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9 days | 8 nights

Classic Iceland

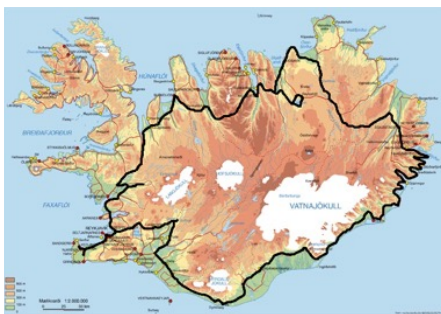


Day 1: Keflavík – Reykjavík | **Day 2:** Borgarfjörður – Snæfellsnes | **Day 3:** Skagafjörður – Akureyri
Day 4: Akureyri - Lake Mývatn | **Day 5:** Húsavík – Ásbyrgi – Dettifoss - Myvatn | **Day 6:** Egilsstaðir - East Fjords
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Day 1: Welcome to Iceland

Your memorable, Iceland adventure begins the very moment you arrive at Keflavik Airport. Our guide will pick you up and we drive to Reykjavik for your first night in Iceland.

Driving Distance: Approximately 50 km
Overnight stay in Reykjavík



Day 2: Snæfellsnes peninsula

Our roundtrip begins with discovering Snæfellsnes peninsula with the majestic glacier Snæfellsjökull, that Jules Verne choose for the entrance to his „Journey to the Centre of the Earth“.

We spend the day visiting the beautiful places all around, such as the old church of Búðir and Arnarstapi, a small fishing village, where basalt columns have been eroded by the pounding waves. There are also bird cliffs, home of kittiwakes and arctic terns. We take a stroll on Djúpálónssandur, a black sand

beach, and drive along the shore on the north of the peninsula passing through charming fishing villages.

Driving Distance: Approximately 320 km
Overnight stay in Snæfellsnes

Day 3: Hrótafjörður – Skagafjörður – Akureyri

We continue our journey through Budadalur and along Húnaflói and Skagafjörður region which is known for horse breeding and many Icelandic horses can be seen grazing in the fields of the Skagafjörður valley. We make our way just north of Varmahlíð to visit the Glaumbær museum, which is one of the best-preserved turf farmhouses in Iceland. Heading towards Eyjafjörður fjord, the road takes us through the deep valleys of Northern Iceland before we arrive in Akureyri town for our night's stay.

Driving Distance: Approximately 400 km
Overnight stay in Akureyri area

Optional: Glaumbær Museum

In Skagafjörður, stop at Glaumbær Museum, a charming traditional turf farm and its roof covered with a beautiful soft grass! This visit will allow us to better understand the rough life of the Icelandic countryside just a century ago. Included with supplement: Entrance fee.

Optional: Whale watching from Akureyri

Located inside the beautiful Eyjafjörður Fjord, Akureyri is an ideal starting point for a whale



watching cruise. We take advantage of our stopover in the “capital of the North” to go on a search for minke whales, humpback whales and other species such as white-beaked dolphins. Duration: Approx. 3hrs Included with supplement: Whale watching cruise.

Day 4: Akureyri – Goðafoss – Mývatn

Heading to Mývatn from Akureyri we stop at Goðafoss, the waterfall of the pagan gods, a place which is closely connected with one of the most important events in Icelandic history, the conversion to Christianity from heathendom in the year 1000.

The rest of the day is dedicated to the marvels of Lake Mývatn Nature Reserve. One of its main attractions is Námaskarð geothermal area where you will find bubbling mud pools and hissing steam vents. We must not miss the Krafla area with the crater Víti and later on we take a walk through the Dimmuborgir Lava Labyrinth.

Maybe you would like to take a refreshing bath in the geothermal water of Mývatn Nature Bath before we check-in our hotel?

Driving Distance: Approximately 150 km
Overnight stay in Mývatn area

Optional: Mývatn Nature Baths

Stop at Mývatn geothermal baths. Delicious experience in warm, milky waters, in a basin overlooking Lake Mývatn and its region. Included with supplement: Entrance fee and towel rental.

Day 5: Húsavík– Ásbyrgi -- Dettifoss – Myvatn

Passing Húsavík we drive around the attractive stretch of the coastline of Tjörnes peninsula until we arrive at Ásbyrgi, a horse-shoe-shaped gorge reputed to be the hoof print of Odin's eight-legged horse Sleipnir. We take a short walk in the canyon of Hljóðaklettur before heading to our next stop: the mighty Dettifoss, Iceland's and Europe's most powerful waterfall, which thunders 44 meters into a deep gorge. Return to Mývatn for second overnight.

Driving Distance: Approximately 220 km
Overnight stay in Mývatn area



Day 6: Egilsstaðir – East Fjords

Today we continue our trip through the desert highlands of Möðrudalsöræfi to the village of Egilsstaðir, located in the centre of East Iceland, on the banks of Lake Lögurinn. From Egilsstaðir we drive south through the sheltered East Fjords and their small fishing villages and pass through the villages of Reyðarfjörður, Fáskrúðsfjörður, Stöðvarfjörður. In Stöðvarfjörður you can visit the stone and mineral collection of Petra, a lady from the region whose name predestined her to devote her life to the collection of beautiful stones and minerals.

Driving Distance: Approximately 290 km
Overnight stay in East fjords



Optional: Petra's Stone & Mineral Collection

Stop in the village of Stöðvarfjörður to visit the stone and mineral collection of Petra, a lady from the region whose name predestined her to devote her life to the collection of beautiful stones and minerals that abounds in the East Fjords. Included with supplement: Entrance fee.



Day 7: Höfn – Jökulsárlón – Skaftafell – Vík

Continuing south at times the road hangs precariously high on the mountain slopes. Finally we arrive in Höfn and Iceland's scenic southeast. After passing various, outlet glaciers belonging to Vatnajökull, Europe's largest ice cap, we visit the stunningly surreal beauty of Jökulsárlón, a glacial lagoon and take a boat tour among floating icebergs. 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 to Kirkjubæjarklaustur village.

Driving Distance: Approximately 370 km
Overnight stay in Klaustur area

Optional: Jökulsárlón boat cruise

Go on board an amphibian boat for a cruise of 30-40 minutes among the icebergs of Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon. Duration: 30 to 40 min / Included with supplement: Amphibian boat tour with local English-speaking guide.

Day 8: Vík – Skógar – Golden Circle – Reykjavík

We begin the day with a refreshing walk on Reynisfjara near Vík, 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.

Then we 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 we 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 we drive back to Reykjavík for our last overnight in Iceland.

Driving Distance: Approximately 360 km
Overnight stay in Reykjavík

Optional: Lava Center

Stop at the Lava Center in Hvolsvöllur, an interactive museum on volcanic activity in Iceland, earthquakes and the creation of the island over the last 15 million years. Included with supplement: Entrance fee

Day 9: Departure

Private transfer to Keflavik Airport for your departure flight without assistance from the guide.

Driving Distance: Approximately 50 km