

4X4 HIGHLAND ADVENTURE IN THE SOUTH

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DAY 1: WELCOME TO 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.

HIGHLIGHTS: Reykjavik

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DAY 2: ADVENTURES OF THE WEST COAST

Start your highland adventure by collecting your rental vehicle and heading to the west coast of Iceland, Borgarfjörður. The region is well known for its exquisite nature and attractions such as the stunning Hraunfossar and Barnafoss waterfalls and Deildartunguhver, the largest hot spring in Europe. Have you ever dreamt of venturing inside a glacier? Well, this is your opportunity! From Húsafell you can take an optional tour to Langjökull, where a manmade ice cave is open to intrepid travellers. You can explore the cave's crevasses and bright blue hues, along with special chambers and informational guides about the geology of glaciers.

After the excursion, drive along Langjökull glacier, following the mountain road Kaldidalur towards the Golden Circle area where you will be spending the night. This is where your 4x4 comes in handy, as this route is only open to 4x4 vehicles. Your first stop along the Golden Circle is Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is fascinating for its geology as well as historical relevance.

Driving distance approx: 300 km/186 mi.

Spend the night in the Golden Circle area

HIGHLIGHTS: Deildartunguhver - Hraunfossar & Barnafoss - Húsafell - Þingvellir

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DAY 3: GULLFOSS, GEYSIR & THE HIGHLANDS

Start with a visit to the Geysir—the original “geyser”—and its more active neighbour, Strokkur, which erupts steam and water metres into the air every few minutes. Next up is the majestic Gullfoss waterfall, which is a two-tiered waterfall with roaring white water thundering and crashing below. There's a reason why this is such a popular attraction! Head to the Þjórsárdalur Valley, which is located close to the looming volcano Hekla, where you will find sights that include the Þjóðveldisbærinn Stöng, a reconstructed Viking area farmstead and Hjálparfoss waterfall before continuing the route to Landmannalaugar and the Highland Center.

Driving distance approx: 100 km/62 mi.

Spend the night in the Hrauneyjar area (if available).

Spend the night in the Kirkjubæjarklaustur area (if available).

HIGHLIGHTS: Geysir - Gullfoss - Hjalparfoss - Landmannalaugar

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DAY 4: LANDMANNALAUGAR HIGHLAND ROUTE

Today it's time to put your 4x4 vehicle to the test by exploring the southern highlands. Spend the first part of your day enjoying Landmannalaugar, a unique geothermal area surrounded by colourful rhyolite peaks. This is an ideal place to do some light hiking as there are numerous hiking trails in the region. You can even enjoy a dip in a natural geothermal pool in these beautiful surroundings. Next up is driving the Fjallabak mountain road, where you can enjoy this geologically diverse region with visits to the Eldgjá fissures and the Ófærufoss waterfall on your way to the cosy village of Kirkjubæjarklaustur.

Driving distance approx: 130 km/81 mi.

Spend the night in the Kirkjubæjarklaustur area

HIGHLIGHTS: Geysir - Gullfoss - Hjalparfoss - Landmannalaugar

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DAY 5: SKAFTAFELL & THE GLORIOUS GLACIER LAGOON

Kick off the day by exploring Skaftafell, a divine slice of Vatnajökull National Park and home of the spectacular Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon where you can take a boat ride among the floating icebergs that vary in colour, shape 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 region, you can choose to take part in 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 mi.

***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.*

HIGHLIGHTS: Diamond Beach - Fjallsárlón - Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon - Skaftafell - Svartifoss

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DAY 6: BLACK SAND BEACHES & GEOLOGICAL WONDERS

Drive along the beautiful south coast, an area full of postcard-perfect scenery. Notable sights on your route today include the dramatic black sand beaches and jagged rock formations near Vík. And of course, no visit to South Iceland is complete without seeing the stunning Skógafoss waterfall and the nearby Seljalandsfoss waterfall, where you can walk right behind the misty cascade. It is ideal today to join some of the optional activities available in the area such as glacier walking, snowmobiling or horse riding before continuing to Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland.

Spend the night in the Reykjavik area.

Driving distance: 370 km/230 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.**

HIGHLIGHTS: Dyrhólaey - Fjaðrárgljúfur - Reynisfjara & Reynisdrangar - Seljalandsfoss - Skógafoss - Vík í

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DAY 7: DEPARTURE

On your day of departure, a shuttle bus will collect you from your accommodation in Reykjavík and deliver you to Keflavík 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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