



## Iceland Day Tours

We know everyone is interested in different tours when planning their trip to the island. Take it from us, this sampling highlights only a few of the most popular day trips you can choose from, departing from a variety of places. Use these to create an interesting city stay package or add them on to a self-drive tour. There are hundreds of excellent activity touring options. Just ask!



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### 1 day

#### ITINERARY

##### **Airport Transfers**

Coach, mini-bus and private vehicle transfers from select Icelandic airports to downtown locations including Keflavik Airport and central Reykjavik.

##### **Blue Lagoon Spa Experiences**

**Relaxing Blue Lagoon:** You can start this tour on arrival at Keflavik Airport or from central Reykjavik. For those just arriving to Iceland there is safe luggage storage available in lockers at the Blue Lagoon (pay locally) while you are enjoying your time at the spa. Bathing suits and towels are available for rent if you forgot to pack your own. After having enjoyed all that the Blue Lagoon has to offer you can return to Keflavik Airport or to central Reykjavik. You may use this tour on your day of arrival to Iceland as a transfer to Reykjavik or on the day of departure from Iceland as a transfer to Keflavik Airport, if on an afternoon flight. Two Blue Lagoon packages are offered on a pre-booked basis, the Comfort and the Premium Experience. Both include your entry fee into the spa.

##### **City Sightseeing**

**Classic Reykjavik City Tour:** Explore one of our favourite cities on this half day tour available morning or afternoon. This guided tour gives you the highlights of Iceland's capital city in just three hours. Visits to Hallgrímskirkja church, Perlan (The Pearl) with its fabulous viewing deck, Reykjavik City Hall and the pond, the University campus, harbour and city centre. Our expert guide provides all the essential information regarding Reykjavik's rich culture, history and natural environment.

**Reykjavik Food Walking Tour:** Get a real taste of this amazing city's top-notch, culinary scene! On this walking tour you'll learn about Icelandic ways, local food, the city and history. Visit 5-6 brilliant Icelandic restaurants for a variety of tasting sessions. Get your taste buds ready!

**Akureyri Food Walk:** This is the perfect tour if you want good food and some local access to Akureyri City. We want fun, hungry and adventurous travellers to see Akureyri through the eyes of local foodies, to experience the best of the Icelandic cuisine at their favourite local restaurants.

##### **Whale and Puffin Watching**

**Whale Watching:** View these amazing mammals in their natural habitat from Husavik in North Iceland (considered Iceland's whale watching capital), Reykjavik harbour or other smaller harbours around the coastline. Very high chance of seeing Harbor Porpoise, Minke, White Beaked Dolphins, and Humpback Whales.

You can also combine whale watching with a horseback riding tour on the beach out of Husavik.

**Puffin Tours:** Take a one hour boat tour in Reykjavik harbour or tours offered in Husavik (add to a whale watching



tour for a fabulous combo), Stykissholmur, the Westfjords, the Westman Islands and Ingolfshofdi to see the cutest birds in Iceland up close. Have your camera ready!

### **South Iceland**

**Golden Circle:** The most popular tour in Iceland! Visit three top attractions – Thingvellir National Park, Gullfoss waterfall and the Geysir area. Thingvellir is the site of Iceland's original, open air parliament, founded in 918 AD and also the area where the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates are pulling apart slowly. Gullfoss is the queen of Icelandic waterfalls and an impressive site – high and mighty, it tumbles violently into a deep gorge. The geysir area is a geothermal wonder and Strokkur, one of the largest geysirs, erupts almost every 10 minutes. You can take this tour by Super Jeep or even add on a snowmobile ride.

**Inside the Volcano:** Descend 120 meters/400 feet into a dormant volcano that erupted 4,000 years ago. The dormant Thrihnukagigur volcano (good luck trying to pronounce it) is a unique natural phenomenon. By setting up the necessary gear and equipment, the operator has created a tour that opens the door to a new world. A moderate level of fitness is required for this tour, as access to the site requires a 45-50 minute walk (3.5km/2 miles) each way over uneven, rocky terrain. The last 10 minutes of the hike are more challenging, with an elevation of about 50m/150 feet. This tour is not suitable for those with mobility or balance issues.

**South Coast and Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon:** Tour the south shore then explore the lagoon by boat. Travel by 4WD following the picturesque southern coastline passing the villages of Selfoss, Vik and Kirkjubæjarklaustur as well as the stunning waterfall at Skógafoss and Skaftafell National Park. Continue through the vast desert area of Skeiðarársandur, which can be prone to sand storms. Many of Iceland's biggest glacial rivers run into the Atlantic Ocean on the south shore, each year carrying millions of tons of black volcanic sand, constantly altering the shape of the coastline and creating vast black deserts. Just before reaching the lagoon, pass Örfajökull glacier, home to the island's highest peak, Hvannadalshnjúkur. Jökulsárlón is a stunning glacial lagoon that is constantly forming as the massive tongue of the glacier retreats. Icebergs of all shapes, sizes and in many hues of blue, turquoise and white, break off from the glacier; just waiting to be captured on film. By coach or by Super Jeep.

**South Shore Adventure:** This tour is ideal for nature lovers of all kinds. You will have an opportunity to stand behind the plummeting Seljalandsfoss waterfall, walk up to the Skógarfoss waterfall and gaze at the formations. Travel along the South coast of Iceland as far as Vík í Mýrdal, a small, charming village surrounded by beautiful high bird cliffs. By coach or by Super Jeep.

**Glacier Hike and Ice Climbing on Solheimajokull:** On this fun, safe and easy to moderate glacier walk you get to explore the wonderland of ice sculptures, water cauldrons, ridges and deep crevasses on the breathtaking Sólheimajökull glacier. Includes transportation from Reykjavik to the glacier and return. Or, if you are doing a self-drive you may join the group in the Solheimajokull parking lot. There is a 30-40 min walk from the parking lot to the glacier.

**Hekla and Landmannalaugar:** A great highland tour to one of the largest geothermal areas in Iceland. This is a unique and unforgettable tour through some of the most rugged terrain in the southern highlands of Iceland. We start by heading to the foot of Hekla where the landscape has been shaped by centuries of volcanic activity. In our jeep we climb as high as 1000 m (3280') above sea level to enjoy fascinating views over the Fjallabak Nature Reserve and some of Iceland's magnificent glaciers, although visibility is weather permitting. Now we are in one of the largest geothermal areas in Iceland where fire and ice shape the landscape. We continue to Landmannalaugar where a short hike to enjoy the colourful landscape and a warm bath in a natural pool is optional before heading back to Reykjavik. This is a land of unreal beauty with an amazing range of colours, steaming hot springs, glacier ice and explosive craters.

**Hot Springs Hunt:** Hiking day tour to the hot springs outside Reykjavik in Mt. Hengill and Reykjadalur Valley in Iceland. This easy hiking tour starts with a pick up from your hotel in Reykjavik and a drive out into the countryside. Starting from the outskirts of Hveragerði, the town of hot springs and flowers, it leads into the beautiful geothermal valley of Reykjadalur. In the "Steamvalley" naturally hot water flows down of the slopes of Hellisheiði mountain range, creating the ideal place to bathe in an naturally hot river. The valley also has an amazing abundance of geothermal hot springs and you will witness everything from small gurgling melting pots to vibrant super heated pools of water. After exploring these wonders of nature we hike back down into the town of Hveragerði. This is a great 7 km, half-day trek that everyone can participate in. A unique chance to experience the local way of visiting the hot springs for a bath.

**Thorsmork Glacier Valley:** Thorsmork Glacier Valley is a natural oasis that lies just behind the now famous Eyjafjallajökull volcano. The recent eruptions have altered the appearance of the landscape but at the same time created a unique opportunity to witness how the elements of ice and fire constantly shape and reshape the surface of our planet. Only accessible by 4x4 vehicles, a tour into Thorsmork is truly an experience of nature. Our destination is Þórsmörk, a natural paradise, named after the mighty pagan God Thor. To get into the land behind the glaciers we



have to drive on a 4 x 4 track, over numerous un-bridged glacial rivers some of which can be quite deep and with strong currents. On our way we will pass right by the Eyjafjallajökull volcano that recently erupted, blowing ash high into the sky and over the closest area. Even if in some places ash has altered the appearance of the landscape, Þórsmörk is always a magical place to visit. It is a valley, full of geological wonders and unique vistas that Icelandic nature lovers have enjoyed for centuries. On the way back spectacular Seljalandsfoss waterfall awaits us cascading down from the cliffs' edge in its unique way. This is a tour into a unique area recently touched by the powers of Mother Nature.

### West Iceland

**Underworld Caving:** Just half an hour north of Reykjavik on the west coast of Iceland, this guided tour lets you explore the hidden underground system of lava caves. You will be equipped with lights and caving gear in order to enjoy the display of colours, shapes and textures while the guide informs you about the cave and tells stories of trolls, elves and outlaws. The caves were untouched for thousands of years and offer a unique experience. Lava tube caving is the exploration of a tube-like caves hidden right under our feet in the vast fields of ancient lava that covers much of Iceland. You will get to experience moments of profound serenity in an alien environment on this adventurous tour. This tour requires some crawling and walking on uneven ground, but it is otherwise an easy activity that families can do together. Be sure to bring good walking or hiking shoes and gloves.

**Borgarfjordur and Ice Cave:** This Super Jeep tour takes you north along the west coast and then inland, far away from the stress of Reykjavik to some areas less travelled. You'll see scolding hot springs, go into the ice cave (man-made) and even drive across a fjord through a tunnel under the sea! Includes the entry fee to the Ice Cave.

**Into the Glacier:** explore the untouched beauty of Langjökull, Iceland's second-largest glacier. Walk inside the man-made ice tunnel that leads right to the heart of the glacier and learn exciting facts about Icelandic glaciers along the way.

This tour can be booked including transfers from Reykjavik or, for those on a self-drive tour, you may join the tour in the town of Husafell or at Klaki base camp (a 4WD vehicle is recommended). From the Klaki base camp, specially modified monster trucks will take you to the glacier. These powerful vehicles turn the trip to the glacier into an adventure itself!

**Snaefellsness Peninsula:** Explore the stunning scenery and landscapes of the Snaefellsness Peninsula, a "must see" for nature lovers. The Snæfellsnes peninsula in the west of Iceland is almost like a miniature version of the whole country. You'll see the emblematic Snæfellsjökull glacier, white and black sand beaches, bird cliffs, spectacular mountains and volcanic craters, incredibly rich trout lakes and salmon rivers, lush valleys, and unique harbours in charming fishing villages. The stunning landscapes of the peninsula have captured the imagination of people all over the world ever since Jules Verne wrote the famous science fiction novel "Journey to the Centre of the Earth" in which the amazing Snæfellsjökull glacier is where the journey begins. Recently Ben Stiller filmed parts of his critically acclaimed blockbuster "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" here, notably in the charming village of Stykkishólmur. By coach or Super Jeep.

### North Iceland

**Diamond Circle Classic:** This tour takes you on an unforgettable journey through Iceland's most catastrophic and diverse area, rich in volcanic and geothermal features. The stunning beauty of Lake Mývatn has been the main attraction in the north for decades and east of the lake we enter the highlands arriving to Jökulsá Glacier River in Vatnajökull National Park. The breathtaking landscape of Jökulsá is formed by massive glacier floods from Vatnajökull, Iceland's biggest glacier. The canyons and rock formations visited in the Diamond Circle tour are impressive on their own but the iconic Dettifoss waterfall, the most powerful waterfall in Europe, is nothing short of majestic. The tour takes us north to the Arctic Coastline where we explore the canyon formation Ásbyrgi and drive along the coastline to the beautiful fishing village of Húsavík. Diamond Circle offers the best Iceland has to offer, powerful waterfalls, stunning nature, active geothermal areas and vivid bird life. Sit back and enjoy our expert local guidance through this magical, rough terrain. *From June to the middle of August, we stop at Tjörnes Peninsula where we can observe puffins nesting in the impressive cliffs by the coastline.*

**Dettifoss Waterfall Explorer:** The perfect tour to fully experience the magic and power of the great Dettifoss Waterfall. We take our time to find the best sights for photographing depending on weather and other conditions during that particular day. The tour starts by going straight from Akureyri to Lake Mývatn where we make a short stop, and you get a chance to see the magnificent area. Then we drive towards Dettifoss Waterfall, going off the main road. We arrive at Jökulsá á Fjöllum glacier river, where a mass of water, mud and sand rumbles into Iceland's most impressive canyon from Vatnajökull Glacier. Dettifoss is the most powerful waterfall in Europe, 100m wide and with fall of 44m. There is a short walk from the parking lot to the best viewpoints of the waterfall, and adjacent waterfalls of Hafragilsfoss and Selfoss. If the ground is covered in snow (which it is usually in winter), we use snowshoes to make the hike easier.

**Lake Myvatn Classic:** The Lake Mývatn area is by many considered the most beautiful place in Iceland. An amazing



journey through an area of extreme contrasts and nature's diversity. Stunning waterfalls, the lake with its abundant bird life, flora, geothermal activity including Hverir Mud Pools, geological sites of jagged lava fields and caves. The lake area has been a filming location for major Hollywood films and TV shows, such as Game of Thrones, Fast & Furious and Star Wars. Or, you can take the **Krafla Wilderness Walk** from Lake Myvatn, a small-group hiking tour exploring the Krafla lava fields, created by the massive volcanic eruptions between 1975 and 1984. The hike is slow, through rough terrain and time is taken to enjoy the raw nature and panoramic scenery.

Another option in the Lake Myvatn area is a private **Game of Thrones** tour. Your guide will take you behind the scenes of the popular series and beyond the Wall. Authentic and personalized tour with a local guide, covering a number of shooting locations, with enough time to explore, recreate scenes of the series for yourself and interact with your tour guide on how they were created.

**Kaldi Beer Spa:** The Beer Spa is one of "must to do" things in Iceland and is only 30 minutes drive north of Akureyri, in the small village of Árskógssandur. It stands next to Kaldi brewery, the oldest Micro Brewery in Iceland and a small and beautiful restaurant for you to enjoy. The Bath tubs are made from the famous Kambala wood and designed in a way to provide the most pleasure possible. All the Beer-Tubs are in private rooms and are available for one or two persons at a time. Standing next to every Beer-Tub is a beer draught for anybody over 20 years of age to enjoy as much beer as they like. For those who are looking for more bathing time the outside Infrared Sauna and Hot Tubs are available for a small extra fee that can be added upon booking or paid locally. The tubs are located with a grand view across the Eyjafjörður Fjord and the high surrounding mountains. The restaurant staff members will serve you while you are in the tubs so you can maximize your relaxation time. The bathing liquid is blend of Icelandic Spring Water, Non-Alcoholic Beer, Hops and Yeast. There is no age limit for the baths, however those 16 years and younger need to be accompanied by an adult.

**Arctic Coastline and Micro Brewery:** Tour gives you an opportunity to experience the coastal life in Eyjafjörður Fjord and Tröllaskagi Peninsula. The picturesque coastline route, with the mountains of hovering above, is a road less travelled and offers the tranquillity of rural Iceland. During this delightful day we travel by the Eyjafjörður coastline to Siglufjörður Fjord, focusing on coastal life and the beautiful seaside surroundings on the way. We take our time to walk on a black sand beach in Ólafsfjörður Village. From there we travel to Siglufjörður Village, the shooting location on the popular Icelandic TV series "Trapped", setting the right atmosphere for the thrilling series. Among other stops is the busy harbour area of Dalvík Village, one of the biggest port in Icelandic fishing industry, and the old herring factory in Hjalteyri Village. The tour ends with a special visit to Kaldi Brewery, Iceland's first micro-brewery, where we will get to taste their products, along with local food, matched with their brew.

**Lofthellir Cave Exploration:** This exciting tour takes you to Lofthellir Cave, a unique lava cave filled with ice formations, stalagmites and sculptures. The tour starts with a scenic drive from Akureyri to Lake Mývatn, which takes around 1 hour and 30 minutes. Upon arriving to Lake Mývatn we exit the main road and enter the wilderness. During the winter season the route to the cave can get rough, due to snow and ice, so we bring along the snowshoes along. The track is usually around 40 minutes hike across a rugged lava field. Thus we combine the pristine untouched snow covered lava fields around the cave with an underground exploration. Once at the cave we spend at least one hour inside the cave, exploring the ice formations, darkness and strange atmosphere inside 3000 year old lava tunnel. On route to and from the cave we explore the lava fields and craters around Lake Mývatn, especially the crater row of Lúdentarborgir. On the way back to Akureyri we stop by Goðafoss Waterfall, a beautiful and powerful waterfall in Skjálfandafljót river. You may also join this tour in Lake Myvatn.

**Askja Caldera Tour:** This tour is perfect to experience the barren interior and the lunar-like landscape of the Icelandic highlands. The Askja area is one of the main location where NASA trained their Apollo Astronauts before the first lunar landing. Iconic landmarks such as Herðubreiðalindir Oasis and Drekgil Gully are visited and number of other off the map sights and places. We catch a glimpse of where the Icelandic outlaws lived in the middle ages when they'd been banished. We might also be able to spot trolls, ghosts and other creatures that are said to live in the area and have haunted travellers for centuries.

**Beyond the Arctic Circle:** Cross the Arctic Circle to Grimsey Island. Grimsey Island is bisected by the Arctic Circle and lies about 40 km away from the mainland. It is surrounded by stunning cliffs from where it slopes gently southward to green fields and pastureland. All around the island are bird cliffs where a multitude of sea birds nest. All in all about sixty species of birds can be found on this fascinating island. Close to Basar farm on the island's northern half, a signpost at 66 degrees and 33 minutes north marks the Arctic Circle. Travellers can get a certificate from the local authorities to show that they have crossed the Circle. This tour departs from either Akureyri or Reykjavik.

#### **Horseback Riding**

Ride one of the friendly Icelandic horses through lava fields and mountain passes or along the country's coastline. Horseback riding tours are offered in several locations around Iceland. Riding time varies from an hour all the way up to a full day of riding as well as multi-day tours. Tours are offered to suit everyone from novice to experienced riders.



Please note: all equipment is supplied other than footwear. There is a maximum weight of 110-120kg per rider, depending on the stable.

### Water Activities

**River Fun:** Enjoy a beautiful landscape from a totally different angle! Glacier river rafting on the Hvita River (pronounced kveetow). Equipment and towel rentals are available and lunch or BBQ dinner can be added.

**Snorkelling Silfra:** The Silfra lava fissure is one of Iceland's best-kept secrets. Silfra, which is situated in the heart of Pingvellir – the site of the world's oldest parliament – is an otherworldly scene. The crystal clear water in the deep fissure gives you a feeling of being weightless as you float down with the lazy current. After an hour of snorkelling we climb out and on to the riverbank to enjoy a warm cup of hot chocolate and some light refreshments. Or, you can do the tour as above but scuba diving in Silfra lava fissure rather than snorkelling. PADI certification required. If some of your party are certified and others aren't, you can combine scuba diving and snorkelling at the same time within your group.

**Geothermal Snorkelling Tour:** 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.

**Ocean Scuba Diving Tour:** 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 Garður, located at the tip of the Reykjanes peninsula. Here we will swim out approximately 80 meters from the shore. Kelp forests offer a great habitat for a number of marine species, including lumpsuckers, nudibranchs, wolf fish and a wide variety of invertebrates. Colourful algae also flourish here off the coast of Iceland and pastel, orange coral intermittently decorates the sandy ocean floor.

### Northern Lights Winter Tours

**Aurora Borealis Super Jeep:** This Northern Lights tour out of Reykjavik takes you by Super Jeep out of town, far from the city lights to observe this fascinating natural phenomenon also known as Aurora Borealis. Given clear skies and a little bit of luck, sightings can occur from autumn through to spring. Daily mid-September to mid-April, pick up from hotels at 7:45pm. These tours also operate by coach.

**Northern Lights by Boat – Reykjavik harbour:** An amazing way to hunt for the northern lights. A once-in-a-lifetime experience as you learn about the myths and scientific phenomena of the lights! Boat trips are weather dependent and can be cancelled due to rough water. An alternate date or coach tour may be offered for cancelled boat tours.

**Northern Lights Hunt, Akureyri:** This tour is a Northern Lights hunt experience. To go into the dark, frozen winter night and observe an unbelievable display of colour, light and texture, is like waking up in a fairy-tale, full of mystery and magic. We drive out to the countryside or up to the mountains, away from electric glow and city sounds. You will be able to enjoy the beautiful night sky at the best possible situation, of course depending on weather. The Northern Lights, or the Aurora Borealis, are a natural phenomenon visible in the Northern Hemisphere. A unique display of light caused by a particle collision in the magnetic field of the polar caps.

## Details

### Trip Code:

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### INCLUDED

- Varies by tour. Please inquire.
- Day tours booked as “stand alone” and not in combination with an escorted tour, self-drive or accommodation booking may be assessed a booking fee. Ask your travel consultant for details.

### NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from Iceland
- Transfers not indicated
- Travel insurance
- Meals and beverages unless listed in tour description
- Items of a personal nature

### TOUR NOTES



Tell us what you are interested in and we can match up the tours that best suit your needs. We offer tours starting in Reykjavik or Akureyri, or if you're on a self-drive, in numerous places along the way. There are coach tours, tours by 4X4 vehicles, boat tours and horseback riding. Ask us for more suggestions and we'd be happy to offer you tours that fit your interests.

Many day tours can be quoted as private tours for your party - please inquire.

Day tours do sell out well in advance during certain times of the year, depending on the type of tour and size of group. Avoid disappointment and book ahead!

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