

# ICELAND RING ROAD IN LUXURY - WINTER ITINERARY

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## DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN ICELAND

Upon arrival at Keflavík International Airport, you will be greeted by a private chauffeur in the arrivals hall who will drive you to your well-appointed hotel in downtown **Reykjavík**. If you are arriving early, you will have the option of an early check-in (this needs to be arranged with your travel consultant in advance). After settling in, take the opportunity to explore the vibrant city centre at your own pace. The high 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 at the **Canopy by Hilton Reykjavík City Centre (King Junior Suite)**.

**Average Driving Distance:** 49 km / 30 mi.

**Average Travel & Exploring Duration:** 50 minutes

**Included:**

- Private VIP Airport Transfer

**Attractions:** Reykjavík

## DAY 2: WONDROUS WATERFALLS & GLACIER ADVENTURES

Start the day by meeting your private driver-guide after breakfast at your hotel before beginning your journey to the idyllic Icelandic countryside. First, you'll pass by the bountiful **Borgarfjörður** area on the west coast of Iceland. Sights along the way include the twin waterfalls **Hraunfossar** and **Barnafoss** along with the **Deildartunguhver** hot spring.

Next you'll head to **Langjökull** glacier where you will experience a truly icy adventure, venturing inside a glacier! During this unique tour, you will have the chance to experience the actual ice in Iceland, with a guided group tour inside the island's second largest glacier. An enormous, modified truck, outfitted for the glacier, will transport you to the manmade tunnel, which exposes the beautiful blue ice and allows you to see crevasses and the glacier's unique characteristics.

After the tour enjoy a relaxing time at the charming Hotel Húsafell, located in scenic surroundings, before visiting the heavenly Húsafell Canyon Baths. At night, now that you're in the countryside, be sure to step outside your hotels each night and see if the northern lights decided to make an appearance. The remote location of most of your hotels is ideal!

Spend the night at **Hótel Húsafell (Deluxe)**.

**Average Driving Distance: 180 km / 111 mi.**

**Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8-9 hours**

### **Included:**

- Group excursion: Into The Glacier Adventure on Langjökull (2-4 hours est).
- Group excursion: Húsafell Canyon Baths

*\* Please note that the northern lights are a natural phenomenon and sightings cannot be guaranteed.*

**Attractions:** Borgarfjörður, Deildartunguhver, Hraunfossar & Barnafoss, Húsafell, Into the Glacier, Langjökull Glacier, Reykholt

### DAY 3: THE WINTER WONDERS OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

Today's journey brings you up close and personal with some of Iceland's most popular south Iceland attractions along the classic **Golden Circle** route.

Start with a visit to the fascinating **Pingvellir National Park**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. If it's snowy you will see its charming winter look! Here, you can walk on a path in the rift valley between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates and learn about the first site of Iceland's democracy.

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 metres into the air every few minutes.

End the day's adventure with a visit to the two-tiered, roaring **Gullfoss** waterfall, one of Iceland's most memorable sights, before journeying on to your premium hotel for the night.

Spend the night at **Hotel Geysir (Suite)**.

*Average Driving Distance: 150 km / 94 mi.*

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8-9 hours*

**Attractions:** Geysir, Gullfoss, The Golden Circle, Pingvellir

### DAY 4: SOUTH COAST, WATERFALLS & BLACK SAND BEACHES

This morning your guide will take the scenic route to two beautiful waterfalls along the south coast, **Seljalandsfoss** and **Skógafoss**.

Seljalandsfoss is situated along the Seljalandsá river where the waterway plummets 40 metres over a cliff face. It is unique among waterfalls, as the shape of the cliff allows visitors to walk behind the chute via a footpath at the base of the falls. Be careful as it can be slippery in winter!

Nearby, Skógafoss is a magnificent 60-metre-high waterfall and one of Iceland's most photogenic landmarks. The fall produces a lot of mist and so rainbows are a common sight on sunny days.

Before arriving at the village of **Vík**, you will visit the black volcanic beach south of the village, from where you can view the unique rock formations **Dyrhólaey and Reynisdrangar**.

Spend the night at **Hotel Magma (Deluxe)**.

*Average Driving Distance: 250 km / 155 mi.*

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8-9 hours*

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

## DAY 5: THE GLACIER LAGOON & DIAMOND BEACH

Today your guide will drive to the magnificent **Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon**, located in the far south-east corner of Iceland. This is one of Iceland's best known and most photographed locations where you will see towering icebergs bob and glide in the water. Don't miss the view of the snowy towering mountains!

Afterwards you will stop by the **Diamond Beach**, where you will see chunks of ice glistening on the black sands.

Spend the night at **Fosshótel Vatnajökull (Suite)**.

*Average Driving Distance: 189 km / 117 mi.*

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8-9 hours*

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

## DAY 6: TRANQUIL EAST FJORDS

Your guide will take you along East Iceland today, an area is characterized by spectacular fjords, tranquil fishing villages, rugged tundra and sweeping landscapes. We recommend a stop by the Vök Baths, a relaxing, geothermal destination.

End the day in the area of **Egilsstaðir**, where you will find the monster habitat Lagafliót and Hallormsstaðarskógur forest, the largest wooded area in Iceland.

Spend the night at **Lake Hotel Egilsstaðir – Superior room**.

*Average Driving Distance: 256 km / 159 mi.*

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 7-8 hours*

**Attractions:** Egilsstaðir & Lagarfliót, Petra's Stone Collection

## DAY 7: THUNDEROUS WATERFALL & LUMINOUS NORTHERN LIGHTS

Continue north towards today's destination: the otherworldly **Lake Mývatn** area. On the way, you'll stop by the mighty **Dettifoss**, the most powerful waterfall in all of Europe. This part of North Iceland boasts an abundance of unusual natural wonders to explore, like the Krafla volcano and the curiously-coloured Námaskarð pass.

Finally, end the day by relaxing in the geothermal waters of the Mývatn Nature Baths. If the sky is clear, you may even see the majestic northern lights light up above you.\*

Spend the night at **Fosshótel Mývatn (Suite)**.

*Average Driving Distance: 216 km / 134 mi.*

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 8-9 hours*

**Included:**

- Group excursion: Entrance to Mývatn Nature Baths

**Attractions:** Ásbyrgi, Dettifoss, Hverfjall, Jökulsárgljúfur National Park, Krafla & Leirhnjúkur, Lake Mývatn, Mývatn Nature Baths, Námaskarð

## DAY 8: AKUREYRI, THE CAPITAL OF THE NORTH

Spend the first half of the day around Lake Mývatn before your guide takes you to **Akureyri**. On the way, you'll stop by the majestic **Goðafoss** ("The Waterfall of the Gods"). In Akureyri, the capital of North Iceland, take a stroll in the city centre and soak in the culture.

In the afternoon you will fly back from Akureyri to Reykjavík onboard a domestic, commercial flight with Air Iceland Connect. From the airport, you will enjoy a private VIP transfer to the Blue Lagoon Retreat. After the last few days of adventure on the road, it's time to relax, unwind and enjoy the natural surroundings in the lava fields dotting the Reykjanes peninsula.

Spend the night at **The Retreat Hotel at Blue Lagoon (Moss Junior Suite)**.\*

*\*Please note that the Retreat accommodation is not pre-booked and it is dependent on availability.*

**Average Driving Distance: 80 km / 50 mi.**

**Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 7-8 hours**

### **Included:**

- Domestic flight from Akureyri to Reykjavík
- VIP transfer from Reykjavík Airport to the Blue Lagoon
- Entrance to the Blue Lagoon Retreat Spa
- Entrance to the Blue Lagoon

**Attractions:** Akureyri, Goðafoss

## DAY 9: INDULGENCE AT THE LUXURIOUS BLUE LAGOON RETREAT

Today you can take full advantage of the luxury offerings of the Blue Lagoon Retreat. Start with a gourmet breakfast before relaxing at a morning yoga session. Then enjoy the warming waters of the Blue Lagoon and the intimate Retreat Lagoon. You could also book a spa treatment. This is your day to indulge, so let yourself be pampered.

In the afternoon, Icelandic coffee is served in the lounge. If it's a nice day, you could head out for a short hike along the local trails. Come back and relax some more in the lagoon. You can also take in the view from your private balcony if you want to observe nature in peace.

Spend the night at **The Retreat Hotel at Blue Lagoon (Moss Junior Suite)**.\*

*\*Please note that the Retreat accommodation is not pre-booked and it is dependent on availability.*

### **Included:**

- Morning group yoga class
- Afternoon Icelandic coffee in the hotel lounge
- Entrance to the Blue Lagoon Retreat Spa
- Entrance to the Blue Lagoon

**Attractions:** Blue Lagoon Retreat, Reykjanes Peninsula

**DAY 10: PRIVATE TRANSFER & DEPARTURE**

After this action-packed luxury tour in Iceland, enjoy a comfortable, private transfer to Keflavík International Airport in time for your flight home. For those who are boarding an afternoon flight, you could add a late check-out at the Blue Lagoon Retreat including a reservation for a private room at the Retreat Hotel for an additional fee.

**Average Driving Distance:** 25 km / 15 mi.

**Average Travel & Exploring Duration:** 30 minutes

**Included:**

- Private VIP transfer from the Blue Lagoon Retreat Hotel to Keflavík International Airport

**Attractions:** Blue Lagoon Retreat, Reykjanes Peninsula

*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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