

# ROMANCE AROUND ICELAND

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### DAY 1

#### DAY 1: WONDERS OF THE BLUE LAGOON & REYKJAVIK

You will be met in the arrivals hall at Keflavik International Airport by a private driver who will bring you to your first experience on your trip: the world famous **Blue Lagoon** geothermal spa\*. You will have 2.5 hours to spend at the lagoon, relaxing in the heated, mineral-rich, milky blue water. However, if you want more time at the lagoon, a longer visit can be arranged for an added cost. After relaxing in the soothing waters surrounded by lava rocks, you will be driven to your accommodation in **Reykjavik**. After checking in, you can spend the rest of your day exploring the charming capital of Reykjavik at your leisure. The pond in city centre is an ideal place to stroll during long summer nights, and checking out the lively atmosphere of Reykjavik's old harbour neighbourhood is highly recommended.

Spend the night in Reykjavík.

*Included Activity: The Blue Lagoon Comfort Experience including entrance to the Blue Lagoon, loan of towel, silica mud mask and a drink of your choice.*

*\*Those who are arriving late in the afternoon/evening, your travel consultant can move the Blue Lagoon visit to your departure transfer.*

**Attractions:** Blue Lagoon, Reykjavík

### DAY 2

#### DAY 2: THE CLASSIC GOLDEN CIRCLE

Collect your rental car in the morning and begin your journey on the classic Golden Circle route, which is home to some of south Iceland's most popular attractions. Start with a visit to the fascinating **Pingvellir** National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you can walk on a path in the rift valley between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates. Next on the route is a stop at the Haukadalur geothermal area, where you can see **Geysir**—the original “geyser”—and its more active neighbour, Strokkur, spout water and steam metres into the air every few minutes. Complete the circle with visits to the majestic **Gullfoss** waterfall and the impressive implosion crater of **Kerið** which has a bright blue pool in its centre.

Spend the night in the Hvolsvöllur area.

*Driving distance approx. 230 km / 143 mi.*

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

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### DAY 3: WATERFALLS AND VOLCANIC BEACHES OF SOUTH ICELAND

Start with a visit to the fairytale-like **Seljalandsfoss** waterfall, where you can walk right behind the misty cascade and steal a kiss with your partner. The gorgeous 60-metre tall **Skógafoss** waterfall just a short drive down the road is your next stop where you can roam the surroundings and snap photos. Further ahead at **Vík**, you can make a stop at the black volcanic beach south of the village, from where you can view the unique rock formations **Dyrhólaey** and **Reynisdrangar**. The last stop of the day is to the stunning **Fjaðrárgljúfur** canyon. Stroll hand-in-hand while you observe the breathtaking landscape, valleys and rocky paths. You also have a chance today to join an exciting guided excursion or snowmobile on a glacier!

Spend the night in the Kirkjubæjarklaustur/Skaftafell area.

*Driving distance approx. 155 km / 96 mi.*

**Attractions:** Dyrhólaey, Fjaðrárgljúfur, Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar, Seljalandsfoss, Skógafoss, Vík í Mýrdal

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### DAY 4: JÖKULSÁRLÓN GLACIER LAGOON & VATNAJÖKULL NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy Skaftafell, part of the immense Vatnajökull National Park and a place of great natural beauty with many well-marked hiking trails, including a short walk to the beautiful Svartifoss waterfall. This region is full of opportunities for more adventurous couples, such as a guided glacier walk or an ice-climbing excursion. Then, head to the spectacular Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon, where you can join a boat ride along the maze of floating icebergs (optional).

Spend the night in the Höfn or Djúpvogur area.

*Driving distance approx. 210 km / 130 mi.*

**Attractions:** Diamond Beach, Fjallsárlón, Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon, Skaftafell, Svartifoss

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### DAY 5: IDYLIC EAST FJORDS & MÝVATN NATURE BATHS

Your drive along East Iceland today is characterised by spectacular fjords, tranquil fishing villages, and sweeping landscapes. Upon arrival to the lunar-like Lake Mývatn, you will have a number of unique natural wonders to explore with your honey, including Krafla volcano, the curiously-coloured **Námaskarð** pass, the massive crater of Hverfell and the fascinating pseudo-craters at **Skútustaðir**. End the day by soaking in the warm, healing waters of the Mývatn Nature Baths, a great place to bathe under the midnight sun.

Spend the night in the **Lake Mývatn** area.

*Included Activity: Entrance to the Mývatn Nature Baths.*

*Driving distance approx. 420 km / 261 mi.*

**Attractions:** Dimmuborgir, Egilsstaðir & Lagarfljót, Hallormsstaður, Lake Mývatn, Námaskarð, Skútustaðagígar Pseudo-Craters

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## DAY 6: LAKE MÝVATN, DETTIFOSS & ÁSBYRGI

Use this day to further explore the surroundings of Lake Mývatn. You can kick off the day with an optional whale-watching trip from the quaint village of **Húsavík**, “the whale watching capital of Europe”. Then, drive through **Jökulsárgljúfur**—part of the vast Vatnajökull National Park, visiting such sights as the hoof-shaped **Ásbyrgi** canyon and the most powerful waterfall in Europe, **Dettifoss**.

Spend the night in the Lake Mývatn area.

*Driving distance approx. 237 km / 147 mi.*

**Attractions:** Ásbyrgi, Dettifoss, Húsavík, Jökulsárgljúfur National Park

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## DAY 7: THE PEARLS OF NORTH ICELAND

Spend the first half of the day around Lake Mývatn. We recommend a visit to **Goðafoss** (the Waterfall of the Gods) on your way to the charming town of **Akureyri**, where you will find interesting shops and museums as well as an array of restaurants and a well-kept botanical garden. After your break in Akureyri, you can either head straight to **Skagafjörður** or take a detour to Tröllaskagi (the Peninsula of the Trolls), where you can enjoy fantastic scenery of towering mountains, jagged cliffs and wide fjords. Then, continue through **Siglufjörður**, which was once the centre of Iceland’s herring fleet, and make a stop at Hofsó to relax in the thermal pool (optional) before arriving to Skagafjörður, an area known for its abundance of purebred Icelandic horses.

Spend the night in Northwest Iceland.

*Driving distance approx. 260 km / 161 mi.*

**Attractions:** Akureyri, Goðafoss, Siglufjörður, Skagafjörður

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## DAY 8: JOURNEY TO SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA

Head to the geologically diverse Snæfellsnes Peninsula today. Along the way, you’ll see the countless mounds of Vatnsdalshólar and the classically Icelandic Þingeyrarkirkja church. You may also wish to make stops to the living museum at Eiríksstaðir, the ancestral home of famous Viking Erik the Red, and the hot geothermal pool of Guðrúnarlaug. Or pay a visit to **Stykkishólmur**, a picture-perfect fishing village overlooking bountiful Breiðafjörður Bay. Here, you can take a walk up to the small hill overlooking the harbour, Súgandisey, for a wonderful panoramic view over the town, sea and surrounding mountains.

Spend the night on Snæfellsnes Peninsula

*Driving distance approx. 275 km / 171 mi.*

**Attractions:** Stykkishólmur

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## DAY 9: SNÆFELLSJÖKULL NATIONAL PARK & SNÆFELLSJÖKULL GLACIER

Experience the unique **Snæfellsjökull National Park**, with rich birdlife, lush valleys and deserted lava fields. It's an ideal road trip to drive around the peninsula, exploring **Dritvík Cove**, **Lóndrangar** Cliffs as well as **Hellnar** and **Arnarstapi** Cliffs with its bursting bird-life and small villages on the coast. You might wish to test your strength at the stones of the black volcanic beach of **Djúpalónssandur** like the sailors did in past times to prove their strength and land coveted roles on fishing ships. On Snæfellsnes, you can choose from a variety of activities such as horse riding, hiking, taking a boat-cruise (in summer) or simply relaxing and taking in the glacier's alleged supernatural energy.

Spend the night in Reykjavík.

*Driving distance approx. 290 km / 180 mi.*

**Attractions:** Arnarstapi, Djúpalónssandur, Dritvík Cove, Hellnar, Lóndrangar, Snæfellsjökull National Park

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## DAY 10: PRIVATE TRANSFER & DEPARTURE

After your memorable adventure in Iceland, enjoy a comfortable private transfer back to Keflavík International Airport. If you have some time before your driver collects you at your hotel you may wish to spend time souvenir shopping on Laugavegur, the city's high street, or the nearby street of Skólavörðustígur that leads up to the landmark Hallgrímskirkja church, where you can get fabulous city views from the bell tower.

*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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