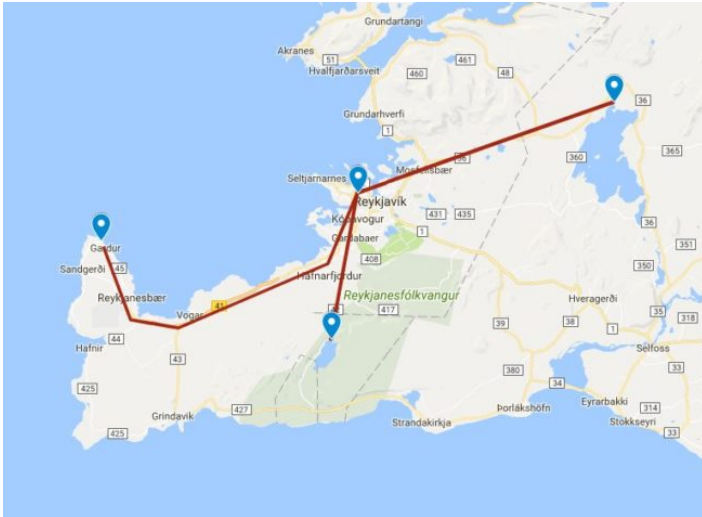
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