

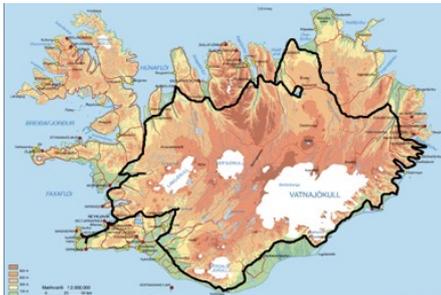
8 days | 7 nights

South-West Iceland



Day 1: Keflavík – Reykjavík | **Day 2:** Borgarfjörður – Akureyri | **Day 3:** Lake Mývatn – Akureyri
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Available all year round



Day 1: Welcome to Iceland

Your memorable, Iceland adventure begins the very moment you arrive at Keflavík Airport. Once you pick up your rental vehicle, you will head directly for Reykjavík and your exciting, first night in Iceland.

If your flight arrives early enough, we have a great suggestion for starting your trip off the right way: Plan a visit to Iceland's world-famous Blue Lagoon. Be sure to pack your swimsuit, so you can take a relaxing dip in the Lagoon's soothing, geothermal waters, before heading to your hotel.

Driving Distance: Approximately 50 km
 Overnight in Reykjavík



Day 2: Reykjavík – Borgarfjörður – Akureyri

The first day of your roundtrip takes you toward the northern part of Iceland, ending in the north's capital, Akureyri. As you head toward Borgarfjörður, we recommend stopping by the magnificent, Hraunfossar waterfalls, where the water seems to magically flow from the lava bed into the river below. You'll then continue your journey toward Akureyri, passing through Skagafjörður, known for exceptional horse breeding; in fact, many stunning, Icelandic horses can be seen on your drive. Take some time to visit the museum at Glaumbær, a beautifully restored turf farmhouse, one of the few that has been properly preserved in Iceland, before heading to Akureyri.

Driving Distance: Approximately 460 km
 Overnight in Akureyri area

Day 3: Akureyri – Mývatn – Akureyri

Your entire day is dedicated to the marvels of the Lake Mývatn Nature Reserve, renowned as one of Iceland's most inspiring, natural wonders. Exploring the wonders around the lake which is one of Iceland's most interesting regions with fantastic volcanic formations, geothermal activity and the lake itself, teeming with bird life, particularly ducks.

Take a walk at the Dimmuborgir lava formations and the Skutustadír



pseudocraters. Visit the amazing boiling mud pools and steam vents of Námaskard, and the Krafla area, where a series of volcanic eruptions took place from 1975-1984.

On the way to Mývatn, plan to stop at the impressive, Goðafoss waterfall, known as "the waterfall of the gods". At day's end, you will return to Akureyri for a second, overnight stay.

Driving Distance: Approximately 230 km
 Overnight in Akureyri area

Day 4: Akureyri – Tjörnes – Dettifoss – Ásbyrgi – Egilsstaðir

Today we recommend you to pass through Husavík and the Tjörnes Peninsula to reach the Jökulsárgljúfur National Park. (Canyon of



the Jökulsá river). Husavik is a fishing village and is one of the most popular places for whale watching trips.

After visiting Husavik, continue to the Tjörnes Peninsula. You will first visit Ásbyrgi, a huge horseshoe-shaped canyon that offers several walking possibilities. After strolling through Ásbyrgi, continue to Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall. In the afternoon you follow the road through an almost uninhabited desert region, Möðrudalsöræfi, until you reach the Egilsstaðir region

Driving Distance: Approximately 360 km
Overnight in Egilsstaðir area

Day 5: Egilsstaðir – East Fjords – Höfn

Today is the day to discover the East Fjords. Starting toward the fjord Reyðarfjörður, where a small World War II history museum is located, you continue along the fjords toward Southeast Iceland. In Stodvarfjörður a local lady has collected an impressive number of minerals and stones, presented in Petra's Stone Collection.



Passing small fishing villages like Breiðdalsvík and Djúpivogur, at times the road hangs precariously high on the mountain slopes. Finally, you drive through the tunnel of Almannaskarð to arrive in the Höfn region, where you will spend the night.

Driving Distance: Approximately 270 km
Overnight in Höfn area

Day 6: Höfn – Jöklsárlón – Skaftafell – Vík

Your next stop is Iceland's scenic southeast. After passing various, outlet glaciers belonging to Vatnajökull, Europe's largest ice cap, you'll arrive at the stunningly surreal beauty of Jökulsárlón, a glacial lagoon. This exceptional sight sits at the foot of Iceland's highest mountain, Hvannadalshnúkur.

Skaftafell National Park is another area definitely worth a visit. This oasis, surrounded by glaciers and black sand plains, offers a broad range of options for great hiking. Continue through Kirkjubæjarklaustur village, the Eldhraun lava field and the Mýrdalssandur plain, before you arrive in the Vík area.

Driving Distance: Approximately 280 km
Overnight in Vík/Klaustur area

Day 7: Vík – Skógar – Golden Circle – Reykjavík

Begin the day with a refreshing walk on Reynisfjara, a magnificent black sand beach with basalt columns of all sizes and shapes. Next to discover are the powerful Skógafoss waterfall, and Seljalandsfoss, a waterfall renowned not only for its beauty but also because it is possible to walk behind it and through to the other side.

Continue to explore the attractions along the "Golden Circle" with the famous Gullfoss, surely one of the country's most beautiful waterfalls. Only a few kilometers away is the Geysir area where the geyser Strokkur ejects its water column high into the air every 5–10 minutes and where numerous small springs boil and bubble.

Finally you drive to Thingvellir National Park, a historical site where the Icelandic parliament was founded in the 10th century. It is also on the UNESCO World Heritage List and considered one of the geological wonders of the world where you will see astonishing fissures and lava fields.

After a walk through the park, drive back to Reykjavík.

Driving Distance: Approximately 350 km
Overnight in Reykjavík

Day 8: Departure

Drive back to Keflavík Airport for your flight. Depending on your flight's time, you may be able to spend the last day in Reykjavík; or book an extra night to experience all the amazing things that the city has to offer.

Driving Distance: Approximately 50 km