

# ICELAND RING ROAD EXPRESS

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### DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN REYKJAVÍK

On arrival to Keflavík Airport, you will be greeted by a driver who will take you to your accommodation 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.

Spend the night in central Reykjavík.

**Attractions:** Reykjavík

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### DAY 2: THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

Collect your rental car in the morning and begin your journey on the classic “Golden Circle” route, home to some of Iceland’s most popular attractions, including **Pingvellir** National Park, the hot springs of the Haukadalur geothermal area, the majestic **Gullfoss** waterfall and the old implosion crater of **Kerið**. Then continue your drive along the south coast and visit the graceful **Seljalandsfoss** waterfall—where you can walk behind the cascade—and the equally impressive **Skógafoss** waterfall.

Spend the night in the Vík area.

*Driving distance approx. 320 km / 199 mi.*

**Attractions:** Geysir, Gullfoss, Kerið, Seljalandsfoss, Skógafoss, Vík í Mýrdal, Pingvellir

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### DAY 3: GLACIERS AND ICEBERGS

Visit the black volcanic beach near **Vík** and the rock formations of **Dyrhólaey** and **Reynisdrangar** before heading to **Skaftafell**, part of the immense Vatnajökull National Park and a place of great natural beauty. Then, on your way towards **Höfn**, take a break at the amazing **Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon**, where you can join a boat ride among the maze of floating icebergs (optional).

Spend the night in the Höfn area.

*Driving distance approx. 270 km / 168 mi.*

**Attractions:** Diamond Beach, Dyrhólaey, Höfn, Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon, Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar, Skaftafell, Vík í Mýrdal

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## DAY 4: EAST FJORDS & LAKE MÝVATN

Your drive along East Iceland today is characterised by spectacular fjords, tranquil fishing villages and sweeping landscapes. On arrival to the otherworldly **Lake Mývatn**, you have an abundance of unusual natural wonders to explore, including the Krafla volcano, the curiously-coloured **Námaskarð** pass, the fascinating lava formations at maze of **Dimmuborgir** and the lunar-like pseudo-craters at Skútustaðir.

Spend the night in the Lake Mývatn area.

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

**Attractions:** Búlandstindur, Dimmuborgir, Egilsstaðir & Lagarfljót, Lake Mývatn, Námaskarð, Petra's Stone Collection

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## DAY 5: THE CAPITAL OF THE NORTH

Spend the first half of the day exploring more of the sights around Lake Mývatn before driving towards **Skagafjörður**. On the way, you can stop to enjoy the beautiful **Goðafoss** waterfall, the charming town of **Akureyri**—nicknamed “The Capital of North Iceland”—and the **Glaumbær** turf farm museum.

Spend the night in the Skagafjörður area.

*Driving distance approx. 200 km / 124 mi.*

**Attractions:** Akureyri, Glaumbær, Goðafoss, Skagafjörður

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## DAY 6: HISTORY AND HOT SPRINGS

Head back to Reykjavík today. Notable sights along the way include the **Grábrók** volcanic crater, the Icelandic Settlement Centre in Borgarnes, **Deildartunguhver**—the largest hot spring in Europe—and the beautiful **Hraunfossar** waterfalls and Barnafoss waterfalls. History or Nordic literature buffs may also find it worthwhile to stop at the medieval research institution of Snorrastofa at **Reykholt**, where Snorri Sturluson wrote the Saga *Heimskringla* in the 13th century.

Spend the night in central Reykjavík.

On return to Reykjavík, return the rental car before settling in at your accommodation.

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

**Attractions:** Deildartunguhver, Grábrók, Hraunfossar & Barnafoss, Hvalfjörður, Reykholt

**DAY 7: DEPARTURE**

Transfer by shuttle to Keflavík Airport in time for your departure flight. If your flight is in the afternoon, you can fit in a relaxing visit to the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa or even take a short guided tour of the volcanic Reykjanes Peninsula (optional; not included).

*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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