Iceland's Highland Adventure

Venture into the dramatic and mysterious landscapes of Iceland's interior via the ancient highland routes Kjölur and Sprengisandur. This self-drive tour is Ideal for those looking for a different experience off the beaten track and discover the highlands of Iceland – a true adventure!





8 days/7 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival | Reykjavík

You are met upon arrival and transferred to your hotel/guesthouse in Reykjavík. Enjoy life in Iceland's capital city where you can find excellent restaurants, shops featuring unique Icelandic design, a vibrant cultural scene and exciting nightlife.

Accommodation in Reykjavík (optional and not included in the tour price).

Day 2: The Golden Circle

Explore Iceland's famous circle of wonders 'The Golden Circle': Þingvellir National Park UNESCO World heritage Site, the beautiful two-tiered Gullfoss waterfall and the spouting Strokkur at the Geysir hot spring area.

Accommodation in the Gullfoss/Geysir area.

Day 3: Kjölur highland route

Take the Kjölur route between glaciers Hofsjökull and Langjökull through the stark, uninhabited interior of Iceland. Stop by the natural hot spring river at Hveravellir for a relaxing dip before continuing north. In the 18th century an outlaw named Fjalla-Eyvindur and his wife Halla lived here for 20 years, the hot springs helping them to stay warm!

Accommodation in the Skagafjörður area.

Days 4: The North

Head for Lake Mývatn via Akureyri town and the beautiful Goðafoss Waterfall ('Waterfall of the Gods'). Explore the many geological wonders of the area such as the lava formations at Dimmuborgir and the pseudo-craters at Skútustaðir.

Accommodation in the Lake Mývatn area.

Day 4: The North

On the second day, you can go on a day tour to Askja Caldera. Drive through the vast rugged lava terrains via Herðubreiðalindir, an oasis in the middle of the desert-like landscape. Enjoy the view from the rim of Askja before taking a dip in the geothermal crater lake Víti ('Hell') – an incredible experience!

Accommodation in the Lake Mývatn area.

Days 5: Sprengisandur highland route

Drive the desolate black sands of the Sprengisandur highland plateau back south. The route is characterised by rough tracks and unbridged and unpredictable rivers. Stop to view the beautiful Aldeyjarfoss Waterfall with its black basalt column frame. At the hut in Nýidalur it is ideal to have a mid-way lunch break and a walk in the green valley whilst enjoying the view towards Torfajökull Glacier.

Accommodation on the outskirts of Sprengisandur.

Day 6: Landmannalaugar

Explore Landmannalaugar, an area characterised by colourful rhyolite mountains. Go for a walk/hike in the otherworldly landscape and bathe in the natural hot spring river. Continue your journey via Eldgjá Canyon and Ófærufoss Waterfall and along the Fjallabak highland route to Kirkjubæjarklaustur village.

Accommodation in the Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.

Day 7: Lakagígar Craters

Head to Lakagígar, a volcanic fissure which famously erupted in the late 18th century with catastrophic consquences for Iceland and even parts of Europe and North America at the time. The eruption resulted in the extensive lava field Eldhraun ('Fire Lava'), today covered in an incredibly bright green moss. You can walk/hike to the rim of a few of the volcanic craters.

Accommodation in the Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.

Day 8: The South Coast

Tour Iceland's beautiful South Coast on your way back to Reykjavík. Walk along the black sand beach near Vík, view the impressive birdlife at Cape Dyrhólaey, visit the Eyjafjallajökull Visitor Centre for information about the famous eruption in 2010, see the waterfall and folk museum at Skógar, view or even walk behind the beautiful Seljalandsfoss Waterfall and stop by the picturesque coastal villages Stokkseyri and Eyrarbakki.

Accommodation in Reykjavík (optional and not included in the tour price).

Details

2018 departures:

Daily

July 01 - August 31

2018 Pricing:

20-31 August

From US\$1,330 - twin, shared facilities

From US\$1,825 - twin, private facilities

July 1 - August 31

From US\$1,635 - twin, shared facilities

From US\$2,130 - twin, private facilities

Prices are starting prices in US\$, per person, based on two people sharing a twin room and rental of a category F, 4WD vehicle (Suzuki Vitara 4WD or similar). Please inquire for single rates and upgraded vehicle categories. Some nights may also offer upgraded accommodation, depending on the availability.

Trip Code:

008247 - W20

INCLUDED

- 7 nights' accommodation, budget or comfort rooms with breakfast
- 4WD rental car for 8 days unlimited mileage and CDW
- Airport shuttle from airport to Reykjavík (one transfer per tour)
- A tablet travel guide mapping your journey and highlights of surrounding area
- Suggested itinerary in English
- 24/7 emergency phone line service
- Taxes and service fee

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from Iceland
- Accommodation in Reykjavik Day 1 and 8
- Transfer from Reykjavik to airport on departure

- Optional insurances on car rental
- Optional local tours
- Travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature

TOUR NOTES

Venture into the dramatic and mysterious landscapes of Iceland's interior via the ancient highland routes Kjölur and Sprengisandur. Discover hidden treasures and geological wonders, bathing in natural hot spring rivers and lakes along the way. Ideal for those looking for a different experience off the beaten track – this self-drive package is a true adventure!

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