



Guided Iceland Circle

****Sale Extended, book by 03 June for a tour departure May – September, 2019 and save 15%!**** This year round, escorted tour takes you all the way around Iceland and is offered bi-weekly. Explore the island of fire and ice and travel with an international group on Iceland's ring road.



8 days/7 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1, Monday or Friday: Welcome to Iceland

Individual transfer by Flybus shuttle bus from Keflavik Airport to Icelandair Hotel Natura in Reykjavik where you spend the night. We provide you with ideas how to explore Iceland's capital on your own. Dinner suggestions as well!

On this tour you'll discover stunning scenery and dramatic landscapes. A local expert guide helps you explore the unspoiled Icelandic countryside with volcanoes, lava fields, hot springs, mountains, fjords, glaciers and waterfalls. This escorted tour takes you both to classic nature hot spots and lesser-known sights. The tour includes several soft adventures and cultural visits. Some outdoor activities might differ between seasons depending on weather and road conditions.

Day 2, Tuesday or Saturday: Volcano Crater, Seals, Fjords & Mountains

At 09:00 meet our tour guide and depart from Icelandair Hotel Natura. Travel west, passing the town of Borgarnes and climb the Grábrók volcano crater. In the afternoon visit a natural history & seal museum in a small fishing village in Northwest Iceland and stroll around the local harbour. Further north we stop at the turf church of Víðimýri which has been extensively restored to its original form and is widely considered one of the purest and most beautiful examples of traditional Icelandic architecture. We continue along scenic fjord landscape and over several mountain passes until we reach Akureyri, the capital of North Iceland.

Overnight location is either at Icelandair Hotel Akureyri.

Day 3, Wednesday or Sunday: The Capital of North Iceland, Lake Mývatn & Geothermal Baths

In the morning we explore Akureyri, a charming town of 17000 inhabitants, visit the botanical garden and enjoy the panoramic view over Eyjafjörður fjord. In the afternoon we travel to an important spot in Iceland's history, Goðafoss, the waterfalls of the Gods. We continue to lake Mývatn which is known for its geological wonders and active bird life during summer. We stop at the bizarre lava formations at Kálfaströnd followed by a walk around the many pseudo craters and end an exciting day with a relaxing soak at Mývatn Nature Baths that contains a unique blend of minerals, silicates and geothermal micro-organisms. The warm soothing waters benefit both skin and spirit alike.

Overnight location is either at Hotel Reyhlið.

Day 4, Thursday or Monday: Lava Labyrinth, Hot Springs & Travel East

In the morning we hike in a lava labyrinth at Dimmuborgir "the dark castles", hoping to get a glimpse of the trolls who are said to live there. After an optional lunch we visit the hot spring area of Námaskarð with bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras. We head through the uninhabited highlands and moonlike surrounding to East Iceland. With some luck we might spot an Arctic fox or see reindeer. From June to August the tour includes a detour to Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall in the northern part of Vatnajökull National Park.



Overnight location is either at Icelandair Hotel Hérað.

Day 5, Friday or Tuesday: Fjords, Glacier and Ice

It's a day to admire the dramatic fjord landscape and its tiny fishing villages at the end of twisty roads in the East Fjords and on route we visit an interesting stone and mineral collection. In the afternoon we see Vatnajökull – Europe's biggest glacier that is visible all over Southeast Iceland. Past the town of Höfn, we stop at Jökulsárlón, a glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs, and we explore the extraordinary site and might see seals swimming in arctic waters. You can walk on the black sandy beach where large icebergs get stranded. Depending on the season optional boat trips are available. We travel along the southern part of the glacier Vatnajökull and spend time at Europe's largest national park, which has Iceland's highest mountains, an alpine environment, and Europe's largest glacier.

Overnight location is either at Icelandair Hotel Kirkjubæjarklaustur.

Day 6, Saturday or Wednesday: South Coast

A beautiful drive with many natural wonders awaits us today as we head across the Eldhraun lava field, cross the sandy desert of the south coast, overlooked by mountainous cliffs, glaciers and waterfalls. We stroll along the black lava beach of Reynisfjara near Vík. In the small village of Skógar there is Skógafoss waterfall which is 60 meters high and is one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. Further west we stop at the Eyjafjallajökull Information Centre and learn about living next to a glacier and an active volcano. We continue to the high but narrow Seljalandsfoss waterfall which plunges over the mountain. There is an interesting trail that goes behind the fall – if you are prepared to get wet!

Overnight location is either at Icelandair Hotel Flúðir.

Day 7, Sunday or Thursday: Icelandic Horses & Golden Circle

We explore classics today as we travel the route of the Golden Circle sights. We start the day at Friðheimar, where you learn about the Icelandic horse, its special qualities and history and visit a geothermal greenhouse. Later on we see steam from the Geysir geothermal fields as we arrive. There is a variety of hot springs and bubbling pools. The original geyser is now dormant but has been replaced by Strokkur “the Churn” which erupts at 5-10 minute intervals. We continue to Gullfoss, “the golden falls”, which is a double waterfall that tumbles 34 meters into the Hvítá river and attracts travellers in summer and winter. We travel inland to Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

As we return to Reykjavík, we take you for a short city tour to show highlights of the world's northern-most capital.

Overnight is at Icelandair Hotel Natura or similar.

Day 8, Monday or Friday: Departure Home

Individual transfer by Flybus airport shuttle to Keflavík Airport.

Details

Group Size: Max. 30

2019 Departures:

Tuesdays and Fridays

2019 Pricing:

Prices do not reflect discounts for sales and promotions. The reduced prices will be quoted at the time of your inquiry.

January – April, November & December

US\$2,089 – twin

US\$2,705 – single

May & October

US\$2,369 – twin



US\$3,119 – single

June – September
US\$2,775 – twin
US\$3,849 – single

Prices are quoted in US\$ per person based on two people in a twin and one person in a single. Please note, triple rates are not being offered on this tour. Rates are subject to change based on fluctuating currency exchange rates.

Trip Code:

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INCLUDED

- Arrival & departure airport transfer by FLYBUS Plus shuttle (no guide)
- 7 nights of accommodation in superior tourist-class hotels, with private facilities
- Breakfast at hotel, days 2-8
- Fully escorted 6-day bus tour with an English speaking guide
- Visit to natural history & seal museum in Hvammstangi
- Visit to Viðimýri turf church
- Entrance with towel at Mývatn Nature Baths
- Admission to Petra's Stone and Mineral Collection in the East Fjords
- Multimedia presentation at Eyjafjallajökull Volcano Information Center or movie at Lava Center in Hvolsvollur (after 15 Apr/18)
- Visit to Icelandic horse stables & geothermal greenhouse
- Use of snow & ice gripper spikes and a flash light for winter departures

NOT INCLUDED

- Travel to/from Iceland
- Gratuities
- Meals not indicated
- Travel Insurance
- Nature fees, if assessed by land owners

TOUR NOTES

Additional nights in Reykjavik may be added before or after the tour. Prices will be dependant on the availability of accommodation and will be quoted on request.

Private transfers from Keflavik Airport to downtown Reykjavik and return are also offered as an option.

2018 & winter 2019 (up to April 30):

1-3 passengers, US\$213/vehicle

4-6 passengers, US\$286/vehicle

2019, May to December:

1-3 passengers, US\$223/vehicle

4-6 passengers, US\$299/vehicle

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