

# SOUTH ICELAND AT LEISURE

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### DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN ICELAND

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 Reykjavik.

**Attractions:** Reykjavik

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### DAY 2: SOUTH COAST & MAJESTIC WATERFALLS

Start the day by picking up your rental car before taking in some of the best known attractions in the south of Iceland. The first leg of your journey is along the south coast, with a stop at the fairy tale-like Seljalandsfoss waterfall—the only one of its kind in Iceland where you can walk behind the cascade on a footpath!\* For those who are a bit more adventurous, we recommend visiting a hidden waterfall in the canyon, known as Gljúfrabúi, located near Seljalandsfoss. Further along you can visit the magnificent 60 metre free-falling Skógafoss waterfall in Skógar. From there, the journey takes you past the beautiful Eyjafjöll mountain range.

Spend the night in the Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.

*Driving distance approx. 250 km / 155 miles*

**Attractions:** Dyrhólaey, Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar, Seljalandsfoss, Skógafoss

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### DAY 3: SKAFTAFELL & THE GLORIOUS GLACIER LAGOON

Kick off the day by exploring Skaftafell, part of Vatnajökull National Park and home of the amazing Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon where you can take a boat ride among the floating icebergs that vary in colour and size. You can spend time marveling at the area's great beauty by trekking the many well-maintained hiking trails, including a short walk to the beautiful Svartifoss waterfall. In this area you can also go on a guided glacier walk or try your hand at ice-climbing with an optional guided tour.\* Journey back to your accommodation along the South Coast for the evening.

Spend the night in the Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.

*Driving distance: 250 km/155 miles*

**\*NOTE: Venturing onto a glacier or engaging in ice climbing should only ever be attempted with the assistance of a licensed and experienced guide. It is extremely dangerous to go on your own. If a guided tour is of interest to you, please contact Nordic Visitor.**

**Attractions:** Diamond Beach, Fjallsárlón, Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon, Skaftafell, Svartifoss

## DAY 4: BLACK SAND BEACHES & GEOLOGICAL WONDERS

Drive along the south coast today and visit worthwhile stops along the way, including the Fjaðrarárgljúfur canyon and the Dverghamrar "elf cliffs." Then, check out the volcanic black sand beaches\* near the village of Vík í Mýrdal and the 120 metre-high promontory of Dyrhólaey\*\* with its spectacular rock arch, jagged bird cliffs and awe-inspiring views along with the Reynisdrangar basalt columns jutting out of the ocean. It is ideal today to join some of the optional activities available in the area such as glacier walking, snowmobiling or horse riding.

Spend the night in the Selfoss area.

*Driving distance: 200 km/124 miles*

**\* Caution should always be exercised when visiting Reynisfjara beach near Vík due to powerful rogue/sneaker waves and the strong undertow current. Always stay far back from the water's edge and never turn your back to the sea.**

**\*\*The cliffs at Dyrhólaey are closed from mid-May until late June due to the puffin nesting season.**

**Attractions:** Dverghamrar, Fjaðrarárgljúfur, Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar, Vík í Mýrdal

## DAY 5: EXPLORE THE FAMOUS 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. Visit the great Geysir area and explore the bubbling mud pots and spouting Strokkur geyser before arriving at the picture perfect two-tiered Gullfoss waterfall. After, you could choose to visit the old bishopry at Skálholt and the explosion crater Kerið, now partially filled with bright blue water. Complete the circle at Þingvellir National Park, which appears on UNESCO's World Heritage Site list for being historically significant to the founding of Icelandic democracy and a place of immense natural beauty.

Spend the night in the Selfoss area.

*Driving distance: 190 km / 118 miles*

**Attractions:** Geysir, Gullfoss, Kerið, Þingvellir

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## DAY 6: RELAXING BLUE LAGOON & REYKJANES PENINSULA

Continue your journey to the volcanic wonderland of the Reykjanes Peninsula, where you can visit the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa, set amidst a haunting black lava field. The waters are rich in silica and blue-green algae, giving the lagoon its reputed healing powers and characteristic milky blue colour. In-water massages are available (must be booked in advance) but you can also unwind in a sauna and steam bath or get a soothing massage under the mini waterfall.\*

If you wish to head directly to Reykjavik without visiting the Reykjanes peninsula, you can drive along the south coast back to the capital city. Worthwhile stops along the way include the surroundings of the small village Hveragerði, which has a lovely park. Once back in Reykjavik, you have the option of doing some last-minute shopping or simply spending the night at your leisure.

Spend the night in Reykjavik.

*Driving distance approx. 180 km / 111 mi.*

**\*Reservations are required for the Blue Lagoon. Entrance to the Blue Lagoon is not included in the price of the tour.**

**Attractions:** Blue Lagoon, Eyrarbakki & Stokkseyri, Kleifarvatn, Krýsuvík & Seltún geothermal area

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## DAY 7: DEPARTURE

On your day of departure, a shuttle bus will collect you from your hotel in Reykjavik and deliver you back to Keflavik International Airport ahead of your scheduled flight.

*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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