

SOUTH & WEST ICELAND CLASSIC - PRIVATE

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DAY 1: ARRIVAL TO ICELAND AND REYKJAVIK

On arrival at Keflavik International Airport, you will be welcomed by a driver and taken 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

HIGHLIGHTS: Reykjavík

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DAY 2: WEST ICELAND: HOT SPRINGS, WATERFALLS & GLACIER ADVENTURES

This morning, your guide will meet you at the hotel and you will begin your journey to the idyllic Icelandic countryside, starting with the bountiful **Borgarfjörður** area. Sights along the way include the twin waterfalls **Hraunfossar** and **Barnafoss** along with the **Deildartunguhver** hot spring. You also have the choice to join optional activities such as visiting the Krauma geothermal baths, exploring the lava tunnel Víðgelmir, venturing inside of a glacier or experiencing a thrilling snowmobile tour on top of a glacier.

Spend the night in the Borgarfjörður area.

Average Driving Distance: 196 km / 121 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8-9 hours

HIGHLIGHTS: Borgarfjörður - Borgarnes - Hraunfossar & Barnafoss - Reykholt

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DAY 3: WONDERS OF SNÆFELLSNES

Today you will head to the magical **Snæfellsnes** peninsula. The 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 drive along the coast here also offers such sights as the **Dritvík** Cove, the **Lóndrangar** Cliffs, the **Arnarstapi** Cliffs, the hamlet of **Hellnar** and various other charming fishing villages. For a fun photo opportunity and to experience a blast from the past, you can visit **Djúpalónssandur**, a pebble-filled beach with four famed "lifting stones" that were used in old days to test men's strength for jobs on fishing boats. Do you have what it takes to lift the stones?

Another overnight in the Borgarfjörður area.

Average Driving Distance: 323 km / 200 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8-9 hours

HIGHLIGHTS: Arnarstapi - Dritvík Cove - Hellnar - Snæfellsjökull National Park - Stykkishólmur

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DAY 4: THE CLASSIC GOLDEN CIRCLE

Today's journey brings you up close with some of Iceland's most popular attractions on the classic "Golden Circle" route. Once within the Golden Circle, start with a visit to the fascinating **Pingvellir** 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, which spouts water and steam every few minutes. End the day's adventure with a visit to the two-tiered **Gullfoss** waterfall, one of Iceland's most memorable sights.

Spend the night in Selfoss area.

Average Driving Distance: 229 km / 142 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8-9 hours

HIGHLIGHTS: Geysir - Gullfoss - Kerið - Þingvellir

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DAY 5: ROARING WATERFALLS & BLACK LAVA BEACH

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. Your next stop is at the vast black volcanic sand beach south of Vík, where you can see the jagged basalt rock formations of **Reynisdrangar** and **Dyrhólaey**. Continue the scenic drive along the south coast to the charming village **Kirkjubæjarklaustur**.

Spend the night in the Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.

Average Driving Distance: 203 km / 126 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8-9 hours

HIGHLIGHTS: Fjaðrárgljúfur - Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar - Seljalandsfoss - Skógafoss - Skógar - Vík í Mýrdal

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DAY 6: 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 enjoy 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

HIGHLIGHTS: Diamond Beach - Dverghamrar - Fjallsárlón - Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon - Skaftafell - Vatnajökull National Park

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DAY 7: SOUTH COAST TO THE VOLCANIC REYKJANES PENINSULA

Drive along the south coast to the **Reykjanes** peninsula, visiting worthwhile stops along the way like **Fjaðrarárgljúfur** canyon. Next, you will 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. 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).

Then you will head to the city to enjoy the late afternoon before relaxing at your accommodation for your last night in Iceland.

Spend the night in Reykjavik.

Average Driving Distance: 367 km / 228 mi.

Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 9-10 hours

HIGHLIGHTS: Blue Lagoon - Bridge Between Continents (Leif the Lucky bridge) - Krýsuvík & Seltún geothermal area

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DAY 8: 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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