

NEW YEAR'S & GLACIER LAGOON

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DAY 1: ARRIVAL & EXPLORING REYKJAVIK

On arrival to Keflavik International Airport, you will be greeted by a professional driver who will take you to your accommodation in Reykjavik. After settling in, the rest of the day is free for you to explore Reykjavik. You can stroll the charming capital city, visit museums, and explore landmarks. Downtown Reykjavik offers numerous excellent restaurants and cafés, as well as bars, for those who want to experience the renowned Reykjavik nightlife.

Spend the night in Reykjavik.

HIGHLIGHTS: Reykjavik

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DAY 2: HOT SPRINGS OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

Today, you will collect your rental car in the morning and start your adventure on the road. You will drive towards the picture-perfect golden circle, a route featuring some of Iceland's most famous attractions. The first stop on this route in southwest Iceland is Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its natural beauty, unique geology and historical significance. Other attractions on your drive include the frequently bursting Strokkur geyser at the Geysir geothermal area, the Kerið implosion crater and the Gullfoss waterfall—an especially majestic sight in the wintertime. An ideal end to this day of sightseeing is an optional visit to the Secret Lagoon, a warm, natural pool that is soothing and so very relaxing.

Spend the night in Selfoss area.

Driving distance: 170 km / 105 miles

Please Note: For arrivals on the 29th of December, the Golden Circle will be moved to day 5 and you will drive directly to Kirkjubæjarklaustur

HIGHLIGHTS: Geysir - Gullfoss - Kerið - Þingvellir

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DAY 3: FROSTY WATERFALLS & SOUTH COAST

Today you will travel along the scenic south coast of Iceland. At the beautiful Seljalandsfoss waterfall you can follow a footpath behind its frosty cascade, a unique experience in Iceland. The next waterfall you will see, Skógafoss, is just as impressive in its winter coat. For a truly unique Icelandic experience, you can also take part in a guided ice walk in crampons (Optional; not included) on the nearby Mýrdalsjökull glacier. Or you could choose a tour to ride a snowmobile on the glacier, or go on a 2-hour ATV tour to the old airplane wreck that has now become one of our top places to take a selfie in Iceland (optional, not included)!

Next, you will drive to the village of Kirkjubæjarklaustur, where you will stay at the Magma Hotel, one of the highest rated hotels in Iceland. The hotel is located far from city lights so you will get an even better chance to try to spot the northern lights.

Spend the next two nights at the Magma Hotel.

**The northern lights are a natural phenomenon, so sightings cannot be guaranteed.*

Driving distance approx. 201 km / 123 miles

HIGHLIGHTS: Mýrdalsjökull, Katla & Sólheimajökull - Northern lights - Seljalandsfoss - Skógafoss

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DAY 4: GLACIAL WONDERS & NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

Today, is up to you, whether you would like to relax before the New Year's Eve festivities with visits to sites like the Kirkjugolf basalt stones and the Dverghamrar cliffs. Or, if you're feeling more adventurous, you could get an early start to explore Skaftafell, part of Vatnajökull National Park, and the floating icebergs at the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon. Then head back to your accommodation in Kirkjubæjarklaustur to freshen up for the night.

Tonight the New Year's Eve festivities kick off at Magma Hotel at 18:00, with an aperitif followed by a traditional Icelandic New Year's dinner buffet including both meat and vegetarian options. After dinner, hotel staff will light fireworks outside, and a bonfire will be lit, reachable by a short walk from the hotel. Close to midnight, we will toast with sparkling wine celebrating the new year!

Spend another night at the Magma Hotel.

Driving distance: 247 km/153 miles

Please Note: *The New Year's Celebration at the Magma Hotel has a set date on the 31st of December.*

HIGHLIGHTS: Dverghamrar - Fjallsárlón - Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon - Kirkjugólf - Vatnajökull National Park

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DAY 5: THE SPLENDID SOUTH COAST & REYKJAVÍK.

After a few days of taking in the frozen landscapes and glaciers of the south coast, you will head back west on a leisurely drive to the capital, Reykjavik. Worthwhile stops along the way include the hauntingly beautiful volcanic black sand beach south of Vík and the rock formations of Dyrhólaey. Today is ideal to join some optional activities (availability is limited due to holiday season) in the area such as glacier walking, snowmobiling or an ATV tour on the beach (optional, not included).

Drop the car off in the afternoon/evening and spend your last night in Reykjavik.

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Driving distance: 252 km/156 miles

HIGHLIGHTS: Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar - Vík í Mýrdal

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DAY 6: DEPARTURE FROM ICELAND

When it's time to depart, you will be picked up from your Reykjavik accommodation for your airport transfer. If you're flying in the afternoon, you have the option of visiting the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa before continuing to Keflavik International Airport. Soaking in the warm, milky-blue water surrounded by snow-covered, black lava rocks is a wonderful last memory of Iceland.

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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