

SOUTH ICELAND AT LEISURE - PRIVATE ITINERARY

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DAY 1: ARRIVAL TO ICELAND AND REYKJAVÍK

On arrival at Keflavik International Airport, you will be welcomed and driven 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

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DAY 2: SOUTH COAST & MAJESTIC WATERFALLS

This morning, your guide will meet you at the hotel and you will head to some of the best-known attractions in the south of Iceland. The first leg of your journey is along the south coast, with a stop at the fairy tale-like **Seljalandsfoss** waterfall—the only one of its kind in Iceland where you can walk behind the cascade on a footpath! For those who are a bit more adventurous, we recommend visiting a hidden waterfall in the canyon, known as **Gljúfrabúi**, located near Seljalandsfoss. Further along you can visit the magnificent 60 metre free-falling **Skógafoss** waterfall in Skógar. From there, the journey takes you past the beautiful **Eyjafjöll** mountain range.

Spend the night in the Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.

Average Driving Distance: 261 km / 162 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 7-8 hours

Attractions: Eyjafjallajökull, Seljalandsfoss, Skógafoss, Skógar

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DAY 3: SKAFTAFELL & THE GLACIER LAGOON

Today's drive takes you to some of Iceland's most photogenic attractions, starting with a visit to **Jökulsárlón** Glacier Lagoon, where you can choose to take an optional guided amphibian boat tour among the floating icebergs. Adjacent to the glacier lagoon, you will visit the **Diamond Beach**, where you will see chunks of sparkling ice dotting the shore like diamonds. Next, you will head to the smaller **Fjallsárlón** Glacier Lagoon, before continuing to the beautiful **Skaftafell** area of Vatnajökull National Park, named for Iceland's largest glacier. On your way back to the hotel you will stop at **Dverghamrar**, a small but impressive canyon full of unusual hexagonal basalt columns.

Spend the night again in Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.

Driving distance approx. 247 km / 153 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8-9 Hours

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

DAY 4: BLACK SAND BEACHES & GEOLOGICAL WONDERS

Explore along the south coast today with your private guide and visit worthwhile stops along the way, including the **Fjaðrarárgljúfur** canyon and the Dverghamrar "elf cliffs." Then, check out the volcanic black sand beaches near the village of **Vík í Mýrdal** and the 120 metre-high promontory of **Dyrhólaey*** with its spectacular rock arch, jagged bird cliffs and awe-inspiring views along with the **Reynisdrangar** basalt columns jutting out of the ocean. It is ideal today to join some of the optional activities available in the area such as glacier walking, an ATV tour or to enjoy some of the museums along the way.

Spend the night in the Selfoss area.

Driving distance approx. 203 km / 126 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 7-8 Hours

**The cliffs at Dyrhólaey are closed from mid-May until late June due to the puffin nesting season.*

Attractions: Dverghamrar, Dyrhólaey, Fjaðrarárgljúfur, Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar

DAY 5: EXPLORE THE FAMOUS GOLDEN CIRCLE

You have a full day to visit the Golden Circle region, a popular route for viewing some of the best-known natural sites in Iceland. Visit the great **Geysir** area and explore the bubbling mud pots and spouting Strokkur geyser before arriving at the picture perfect two-tiered **Gullfoss** waterfall. Your guide will complete the circle at **Þingvellir** National Park, which appears on UNESCO's World Heritage Site list for being historically significant to the founding of Icelandic democracy and a place of immense natural beauty. On the way back to your accommodation you could choose to visit the explosion crater **Kerið**, which is partially filled with bright blue water.

Spend the night in the Selfoss area.

Driving distance approx. 192 km / 119 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8-9 Hours

Attractions: Geysir, Gullfoss, Kerið, Þingvellir

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DAY 6: GEOTHERMAL AREA OF REYKJANES PENINSULA

Head to the volcanic **Reykjanes** Peninsula. On a fissure zone created by separation of the mid-Atlantic ridge running across Iceland lies the large geothermal area of **Krýsuvík**. Within the same area is the stunning **Seltún** geothermal field, where volcanic fumaroles, mud pots and hot springs have formed over millennia. Not far from the geothermal areas of **Krýsuvík** and Seltún is **Kleifarvatn**, the third largest lake in southern Iceland. Next, you can visit the Blue Lagoon, a geothermal spa surrounded by interesting lava formations—an especially unique experience in the winter (pre-booking needed).

Spend the night in Reykjavik.

Driving distance approx. 174 km / 108 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 7-8 Hours

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

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DAY 7: 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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