

# 5 days 4 nights Pearls of the South

Day 1: Keflavík – Reykjavík | Day 2: The Golden Circle – Vík/Kirkjubæjarklaustur Day 3: Skaftafell – Jökulsárlón – Vík/Kirkjubæjarklaustur | Day 4: The South Shore – Reykjavík Day 5: Departure



#### **Day 1: Welcome to Iceland**

Available all year round

Your memorable adventure in Iceland begins the very moment you arrive at Keflavík Airport. Once you have picked up your rental vehicle, you will head directly for Reykjavík and your, 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 worldfamous 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 – The Colden Circle – Vík/Klaustur

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. Drive along the south coast to Vík/Klaustur area for your overnight stay.

Driving Distance: Approximately 350 km Overnight in Vík/Klaustur area

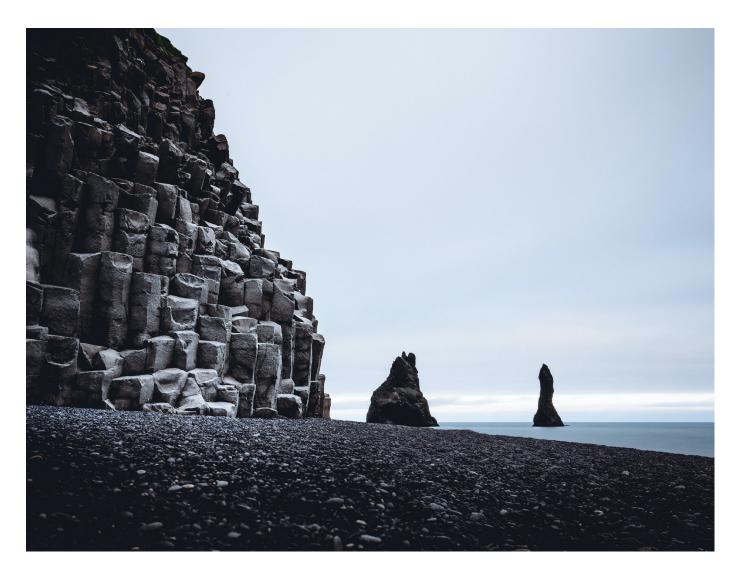
## Day 3: Skaftafell – Jökulsárlón – Vík/Klaustur

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

Skaftafell National Park is another area definately 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 driving back to Vík/Klaustur area.

Driving Distance: Approximately 460 km Overnight in Vík/Klaustur area





### Day 4: Vík/Klaustur – Reykjavík

Today you can start by looking at the black sand beach of Reynisfjara, famous for the Reynisdrangar rock stacks that rise from the sea and for its basalt columns. Dyrhólaey cape is the southernmost point of Iceland. A small road takes you to the top of this 120 m high sea cliff where you often can see a large number of puffins (please note that Dyrhólaey is closed during nesting season from May 15 until June 23 and from mid- August the puffins will have gone to sea!). Continuing westbound you arrive at Skógar and pass Skógafoss waterfall, one of the highest in Iceland. As you continue towards Hella you pass Seljalandsfoss waterfall, which you can actually walk behind. Your day will end in Reykjavík where you will spend your last night in Iceland.

Driving Distance: Approximately 200 km Overnight in Reykjavík

### **Day 5: 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 lceland's capital city has to offer.

Driving Distance: Approximately 50 km