

ICELAND RING ROAD EXPRESS

ITINERARY

DAY

1

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN REYKJAVÍK

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

HIGHLIGHTS: Reykjavik

DAY

2

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 Þingvellir 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.

HIGHLIGHTS: Geysir - Gullfoss - Kerið - Seljalandsfoss - Skógafoss - Vík í Mýrdal - Þingvellir

DAY

3

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.

HIGHLIGHTS: Diamond Beach - Dyrhólaey - Höfn - Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon - Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar - Skaftafell - Vík í Mýrdal

DAY

4

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.

HIGHLIGHTS: Búlandstindur - Dimmuborgir - Egilsstaðir & Lagarfljót - Lake Mývatn - Námaskarð - Petra's Stone Collection

DAY

5

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.

HIGHLIGHTS: Akureyri - Glaumbær - Goðafoss - Skagafjörður

DAY

6

DAY 6: HISTORY AND HOT SPRINGS

Head back to Reykjavik 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 Reykjavik.

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

Driving distance approx. 275 km / 171 mi.

HIGHLIGHTS: Deildartunguhver - Grábrók - Hraunfossar & Barnafoss - Hvalfjörður - Reykholt

DAY

7

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.

Nordic Visitor | Tel: +354 578 20 80 | info@nordicvisitor.com | nordicvisitor.com