TERRA NOVA

8 days | 7 nights South-West Iceland

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 Day 1: Keflavik – Reykjavik | Day 2: Borgarfjörður & Snæfellsnes | Day 3: The Golden Circle

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Available in summer Pls note: For 4WD vehicles only

Day 1: Welcome to Iceland

Arrival at Keflavik Airport. Pick-up of rented vehicle and drive to Reykjavik for your first night's stay in Iceland.

Depending on your arrival time, we recommend you make a stop at the Blue Lagoon on the way and have a swim in the warm geothermal water.

Driving distance approx. 50 km Overnight in Reykjavik



Day 2: Borgarfjörður and Snaefellsnes

From Reykjavik you head to the Borgarfjörður region on your way to Snaefellsnes Peninsula. Day spent exploring the numerous places of interest around the peninsula famous for the majestic Snaefell volcano/glacier at the end of the peninsula. Possible stops include the basalt pillars of Gerðuberg, Búðir with



its small wooden church surrounded by a lava field, Arnarstapi, a small fishing village where you can have a look at the fascinating rock formations by the old pier and Djúpalónssandur, a black sand beach. On the north of the peninsula you will drive along the shore of the Breiðafjörður Bay, passing through charming fishing villages. Overnight in Snaefellsnes Peninsula.

Driving distance approx. 280 km Overnight in Snæfellsnes area

Day 3: The Golden Circle

Today you will see some of the most famous sights in Iceland. You will start by exploring Borgarnes region. You can make a stop at Deildartunguhver hot spring (the biggest in Iceland in terms of water production per second), Reykholt where the famous medieval writer Snorri Sturluson lived and the Hraunfossar waterfalls where the water flows out from beneath a lava field into the river below. From there you continue your journey along the Kaldidalur highland road until you reach Thingvellir (Þingvellir), considered 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 near Geysir.

Driving distance approx. 320 km. Overnight in Geysir/Laugarvatn area





Day 4: Landmannalaugar

From Geysir you drive to Landmannalaugar, a highlight of every trip to iceland an unforgettable journey over lavafields and moon-like landscape. To reach this colourful ryolith mountains of Landmannlaugar you will be crossing rivers and passing over mountain passes. Here you can walk between colourful mountains. black obsidian lava and hot springs. Get comprehensive information about all hikingtracks in the mountain hut. Some of the hot springs are located at the bottom of a river, creating a wonderful temperature for a relaxing bath! Afterwards you continue your journey over lavafields and a moon-like landscape along the highland road "behind the mountains" to Kirkjubaejarklaustur. Overnight for 2 nights near Klaustur.

Driving distance approx. 250 km. Overnight in Klaustur area



Day 5: Skaftafell National Park and Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon

Today you will visit one of the most popular and beautiful sights of Iceland: Skaftafell National Park. Skaftafell is a breathtaking area right under Vatnajökull Glacier known for its unique natural features. Here you can choose between many different hiking trails through the park and visit beautiful waterfalls like Svartifoss. Skaftafell National Park is the ideal location for guided glacier walks or ice climbing. Continue east to reach one of the most spectacular sights in Iceland, the glacial lagoon Jokulsarlon. Enormous icebergs constantly break off the glacier into the lagoon, melting slowly as they drift towards the sea nearby. Drive back to Kirkjubæjarklaustur area for a second night.

Driving distance approx. 260 km Overnight in Klaustur area



Day 6: Waterfalls and black sands

Today you will spend the day along the south coast of lceland. Drive through the black sands of Mýrdalur before arriving to the village of Vik. A walk is recommended on the huge black sand beach and discover the great puffin colony by Reynisfjall mount. A stop can be made as well at Dyrhólaey bird cliff where you can usually see puffins (Please note: Dyrholaey is closed from May 15 till June 23 and from mid- August the puffins will have gone to sea!). Continue along the Eyjafjallajökull and Mýrdalsjökull glaciers to Skógar, known for its waterfall and folk museum. A visit to the museum recommended. Continue to Seljalandsfoss waterfall a stop you must not miss. Drive back and overnight stay in Reykjavik.

Driving distance approx. 270 km Overnight in Reykjavik

Day 7: The Blue Lagoon

Today you can explore the region of Reykjanes, Kleifarvatn, geothermal area of Seltun, Reykjanes lighthouse and maybe have a dip* in the famous Blue Lagoon spa for a relaxing swim in the geothermal water. Overnight in Reykjavik.

*Please note that entry to the Blue Lagoon is not included and needs to be booked in order to guarantee availability.

Driving distance approx. 150 km Overnight in Reykjavik



Day 8: Departure

Drive back to Keflavik airport for your flight back home.

Or book an extra night in Reykjavik, the vibrant capital of Iceland!

Driving distance approx. 50 km