



Magical Journey Around Iceland


7 days - Start and end in Reykjavik


- Explore Grábrók Volcano and its ancient lava
- Discover Lake Mývatn's active volcanic area
- Visit Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon and Diamond Beach
- Tour the Golden Circle, including Gullfoss and Geysir
- Walk behind the majestic Seljalandsfoss Waterfall

Itinerary Days 7

• **Day 1 (MONDAY)** Welcome to Iceland at Reykjavik airport
Enjoy Travel independently from the airport to your hotel in Reykjavík.

Start point

 Lobby, Icelandair Hótel Reykjavík Natura, Nauthólsvegur 52, Reykjavík, Capital Region 102, Iceland

 09:00

• **Day 2** (Travel to Akureyri)

Our guide meets the group at the hotel in Reykjavik at 9:00 am.

We drive northwards via the tunnel of Hvalfjörður to the small village of Borgarnes and then onwards to Skagafjörður fjord, known for being one of the main homes of the Icelandic horse and the only county in Iceland where horses outnumber people. We will visit Glaumbær, a traditional turf farm that offers insight into Icelandic history and rural life. Continue over the highland plateau of Öxnadalshéidi to Akureyri, the capital of north Iceland.

Overnight stay in Akureyri.

Optional bathing at Forest Lagoon after arrival in Akureyri (at extra price).

• **Day 3** (Lake Mývatn Area)

On this day, we concentrate on the beautiful area around Lake Mývatn. Lake Mývatn is a shallow lake in an area of active volcanism and boasts a high amount of biological activity. Starting from Akureyri, the drive to Mývatn takes about an hour and a half. Along the way, we stop at Goðafoss, the "Waterfall of the Gods," a stunning cascade with historical significance.

We explore the unique volcanic formations at Dimmuborgir, known as the "Dark Castles," and take a stroll around the pseudocraters at Skútustaðagígar. Another fascinating site is Grjótagjá, a small lava cave with a thermal spring inside. We also stop by the geothermal area at Námaskarð, where bubbling mud pools and steaming fumaroles create an otherworldly landscape.

On our way to Egilsstaðir in the east part of Iceland, we stop by Dettifoss Waterfall, reputed to be the second most powerful waterfall in Europe after the Rhine Falls. We then cross Möðrudalsöræfi highland desert through Jökuldalur and to Egilsstaðir.

Overnight stay in the town of Egilsstaðir.

• **Day 4** (East Fjords)

From Egilsstaðir, we drive through the Eastfjords to Höfn í Hornafirði. This part of the country has many narrow fjords surrounded by steep cliffs. In most of the fjords, we find small and attractive fishing villages. Visitors often overlook this part of the country despite its fantastic scenery, remote fishing villages, sparkling lakes, and traditional farms.

The region boasts the sunniest weather in the county in summer, but in winter, it is often mystically hidden by a dense fog. The area is known for its wildlife, especially for being the only part of the country where herds of wild reindeer live. Initially, locals brought them to Iceland for farming, but the industry was never profitable, and the experiment was abandoned. The reindeer are still there and have roamed free since.

Overnight at a hotel in Höfn.

• **Day 5** (Glacier Lagoon and South Coast)

We leave Höfn to drive along the southeast coast of Iceland. The first stop is at the Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon where we will take an amphibian boat tour. The Lagoon developed around 60 years ago with a continuous process of calving and falling icebergs from the glacier tongue Breiðamerkurjökull. These icebergs come in two shades: milky white and bright blue, an interplay of light and ice crystals. Below the Lagoon, the sparkling shards and orbs of ice wash up on the shore of Breiðamerkursandur, causing it to be called Diamond Beach in English. Our tour continues further along the Vatnajökull National Park. We stop at Skaftafell, a beautiful green oasis at the root of the glacier Öraefajökull, where Hvannadalshnúkur, Iceland's highest peak, is located (2119 m). After a quick stop there, we drive over the lava fields of Eldhraun and observe the black glacial deposits at Mýrdalssandur outwash plain.

We pass by the village of Vík and visit the black sand beach at Reynisfjara, known for its colony of puffins, unusual geological formations and smashing tidal waves. Be careful not to step too close as the waves can be dangerous. From Reynisfjara, you can view the impressive promontory Dyrhólaey where the sea has carved an enormous hole through the rock.

Next, we stop at the two waterfalls, Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss. At Seljalandsfoss, you can walk behind the waterfall but dress well, as the water mist behind the waterfall can make you wet.

• Overnight in Selfoss area.

• **Day 6** (Golden circle)

On this day, we tour the renowned Golden Circle. We start with a visit to the majestic Gullfoss Waterfall, the largest two-stepped waterfall in Iceland. Then we head to the Geysir hot spring area, home to the famous Geysir hot spring from which all other geysers take their name.

Geysir is no longer active, but another hot spring, Strokkur, erupts every few minutes.

Next, we visit the National Park at Þingvellir, where the North American and European tectonic plates drift apart and create a rift valley. The ancient Icelandic parliament, Alþingi, was established at Þingvellir in 930. Now residing in Reykjavík, it is one of the oldest surviving parliaments in the world. Þingvellir is, consequently, a sacred place for Icelanders.

From Þingvellir, we drive on to our hotel in Reykjavik.

Optional whale watching from Reykjavík harbour after arrival in Reykjavík (at extra price).

• **Day 7** (Goodbye Iceland)

On Departure Day. Travel independently from your hotel to the airport.

End point

 Main Entrance, Icelandair Hótel Reykjavík Natura, Nauthólsvegur 52, Reykjavík, Capital Region 102, Iceland

 17:00

Includes:

- **Accommodation**

- **Guide**

Expert guidance from a professional local guide

- **Meals**

Breakfast at the hotel, no other meals included

- **Additional services**

- Visit to Glaumbær Folk Museum
- Amphibian Boat Tour on Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon
- All sightseeing and activities stated as included.

- **Transport**

Bus tour as per the itinerary from day 2 to 6

Excludes:

Accommodation:

- Hotel Modern Times Vevey 4* or similar 4* hotel.
- All rooms offer a private bathroom.
- Hotel breakfast is included.
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