

# SOUTH & WEST ICELAND CLASSIC

## WINTER - PRIVATE

### ITINERARY

**DAY  
1****DAY 1: WELCOME TO REYKJAVÍK**

On arrival at Keflavik International Airport, you will be welcomed and driven to your accommodation in **Reykjavík**. After settling in, take the opportunity to explore the vibrant city centre at your own pace. The main street, **Laugavegur**, offers a variety of shops, galleries, restaurants, coffee houses and bars to explore. You're sure to find something to your taste, and it's all within a short distance. Spend the rest of the evening at your leisure.

Spend the night in Reykjavík.

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

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 50 Minutes*

**Attractions:** Reykjavík

**DAY  
2****DAY 2: HISTORY, HOT SPRINGS AND LAVA WATERFALLS**

This morning, your guide will pick you up at your hotel to begin your journey to the idyllic Icelandic countryside, starting with the bountiful **Borgarfjörður** area. Along the way, you'll be able to take in such sights as the twin waterfalls **Hraunfossar** and **Barnafoss** and the **Deildartunguhver** hot spring. With some free time on your hand, you could also join an optional activity such as visiting the Krauma geothermal baths, exploring the lava tunnel Víðgelmir, or venturing inside a glacier.

Tonight, if the weather is clear, keep an eye out on the sky for the northern lights. Your guide might take you on an aurora hunt.\*

Spend the night in the Borgarfjörður area.

*Average Driving Distance: 196 km / 121 mi.*

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

*\*Please note that the northern lights are a natural phenomenon and cannot be guaranteed. Your guide will inform you if weather conditions and visibility are not favourable.*

**Attractions:** Borgarfjörður, Borgarnes, Deildartunguhver, Hraunfossar & Barnafoss, Reykholt

### DAY 3: WONDERS OF SNÆFELLSNES

Today you will head to the magical **Snæfellsnes** peninsula, often called “Iceland in miniature” thanks to its varied landscape. The highlight of the day will undoubtedly be the **Snæfellsjökull glacier**, believed by many to be one of Earth’s 7 major energy centres. Many also recognise the iconic **Kirkjufell mountain** from its many TV and film appearances.

Along the coast, you’ll pass picturesque sights like **Dritvík Cove**, the **Lóndrangar** and **Arnarstapi cliffs**, the hamlet of **Hellnar** and various other charming fishing villages. Your guide might stop at **Djúpalónssandur** for a fun photo opportunity. Back in the day, this pebble beach was where men would test their strengths with the 4 famed “lifting stones”. Why not try it yourself?

Spend another night in the Borgarfjörður area.

*Average Driving Distance: 323 km / 200 mi.*

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

**Attractions:** Arnarstapi, Dritvík Cove, Hellnar, Kirkjufell, Snæfellsjökull National Park, Stykkishólmur

### DAY 4: THE CLASSIC GOLDEN CIRCLE

You have a full day to visit the **Golden Circle** region, a popular route for viewing some of the best-known natural sites in Iceland. First, your guide will bring you to **Þingvellir** National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is significant to the founding of Icelandic democracy and a place of immense natural beauty. You’ll also get to wander around the great **Geysir** area, to see the bubbling mud pots and spouting Strokkur geyser. Then you’ll complete the circle at the impressive **Gullfoss** waterfall.

On the way back to your accommodation you could choose with your guide whether you’ll stop at the **Kerið volcanic crater**, which is partially filled with bright blue water.

Spend the night in the Selfoss area.

*Average Driving Distance: 229 km / 142 mi.*

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

**Attractions:** Geysir, Gullfoss, Kerið, The Golden Circle, Þingvellir

## DAY 5: ROARING WATERFALLS & BLACK LAVA BEACH

You could start the day with an optional visit to the Lava Centre to learn about Iceland's unique geology. Or begin your south coast adventure with a visit to the fairytale-like **Seljalandsfoss** waterfall.

Seljalandsfoss is the only one of its kind in Iceland, where you can walk behind the cascade on a footpath! If you're feeling adventurous, your guide might also take you to another waterfall hidden in a canyon nearby, known as **Gljúfrabúi**. Further along, you'll also visit the magnificent 60-metre, free-falling **Skógafoss** waterfall in **Skógar**.

Next, you'll stop to take in the sweeping views at the volcanic **black sand beach** south of Vík. Make sure to spot the dramatic rock formations of **Reynisdrangar** and **Dyrhólaey**. Continue the scenic drive along the south coast to the charming village Kirkjubæjarklaustur.

Spend the night in the Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.

*Average Driving Distance: 203 km / 126 mi.*

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

**Attractions:** Dyrhólaey, Mýrdalsjökull, Katla & Sólheimajökull, Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar, Seljalandsfoss, Skógafoss, Vík í Mýrdal

## DAY 6: SKAFTAFELL & THE GLACIER LAGOON

Today, you're in for another day of picture-perfect attractions. Your guide will first take you to the famous **Jökulsárlón** glacier lagoon. Next to the glacier lagoon, you will visit the **Diamond Beach**, where you will see chunks of sparkling ice dotting the shore like diamonds.

Later, you will head to the smaller **Fjallsárlón** glacier lagoon, before continuing to the beautiful **Skaftafell** area of the **Vatnajökull National Park**, named for Iceland's largest glacier. On your way back to the hotel you will make one more stop at **Dverghamrar**, a small but impressive canyon full of unusual hexagonal basalt columns.

Spend another night in Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.

*Driving distance approx. 247 km / 153 mi.*

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

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

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## DAY 7: SOUTH COAST TO THE VOLCANIC REYKJANES PENINSULA

Your guide will take you to the volcanic **Reykjanes** peninsula. This is a region known for its geothermal attractions and activity, thanks to its location on a fissure zone created by the separation of the mid-Atlantic ridge running across Iceland. This is where you'll find Iceland's newest volcano Fagradalsfjall, which erupted in spring 2021 and summer 2022.

You could see the geothermal area of **Krýsuvík** and the geothermal field of **Seltún**, where volcanic fumeroles, mud pots and hot springs have formed over millennia. Nearby, you'll find **Kleifarvatn**, the third largest lake in southern Iceland. Next, you can visit the Blue Lagoon, a geothermal spa surrounded by interesting lava formations - an especially unique experience in the winter (pre-booking needed).

Then you will head to the city to enjoy the late afternoon before relaxing at your accommodation for your last night in Iceland.

Spend the night in Reykjavik.

*Average Driving Distance: 367 km / 228 mi.*

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 9-10 hours*

**Attractions:** Blue Lagoon, Kleifarvatn, Krýsuvík & Seltún geothermal area, Reykjanes Peninsula

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## DAY 8: DEPARTURE DAY

When it's time for your Iceland getaway to come to an end, you will enjoy a private transfer back to the airport in time for your flight. If you're flying in the afternoon, you could add a bit more adventure to your itinerary. Book an optional activity (not included) such as going whale watching, visiting the Perlan museum, or going to relax at the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa.

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

*Average Travel & Exploring Duration: 50 Minutes*

*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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