# **Faroe Islands Hiking**

The Faroese untamed nature is a paradise for nature lovers and is well suited for hiking in the mountains. Hike on old village paths and marked trails, feel the wind in your hair, see colourful villages, grazing sheep, green mountains, fascinating fog and the nearby islands, which rise majestically on the horizon.





# 8 days/7 nights

#### **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1: Arrive Vagar, Faroe Islands

Arrival with Atlantic Airways from Copenhagen on Thursdays (flights from Reykjavik are available on request. Depending on the flight schedule the order of tour components may be changed). Pick up rental car at the airport. Take the short drive to the village of Gásadalur, which was the last village connected to the rest of the islands by tunnel. Enjoy the quiet and stunning view of Tindhólm. Spend the night on Vágar.

#### Day 2: Mykines - Tórshavn

Visit the bird island Mykines. The tour starts with a grand sail by majestic sea cliffs. Spot puffins, that charming little bird with a colourful beak, or the impressive gannet, which can only breed on the isolated isle to the west of the main island. Upon arrival to the island, you meet the guide. To get out to the isle and its lighthouse, one must cross a bridge – a bridge that crosses the Atlantic Ocean. Back in the village, one can pop in at the local cafe. Spend the night in Tórshavn. Walking details: 7-8km, apx. 3 hrs

## Day 3: Viðoy to Svínoy

With ferry from Viðoy to Svínoy. Hiking with guide from the village in Svínoy. A beautiful and easy hike. The hike starts in the village and we walk out to the headland called Dragin, where the English used to have an outpost during the war. There is also a bird fowling seat at Dragin, which will be pointed out to you during the walk. Among the birds it is expected to see or hear whimbrels, European golden plovers, arctic skuas, arctic terns, common eiders, meadow pipits, greylags, and several species of gulls. In the cliffs are northern fulmar, puffin and European shag. Along the shore between large stones and boulders the beautiful black guillemots nest. Spend the night in Klaksvík. Walking details: 2-5km, apx. 4 hrs

## Day 4: Klaksvík to Kalsoy

Travel by ferry from Klaksvík to the island of Kalsoy, popularly called the Recorder, which comes because of the 12-kilometer long road that winds through four tunnels and connects the islands four villages. In the village of Trøllanes you meet the local guide at the bus stop. The guide will walk with you to Kallin. After approximately an hour's walk you will get to the lighthouse and be rewarded by an unforgettable panoramic view. Spend the night in Eysturoy. Walking details: 6-10km, apx. 3 hrs



#### Day 5: Eiðisskarð - Slættaratindur

Hiking with guide to the highest mountain in the Faroe Islands – Slættaratindur. The hike starts at Eiðisskarð, the mountain pass to the south of Slættaratindur. Slættaratindur (882m) is a must to hike, as it is the highest mountain in the Faroe Islands. The trip starts from the mountain pass Eiðisskarð. The hike is moderate. When you reach the top, the view of the Faroe Islands is nothing less than spectacular – Mountain peaks surround you – an experience for life. Spend the night in Eysturoy. Walking details: 5-6 km, apx. 3 hrs

#### Day 6: Tjørnuvík - Saksun

Drive to Saksun and park the car. At the agreed time and place you meet with the transfer, which takes you from Saksun to Tjørnuvík. Tjørnuvík is surrounded by steep mountains and offers a fantastic view to the impressive rock formations the Giant and the Witch. On the hike, you will see, among other things, Slættaratindur and Gráfelli which, are the two highest mountains in the Faroe Islands. From Tjørnuvíksskarð and down to the village Saksun you get a fantastic view of the beautiful lagoon surrounded by sand in the fjord. The high mountains give the area some mystery, and unimaginable beauty. From Saksun you will drive back to Tórshavn. Walking details: 6-7 km, apx. 5 hrs

#### Day 7: Day at Leisure

Day on your own, but here are some suggestions: Hike over the mountain and back to the cultural centre of Kirkjubøur. Enjoy the majestic view over the islands of Sandoy, Hestur, Koltur, and Vágar. After arriving in Kirkjubøur, it is possible to visit Roykstovan that is approx. 900 years old. See the ruins of the Saint Magnus Cathedral and Ólavs' church from year 1111. Or, drive north to enjoy the day in the scenic village of Gjógv, known for its unique natural harbour and a beautiful view of the island of Kalsoy. If you walk up the hillside, you will be rewarded with beautiful views of the bird cliffs and the village. Another option is a boat trip to Vestmanna Cliffs with lunch and a visit to the Saga Museum. Or, simply spend the day exploring the old part of Tórshavn with its delightful timbered buildings as well as the peaceful harbour front. A guided walking tour may be arranged, please ask. Spend the night in Tórshavn.

#### Day 8: Depart from Vagar

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#### **Optional add-ons:**

Optional tours and add-ons, prices on request: Boat trip to Vestmanna Seacliffs, lunch and visit to Saga Museum City walking tour in Tórshavn Table reservation at a Tórshavn restaurant

### Details

#### **Trip Code:**

007332 - W20

## **INCLUDED**

- Airfare from Copenhagen to/from Vagar, Faroe Islands (flights from Reykjavik and other Atlantic Airways gateways available on request)
- Category A, manual transmission car rental, pick up/drop off Vagar airport, unlimited mileage, CDW
- 7 nights of accommodation as outlined, room and tax
- Breakfast daily at accommodation except on Day 1
- Return ferry to Mykines, with guide and a packed lunch

- · Return ferry to Svínoy, with guide
- Return ferry to Kalsoy, with guide
- Hike to Slættaratindur with guide
- Transfer to Tjørnuvík and hike to Saksun, with guide

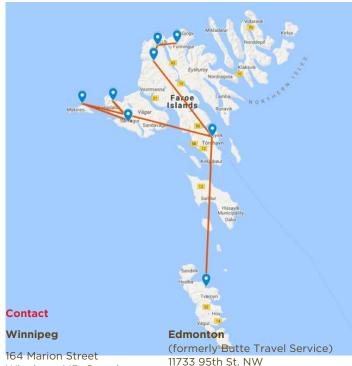
## **NOT INCLUDED**

- Additional airfare, if any, for flights to Vagar from cities other than Copenhagen
- Upgrade of vehicle rental to automatic transmission or larger size
- · Meals unless specified
- Optional tours (see notes)
- Porterage of luggage at airport or hotels
- Travel Insurance
- Items of a personal nature

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