

THE NATURAL WONDERS OF ICELAND - PRIVATE ITINERARY

DAY 1

DAY 1: ARRIVAL TO ICELAND

On arrival at Keflavik International Airport, you will be welcomed by a driver and transferred to your accommodation in **Reykjavík**. After settling in, take the opportunity to explore the vibrant city centre at your own pace. The main downtown street, **Laugavegur**, offers a variety of shops, galleries, restaurants, coffee houses and bars to suit all tastes—all within an easy walk. Spend the rest of the evening at your leisure.

Spend the night in Reykjavík.

Average Driving Distance: 49km / 30 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 50 Minutes

Attractions: Reykjavík

DAY 2

DAY 2: THE FAMOUS GOLDEN CIRCLE

This morning, your guide will meet you at the hotel and you will head to **Þingvellir**, a national park which has been nominated as a UNESCO world heritage site. Next, you will visit the great **Geysir** area with its spouting geysers and colourful hot springs. The tour will continue to **Gullfoss**, the golden waterfall, where you can see white water thrash and tumble down two-tiers, falling metres below. You can then stop by **Friðheimar** farm for a visit before continuing to your accommodation for the night.

Spend the night in Selfoss area.

Average Driving Distance: 190 km / 118 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 7-8 Hours

Attractions: Geysir, Gullfoss, Þingvellir

DAY 3

DAY 3: VOLCANOES, WATERFALLS AND BLACK SAND BEACHES

Start with either an optional visit to the Lava Centre to learn about Iceland's unique geology or begin your south coast journey with a visit to the fairytale-like **Seljalandsfoss** waterfall. Here, you can have the unique experience of walking behind the misty cascade. Just a short drive brings you to yet another gorgeous waterfall, the 60-meter tall **Skógafoss**, which is beautiful to photograph and roam the surroundings. Further ahead at the village of **Vík**, you will visit the black volcanic beach south of the village, from where you can view the rock formations **Dyrhólaey** and **Reynisdrangar**.

Your guide will then take you to the **Fjaðrárgljúfur** canyon, which has been hollowed out over millions of years by the Fjaðrá River. The walking path along the eastern edge of the canyon offer stunning views over the plains and glacial brooks below. You will end the day in the village of **Kirkjubæjarklaustur**.

Spend the night in Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.

Driving distance approx. 203 km / 126 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8-9 Hours

Attractions: Fjaðrárgljúfur, Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar, Seljalandsfoss, Skógafoss, Skógar



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DAY 4: SKAFTAFELL AND JÖKULSÁRLÓN GLACIER LAGOON

Today's drive takes you to some of Iceland's most photogenic attractions, including a visit to the beautiful **Skaftafell** area of **Vatnajökull** National Park, named for Iceland's largest glacier. Your guide will take you to the smaller lagoon, **Fjallsárlón**, followed by the well-known **Jökulsárlón** glacier lagoon. Next to the glacier lagoon you will 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.

After your day of icy sights, you will be taken to your accommodation in **Höfn** where you can relax for the evening and perhaps enjoy the local langoustines at dinner.

Spend the night in Höfn area.

Driving distance approx. 203 km / 126 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 7-8 Hours

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

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DAY 5: RUGGED EAST FJORDS TO MOON-LIKE NORTH ICELAND

This is a long day with a lot of diverse sights! Today's scenery in East Iceland includes tranquil fishing villages, narrow fjords, rugged tundra and sweeping landscapes. After reaching North Iceland, prepare to be amazed by the roaring **Dettifoss**, Europe's most powerful waterfall. There is a 1 km walk from the parking lot to the waterfall on a gravel road, which is definitely worth the trip.

Next you will explore the natural beauty of **Lake Mývatn** and its lunar landscapes with visits to the **Námaskarð** pass, the lava formations at **Dimmuborgir** and **Skútustaðagígar** pseudo craters. This is a great day for geology enthusiasts!

Spend the night in Lake Mývatn area.

Average Driving Distance: 429 km / 266 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 9-10 Hours

Attractions: Dettifoss, Dimmuborgir, Lake Mývatn, Námaskarð

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DAY 6: ÁSBYRGI, HLJÓÐAKLETTAR & JÖKULSÁRGLJÚFUR

You will start the day by driving to **Jökulsárgljúfur** National Park where you will visit the horseshoe-shaped **Ásbyrgi** canyon, which according to legend was formed by a footprint from the Norse god Odin's eight-legged horse. The next natural wonder on the list is **Hljóðaklettar**, the „echo rocks“, which are a collection of great basalt columns lying in every direction to create unique formations and arched caves that are known to create eerie echoes and reverberations. There you can do a short hike to explore the area.

Spend another night in Lake Mývatn.

Driving distance approx. 253 km / 157 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 7-8 Hours

Attractions: Ásbyrgi, Hljóðaklettar, Húsavík, Jökulsárgljúfur National Park

DAY 7: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GREAT NORTH

The first highlight of the journey today is **Goðafoss**, (the waterfall of the Gods), one of the most picturesque waterfalls in Iceland. You will then make your way to the charming town of **Akureyri**, where you will take a stroll in the heart of the city centre. You will have some leisure time to explore the town with your guide and grab some lunch before heading to the next stop.

Next, the tour will drive around **Tröllaskagi**, where you can enjoy fantastic views of beautiful mountains, cliffs and fjords. You will make a stop in the scenic town of **Siglufjörður**, which was once the centre of Iceland's herring fleet. The journey continues to the tranquil farmlands of **Skagafjörður**, where you will spend the night.

Spend the night in Skagafjörður area.

Driving distance approx. 256 km / 159 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8-9 Hours

Attractions: Akureyri, Goðafoss, Siglufjörður, Skagafjörður

DAY 8: NATURAL WONDERS OF SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA

Today you travel through Skagafjörður, towards the **Snæfellsnes** peninsula. This is a scenic drive on a beautiful stretch of Iceland. Your guide will pass sweeping farmlands of the northwest that are dotted with Icelandic horses. You will also get to see spectacular views of the islands of Breiðafjörður before reaching Snæfellsnes.

A highlight of the day will undoubtedly be the Snæfellsjökull glacier, believed by many to be one of Earth's seven major energy centers. It was also used as the backdrop to Jules Verne's famous novel "Journey to the Centre of the Earth. Your guide can also take you to see the **Dritvík** Cove and the **Lóndrangar** cliffs.

Spend the night in Snæfellsnes Peninsula.

Driving distance approx. 365 km / 226 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8-9 Hours

Attractions: Kirkjufell, Skagafjörður, Stykkishólmur

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DAY 9: HIDDEN GEMS OF THE WEST COAST

Today you will explore the beautiful Snæfellsnes peninsula with your private guide. First you will head toward the tip of the peninsula where you can measure your strength at **Djúpalónssandur** by the lifting the large stones on the beach. Who will be the strongest? Nearby, you will find **Hellnar** and **Arnarstapi**, with its unique rock formations, before heading back to the capital and completing our circle around Iceland. After you have been dropped off at your hotel for the night, you will have the rest of the evening in the city to enjoy at your leisure.

Spend the night in Reykjavík

Driving distance approx. 195 km / 121 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 7-8 Hours

Attractions: Djúpalónssandur, Hellnar, Reykjavík, Snæfellsjökull National Park

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DAY 10: DEPARTURE DAY

When it's time for your Iceland adventure to end, you will be picked up from the hotel for your airport transfer 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).

Average Driving Distance: 49 km / 30 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 50 Minutes

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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