

# SOUTH & WEST ICELAND CLASSIC -

## WINTER

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#### DAY 1: ARRIVAL & REYKJAVIK

Welcome to Iceland! On arrival to Keflavik International Airport, a driver will be waiting in the arrivals hall to greet you and take you to your accommodation in Reykjavík. After settling in, you can visit one of the cosy, charming downtown cafés and explore the main shopping streets of Laugavegur and Skólavörðustígur.

Spend the night in Reykjavik.

**Attractions:** Reykjavík

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#### DAY 2: HISTORY, HOT SPRINGS AND LAVA WATERFALLS

Begin your journey with the car this morning by driving north through the historical Borgarfjörður area of West Iceland. For those interested in the history of Iceland, a stop at the Icelandic Settlement Centre in the town of Borgarnes is recommended. Other worthwhile natural sights in the area include the Hraunfossar and Barnafoss waterfalls that tumble over a lava field and Deildartunguhver, Europe's most powerful hot spring. Or for a truly unique experience, you can take an optional guided tour to Langjökull glacier, where a manmade ice cave is open to travellers. Tonight as you're away from the bright lights of Reykjavik, look up to the skies at night to see if you can spot some northern lights.\*

Spend the next two nights in the Borgarnes area.

*Driving distance approx. 196 km / 121 mi.*

*\*The northern lights are a natural phenomenon, so sightings cannot be guaranteed even on cloudless nights.*

**Attractions:** Borgarnes, Deildartunguhver, Hraunfossar & Barnafoss, Reykholt

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#### DAY 3: GLACIER & HIGHLIGHTS SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA

Enjoy spectacular views of the ocean, lava fields and snowy peaks as you circumnavigate the Snæfellsnes Peninsula today. Your drive along the coast here also offers such picture-perfect sights as the Dritvík Cove, the Lóndrangar cliffs, the Arnarstapi cliffs, the hamlet of Hellnar and various other small fishing villages. For a fun photo opportunity and to experience a blast from the past, you can also visit Djúpalónssandur, a pebble-filled beach with the four "lifting stones" that were used in old days to test men's strength for jobs on fishing boats.

Spend another night in the Borgarnes area.

*Driving distance approx. 323 km / 200 mi.*

**Attractions:** Arnarstapi, Búðir, Dritvík Cove, Hellnar, Kirkjufell, Snæfellsjökull National Park

## DAY 4: WINTER WONDERS OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

A drive around the classic “Golden Circle” route of Southwest Iceland brings you up close with some of Iceland’s most popular attractions. First on your journey is the fascinating Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, you can walk on a path in the rift valley between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates. Next on the route is the Haukadalur geothermal area, where you can see Geysir—the original “geyser”—and its more active neighbour Strokkur. End the day’s adventure with a visit to the two-tiered Gullfoss waterfall, one of Iceland’s most memorable sights, and then make your way south to your accommodation.

Spend the night in the Selfoss area

*Driving distance approx. 231 km / 143 mi.*

**Attractions:** Geysir, Gullfoss, Kerið, Þingvellir

## DAY 5: WATERFALLS & BLACK BEACHES IN SOUTH ICELAND

Today’s journey focuses on the natural beauty and diversity of Iceland’s south coast. Start with a visit to the majestic Seljalandsfoss waterfall, where you can walk on a trail behind the misty cascade. Just a short drive along the Ring Road brings you to yet another gorgeous waterfall, the 60-meter tall Skógafoss. Then visit Reynisfjara\*, the black sand beach, for stunning views of the Reynisdrangar basalt sea stacks and the Dyrhólaey cape.

*\*Caution should always be exercised when visiting Reynisfjara beach near Vík due to powerful rogue/sneaker waves and the strong undertow current. Always stay far back from the water’s edge and read the warning sign before walking on the beach.*

Spend the night in the Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.

*Driving distance approx. 203 km / 126 mi.*

**Attractions:** Dyrhólaey, Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar, Seljalandsfoss, Skógafoss

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## DAY 6: GLACIERS AND FLOATING ICEBERGS

From Kirkjubæjarklaustur, you will make your way to Skaftafell\*, part of the immense Vatnajökull National Park and a place of great natural beauty. Then head to the famous Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon and enjoy the view of floating icebergs. Next to the glacier lagoon, stop at the Diamond Beach where you will see big chunks of ice that have washed up on shore after being polished in the surf of the glacier lagoon. Then continue to the smaller lagoon, Fjallsárlón. Continue your scenic drive back to Kirkjubæjarklaustur, where you will spend the evening.

*\*venturing onto a glacier or engaging in ice climbing should only ever be attempted with the assistance of a licensed and experienced guide.*

Spend another night in the Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.

*Driving distance approx. 249 km / 154 mi.*

**Attractions:** Diamond Beach, Fjallsárlón, Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon, Skaftafell, Vatnajökull National Park

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## DAY 7: MOON-LIKE SURROUNDINGS OF REYKJANES PENINSULA

Continue to the volcanic, lunar-like landscapes of Reykjanes Peninsula, at the very south-western corner of Iceland. This is where you'll find the Blue Lagoon, a geothermal spa surrounded by dark lava formations—a unique experience in the winter! Other notable sights on the peninsula include Lake Kleifarvatn and the geothermal area of Krýsuvík, where you can visit the hot springs and bubbling mud pools at Seltún. Or, if you would like more time to explore Reykjavík, you can head directly to the city after visiting the Blue Lagoon.

Spend the night in Reykjavik.

*Driving distance approx. 341 km / 211 mi.*

**Attractions:** Blue Lagoon, Kleifarvatn, Krýsuvík & Seltún geothermal area, Reykjanes Peninsula

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## DAY 8: DEPARTURE

When it's time for your Iceland adventure to end, you will be picked up from the accommodation for your airport transfer by a shuttle bus about three hours before your flight. If you're flying in the afternoon, you have the option to visit the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa to relax in the warm mineral waters before continuing to the airport (optional: not included).

*Whatever your needs, we are here to help. If you have any questions about our packages or services, please do not hesitate to contact us.*

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