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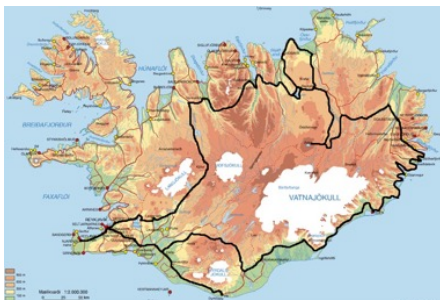
11 days | 10 nights

# Icelandic Highlands



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Available in summer  
Pls note: for 4WD  
vehicles only



## Day 1: Welcome to Iceland

Your memorable, Iceland adventure begins the very moment you arrive at Keflavik Airport. Once you pick up your rental vehicle, you will head directly for Reykjavik 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. and take a relaxing dip in the Lagoon's soothing, geothermal waters, before heading to your hotel.

Driving Distance: Approximately 50 km  
Overnight in Reykjavik

## Day 2: Reykjavik – The Colden Circle – Flúðir

You start the day by a drive to Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO world heritage site and one of the geological wonders of

the world where you can see the effects of the tectonic plate movements which have opened various cracks and fissures in the earth's crust. You continue to the famous Geysir Area where the Strokkur hot spring ejects its water column high into the air every 5 – 10 minutes and where numerous small springs boil and bubble. Afterwards you only have a short drive to reach Gullfoss, surely one of the country's most beautiful waterfalls. Overnight in Flúðir/Gullfoss area.

Driving Distance: Approximately 150 km  
Overnight in Flúðir/Gullfoss area

## Day 3: Kjölur – Hveravellir - Skagafjörður

Today you head north into the highland region along Kjölur highland track. This part of the interior highlands lies between two of Iceland's main icecaps, Langjökull and

Hofsjökull. In the old times, this used to be an important road that linked the North and the South but with time this area became more and more barren and today you will be driving across an open desertlike area where glaciers and mountains are the only thing to be seen on the horizon. In the middle of Kjölur track, however, you will find the hot spring area of Hveravellir, an oasis in the midst of Iceland's highlands. There you should make a stop and take a walk around the hot springs and even bathe in natural warm water, before you continue your way to the north. After crossing the highland you reach road nr. 1 and turn east in direction to Skagafjörður, with a couple of interesting places to visit. Glaumbær Museum and Viðumýri turf church. Overnight in Skagafjörður area.

Driving Distance: Approximately 250 km  
Overnight in Skagafjörður area



## Day 4: Akureyri – Goðafoss - Mývatn

Heading towards Eyjafjörður fjord, the road takes you through the deep valleys of Northern Iceland before you arrive in Akureyri town. We recommend a stroll in town before you head on to Mývatn area with a first stop 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. You must not miss the Krafla area with the crater Víti and later on we take a walk through the Dimmuborgir Lava Labyrinth.

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Driving Distance: Approximately 220 km  
Overnight in Mývatn area

## Day 5: Húsavík – Ásbyrgi – Dettifoss – Mývatn

You drive around the attractive stretch of the coastline of Tjörnes peninsula until you arrive at Ásbyrgi, a horse-shoe-shaped gorge reputed to be the hoof print of Odin's eight-legged horse Sleipnir. Take a short walk in the canyon before heading to your next stop: the mighty Dettifoss, Iceland's and Europe's most powerful waterfall, which thunders 44 meters into a deep gorge.

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Driving Distance: Approximately 230 km  
Overnight in Mývatn area

## Day 6: Mývatn – Herðubreiðalindir – Askja - Egilsstaðir

As you leave the Mývatn area behind you, you will move on to more and more deserted areas. The vegetation decreases noticeably and the desert wasteland surrounds you more and more intensively. On this route you will pass through rivers, so please be careful. To get to Askja, drive east from Mývatn and continue south on the F88 road. You will pass Herdubreið, a strikingly shaped table

volcano. Further south is the Askja volcanic system. From Askja you take the same route back and turn onto road F910 towards Egilsstaðir. You cross the glacial river Jökulsá a Fjöllum on the bridge at Uppþypingar and follow the road to Egilsstaðir

On this route you can choose from a variety of options. Please refer to your road map for detailed information. The most direct route to Egilsstaðir is via the highland runway F910 and then via road no. 923 and ring road 1.

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Driving Distance: Approximately 350 km  
Overnight in Egilsstaðir area

## Day 7: Egilsstaðir – East Fjords – Höfn

From Egilsstaðir you drive south through the sheltered East Fjords and their small fishing villages and pass through the villages of Reyðarfjörður, Fáskrúðsfjörður, Stöðvarfjörður and Djúpvogur. 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. Further away you discover Hvalnes, the "Cape of the Whales", and the never-ending stretches of beaches in Lónsvík.

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Driving Distance: Approximately 270 km  
Overnight in Höfn area

## Day 8: Jökulsárlón – Skaftafell – Klaustur

Start the day off at Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon where you can go on a short cruise, surrounded by the numerous icebergs that fill the lagoon (30-40 min. amphibian boat tour). You might also wish to take time to walk around in the beautiful surroundings. From Jökulsárlón we continue towards Skaftafell National Park through a breath-taking area right under Hvannadalshnúkur, the highest peak in Iceland (2110m). We recommend a hike in the park to access the beautiful Svartifoss. Drive to Klaustur for overnight stay.

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Driving Distance: Approximately 210 km  
Overnight in Klaustur area



## Day 9: Eldgjá – Landmannalaugar - Hvolsvöllur

Today we turn into the uninhabited highlands of South Iceland. You follow on the exciting mountain track „behind the mountains to the south, passing the volcanic fissure Eldgjá. Crossing several rivers you drive from here through a moonlike lava-landscape to Landmannalaugar.

In the middle of colorful rhyolite mountains this place is a real hikers paradise. We follow a path through rough obsidian lava up to the top of an extinct volcano (3 hrs.). After the hike you even get the possibility to relax in a natural geothermal spring close to the mountain hut. Overnight in Hvolsvöllur area.

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Driving Distance: Approximately 230 km  
Overnight in Hvolsvöllur area

## Day 10: Hvolsvöllur – Vík – Reykjavík

You drive along the south coast where you will pass two spectacular waterfalls: Seljalandsfoss behind which one can actually walk and Skógafoss, behind which one tells that there is a treasure hidden. Two stops you must not miss.

Continue further east to the black sand Reynisfjara beach, famous for the Reynisdrangar rock stacks that rise from the sea and its basalt columns. From here you head back to Reykjavík and we suggest a stop in Lava Centre for their volcanic exhibition and cinema (not included).

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Driving Distance: Approximately 280 km  
Overnight in Reykjavík

## Day 11: Departure

Now it is time to head back home, after an amazing journey through one of the world's most picturesque landscapes. You will drive back to Keflavík Airport for your flight back home. Depending on your flight time, you may be able to enjoy your last day strolling around Reykjavík. Or, even better, consider booking an extra night in Reykjavík to really give yourself time to experience all the amazing things Iceland's capital city has to offer.

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Driving Distance: Approximately 50 km

