

THE SOUTH COAST & SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA - PRIVATE TOUR

ITINERARY

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DAY 1: WELCOME TO REYKJAVÍK

At Keflavík International Airport you will be greeted by a private driver who will take you to your hotel in Reykjavík. After settling in, the rest of the day is free for you to explore the vibrant city centre with its abundance of museums, restaurants and bars to suit all tastes. If you're interested in checking out Icelandic design or experiencing the city's thriving coffee culture, head to the main street, Laugavegur, and enjoy its various shops and cosy cafes. There are several activities available if you arrive early and would like to start your Iceland adventure early, such as a guided food walk, whale watching tours, helicopter sightseeing, horse riding and more!

Spend the night in Reykjavík.

HIGHLIGHTS: Reykjavík

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DAY 2: THE MAGICAL SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA

Today your private guide will pick you up for your journey into the Icelandic countryside, starting with a drive west to the Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Often nicknamed "Iceland in Miniature", this area contains a stunning array of geological features formed over millennia by the forces of wind, waves, ice and volcanoes. It feels a bit more off the beaten path, characterised by its diverse birdlife, dramatic cliffs, rocky beaches, rugged peaks, crunchy lava formations and charming fishing villages.

Covering the western tip is the Snæfellsjökull National Park, so named for the peninsula's most prominent landmark: the glacier-capped 1446 m high Snæfellsjökull volcano. Your visit here also offers such sights as the Dritvík Cove, the Lóndrangar Cliffs, the Arnarstapi Cliffs, the hamlet of Hellnar and various other small fishing villages. For a fun photo opportunity and to experience a blast from the past, you can also 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?

Spend the night in West Iceland.

HIGHLIGHTS: Arnarstapi - Búðir - Djúpalónssandur - Hellnar - Snæfellsjökull National Park

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DAY 3: INTO THE GLACIER - ICE CAVE & ÞINGVELLIR NATIONAL PARK

Today's journey starts at Borgarfjörður with a visit to the picturesque twin waterfalls of Hraunfossar and Barnafoss, where glacial water trickles over rugged lava. After a stop at the most active hot spring in Europe, Deildartunguhver, your guide will then drive along a highland road leading to the desolate and hauntingly beautiful Kaldidalur valley and Langjökull, the second largest glacier in Iceland.

After climbing Langjökull glacier on a specially-modified vehicle, you will be led deep into the glacier, exploring Iceland from the inside of a manmade ice tunnel. There are special lighting effects, a few small exhibits along the way, and an ice lounge/seating area and a chapel at the end of the tunnel. This is a unique experience that few people get to enjoy.

In the afternoon, your guide will take you to Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site known

for its natural beauty, unique geology and historical significance. Here you can walk on a pathway in a tectonic rift near the site where Iceland's early settlers established the first parliament over 1,000 years ago. This park, along with the Gullfoss waterfall and Geysir hot springs (visited on Day 4), make up what's known as the popular Golden Circle route.

Spend the night in the Golden Circle area.

Included Activity: Into the Glacier Ice Cave Tour (approximately 2 hours)

HIGHLIGHTS: Deildartunguhver - Hraunfossar & Barnafoss - Into the Glacier - Langjökull Glacier - Þingvellir

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DAY 4: THE GOLDEN CIRCLE & VOLCANIC BEACHES

You will need to get an early start this morning to take in all the amazing sights! On today's drive are some of the best-known natural wonders in southwest Iceland, including the three spectacular waterfalls of Gullfoss, Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss – each with a pathway leading you alongside (or even behind!) the misty, roaring cascade. Your guide will also take you to see Geysir—the original geyser—and its more active neighbour Strokkur.

And no trip to south Iceland is complete without a visit to the black volcanic beach along the south coast. Further along near Vík, your guide will make a stop to admire the most famous beach on the island and enjoy the view of the dramatic Dyrhólaey and Reynisdrangar rock formations.

Spend the night in South Iceland.

HIGHLIGHTS: Dyrhólaey - Geysir - Gullfoss - Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar - Seljalandsfoss - Skógafoss

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DAY 5: HOT SPRINGS & BLUE LAGOON BATHING

What better way to end a tour in Iceland than with a day of geothermal wonders? On your way towards the airport, your guide will take you to Lake Kleifarvatn and the moon-like Krýsuvík area, where you can walk among the hot springs and bubbling mud pots.

The grand finale is the Blue Lagoon, a world-famous geothermal spa where you will have a couple hours to bathe in the mineral-rich, soothing waters surrounded by black lava formations. This is a wonderful last taste of Iceland, and it ensures that you are fully relaxed before your afternoon check-in at Keflavik International Airport.

Included Activity: Experience Comfort Entrance at the Blue Lagoon

**Please note that the service of the tour guide concludes in the afternoon. We can modify the itinerary accordingly for evening departure flights.*

HIGHLIGHTS: Blue Lagoon - Kleifarvatn - Reykjanes

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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