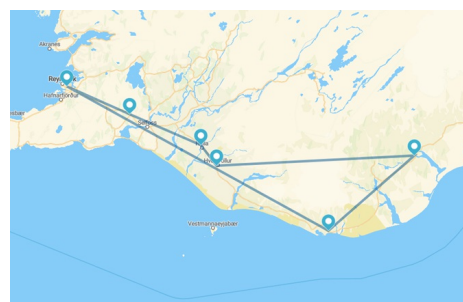




Iceland, 6 Days · Tailor-made by car

Island of Ice's Southern Route I

Iceland, with its Viking past, is legend and reality. In this country, where the sky looks like a work of art, impressive geology becomes an everyday sight and the cold is fought in pools of volcanic water. Its capital, Reykjavik, has very interesting culture to offer. From its music festival, Sónar, in one of the most exclusive concert halls in Europe, that boasts imposing architecture, a harbour location and which stands out at night with its purple lighting, to the city's unusual penis museum. But Iceland is impressive especially for its imposing nature, with landscapes that are unique in the world: turquoise lagoons dotted with icebergs, geysers spitting columns of boiling water, volcanoes and impossible landscapes caused by earthquakes, with cracks that seem to show the interior of the Earth, black beaches and endless waterfalls... And, among all this, the adventure of hunting northern lights, that phenomenon of multi-coloured lights across a dark sky. A country of 100,000 square kilometres so full of things to see that you won't get around it all, where the traditional cuisine will also impact you: head of cooked lamb, dried and marinated fish, mashed turnip, reindeer meat and the especially famous haka! Have a unique adventure!



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Departure date: Departures from July 2026 till June 2027

From: London

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - REYKJAVIK - HVERAGERDI

Flight departure from the city of origin to Reykjavik. Arrival and rental car pick-up. Depending on the arrival time of your flight, you can experience the unique geothermal power of Iceland in your body with a dip in the Blue Lagoon (23 kilometres from the airport), before heading to the town of Hveragerdi, 40 minutes away, for the first night's stay. Considered by some to be the hot springs capital of the world, it's located in the geothermally active area of the Hengill volcano. It's famous for its hothouses, which gave rise to a well-maintained horticulture, and its thermal waters known as Sandhólshver, product of an earthquake in 1896. In 2008, another earthquake generated a new area of thermal waters, impressive for its clear-water springs and colourful mud. A free exhibition looks at the event, which caused damage to buildings and the surroundings. Observing the pillars of smoke that rise from the earth is a spectacle. If you want to go for a dip, the geothermal park of Hveragerdi opens every day during the summer (at other times you have to request guided tours). Here you can immerse yourself in hot water, sink your feet into natural clay and even fry an egg and bake black bread. Simply incredible! Overnight stay in Hveragerdi.

● DAY 2 · HVERAGERDI - HELLA/HVOLSVÖLLUR - KIRKJUBAEJARKLAUSTUR

Before leaving Hveragerdi you can visit the "Path of the Poets", which links the historical parts of the city through three streets that formed the artists' neighbourhoods between 1940 and 1965. Then head towards Hella, 45-minutes away, a small town that was once inhabited by monks and named after the caves near the Ytri-Rangá River. It's famous for its proximity to the Hekla volcano, which stands about 1,500 metres high and was long considered the 'gateway to hell' because of its long history of dangerous eruptions. The poet William Blake immortalised it in literature, just as its rock production, the tephra, has done in Icelandic geography. But Hella is also famous for its location in a privileged area, where you can see the magical aurora borealis in winter. This phenomenon is down to charged particles being released from the solar atmosphere, which collide and - thanks to the different gases - create incredible colourful brush strokes across the dark sky: green generated by oxygen molecules, and blue and purple due to nitrogen. Continue to the fairytale waterfall of Seljalandsfoss, just under half an hour away, where you can walk right under its misty cascade, and then head over to the beautiful 62-metre-high and 25-metre-wide waterfall of Skopjefoss, which is often crowned by a rainbow on sunny days. Legend has it that the first Viking settler in the area buried treasure in the grotto behind the waterfall. Make sure you climb up the steps to admire the magnificent views. Ten minutes by car, in Solheimasandur, there is an excursion that's starting to get very popular to see a crashed plane. A few kilometres from Solheimasandur there's a detour to get to the plane. You can leave the car in the car park, which is easy to identify because the excursion has become famous. But the four kilometres to the site can only be done in a 4x4 or on foot. It is common to see tourists pilgrimage to observe the American DC-3, but it's an 8-kilometre round trip, which can take several hours walking. Continue the route to the small, quiet town of Kirkjubaejarklaustur, 1 hour and 45 minutes away. Indulge in a culinary treat washed down by a wonderful Icelandic beer. Overnight stay in Kirkjubaejarklaustur.

● DAY 3 · KIRKJUBAEJARKLAUSTUR - SKAFTAFELL NATIONAL PARK/VATNAJÖKULL - JÖKULSÁRLÓN - VÍK

Leave early because today's route is long. Leaving Kirkjubaejarklaustur and heading east, after an hour's drive you'll reach Skaftafell National Park, an area of incredible beauty that's brimming with nature and dominated by Vatnajökull, the largest glacier in Europe.

The black waterfall of Svartifoss is also fascinating. This area is full of opportunities for more adventurous travellers, such as guided walks on the glacier or ice climbing excursions. Continue the journey towards the mythical glacier of the Jökulsárlón lagoon, an hour's drive away, where an overwhelming silence is only disturbed by icebergs falling into the icy waters. The best way to enjoy the grandeur of the landscape is by going on a boat ride among the icebergs (tour not included). Here you will see the fantastic scene of seals swimming among impressive pieces of blue ice, while others rest on the sand. In this lake several movies have been filmed, among them James Bond. It's true that the landscape seems to come from fiction. You can also visit an ice cave, culmination of an experience you will never forget (between November and April, before the ice thaws). Frozen caves with a turquoise blue effect that will impress you. (Note: There are companies that offer this type of excursion with a guide and suitable material).

Take the road back west to reach Vík, 2 hours and 20 minutes away, where you'll fall in love with its picturesque black-sand beaches. Take the opportunity to try some seafood at dinner time. Iceland exports food from its waters: salmon, cod, trout, shark, herring...available dried, smoked, marinated, with dill... Simply delicious.

Overnight stay in Vík.

● DAY 4 · VÍK - GOLDEN CIRCLE - REYKJAVIK

Today an unforgettable but long day awaits you, so get going early. Depart towards Reykjavik for a beautiful route that borders the south coast, dotted with mountains and fishing villages.

Stop at Reynisfjara black beach, 10 minutes from Vík and made of volcanic stone. Here you will be struck by the rock formations on the coast, with curious prisms-like columns that create a spectacular sculptural image. Also striking are the dark boulders that, sinuous, protrude from the sea. The descent is dangerous, so be careful if you choose to climb down. The prize below is the cave whose entry opens onto walls that look like an organ. Nearby is Dyrhólaey and its lighthouse, with a huge, pitted rock formation.

Continue the journey. Driving in this area is a pleasure. Next, we suggest you visit some of the most interesting and famous attractions in Iceland. No tour through Iceland would be complete if you do not take the famous "Golden Circle" that includes the sites of the National Park of Thingvellir, Geysir and Gullfoss. The first stop, almost two and a half hours away, will be the impressive Thingvellir National Park, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and one of the country's most famous historical sites. The first democratic parliament in the world was founded here in 930 AD. From its location in a rift valley, the boundary between the North American and European tectonic plates is clearly visible. Faults as impressive as the "Almannagjá" will make you feel that you're between two worlds. Some of the faults are full of water, like Nikulásargjá, where people throw in coins making wishes, hoping for them to be granted. Follow the route to the famous geothermal area of Geysir, an hour's drive away, located in the Haukadalur valley. Here you'll be met by two huge geysers (Strokkur and Geysir), with their gigantic columns of boiling water that can soar up to thirty metres high. Geysir reached 122 metres during an earthquake in the year 2000, the highest ever column recorded in the world, but it's currently inactive. Strokkur spurts up water every five minutes, so a show is guaranteed. About a ten-minute drive away lies another wonder of this country: the Gullfoss Waterfall, with its famous double cascade of thirty-two metres. It's a waterfall of several levels, sublimely beautiful and even more so when the sun comes out and a rainbow appears across the infinite sky. If you want to enjoy an amazing experience, we recommend you go snorkelling in Silfra Lake under the midnight sun. Finish the day in the capital, an hour and 40 minutes away, where you can regain your strength as you enjoy all the culture and gastronomy that it has on offer. You can dine on smoked or roasted lamb (reared on 100% natural farms) and maybe even try out the national drink (brennivín, or black death), which is brandy made from distilled potato pulp and flavoured with caraway seed. Between meals, the best thing is a traditional Icelandic hot dog, known as a "pýlsa", accompanied by a "skyr" (low-fat yogurt that's very nutritious).

Overnight stay in Reykjavik.

● DAY 5 · REYKJAVIK AND SURROUNDINGS

Day at your leisure in Reykjavik for optional activities, for example the Inside Volcano Tour of Thrinukugigur. Can you imagine exploring a volcano from the inside? Launch yourself into this world-unique adventure! You won't find another guided descent into the interior of a volcano anywhere else on Earth. Try it, it's sure to be a fantastic memory to take home. Enjoy the rest of the day in this special city. Very close to the Arctic Circle, the northernmost capital in the world can also boast of being one of the most original cities in the whole of Europe. By day, it surprises visitors with its relaxed and friendly atmosphere that invites you to stroll through its manageable and safe streets, try out the local cuisine, stop at its charming cafes, discover off-beat cultural offerings in museums and galleries, or stroll around its shops, some traditional and others with the latest trends in Nordic designer fashion... There's also a very interesting ethnographic museum, where they'll even show you how to spin wool. And, if you prefer something more unusual, go to the penis museum, where the private parts of different animals are on display. Here, international influences mingle with national traditions, while traces of the past harmoniously coexist with the most avant-garde proposals. The result: an amazing atmosphere where you can see traditional buildings next to futuristic glass constructions. Good ways to experience the social life of Reykjavik include heading to one of the many spas or swimming pools in the city, salmon fishing with the locals, playing a round of golf at midnight, or visiting museums, galleries and theatres, to name just a few... Or you could take a trip out to watch whales, dolphins and porpoises from the port of Reykjavik (suggested activities not included). By night, the city seduces travellers with a vibrant nightlife focussed along Laugavegur Street, around the port and in the central Austurvöllur Square. In this city, there's endless cuisine to try. You can even try some whale meat for dinner. Overnight stay in Reykjavik.

● DAY 6 · REYKJAVIK - CITY OF ORIGIN

If your flight leaves in the afternoon, we recommend exploring Reykjavik in the morning and at lunchtime. If you have not yet visited the Blue Lagoon since your arrival in Iceland, you will have the opportunity to do so on the way to the airport as a perfect way to end your trip and enjoy this popular spa with fluorescent, healing waters (admission not included). The site is spectacular, with walkways and bridges between turquoise waters and mist, but it is usually very busy and you need a prior reservation or you run the risk of not being able to enter. It was formed in 1976 because of drilling at the Svartsengi geothermal plant to obtain electricity from the hot groundwater due to lava filtration. Its water is rich in minerals such as silicon and sulphur, to which some people attribute healing qualities.

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Hveragerði.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Hveragerði.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Kirkjubajarklaustur.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Kirkjubajarklaustur.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Vik.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Vik.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Reykjavik.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Reykjavik.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.
- ✓ Insolvency protection.

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Possible toll charges.

Destinations Visited

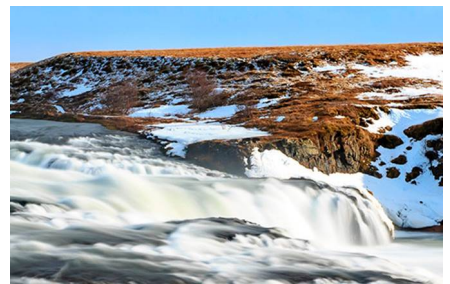
Reykjavik



Hveragerði



Hella



Hvolsvöllur



Kirkjubajarklaustur



Vik



Important remarks

- Due to the sheer distance between hotels in Iceland, we recommend adapting the itinerary of this road trip according to the hotel selected for your overnight stay.
- Driving in Iceland is straightforward, but please note that many roads are gravel, especially secondary and inland roads. Snow can make driving difficult in some months of the year. This is why we recommend renting a 4x4 vehicle. Many roads are closed in winter because of the snow, but that's when you can visit the ice caves. Always pay attention to speed limit signs, as there are strict fines for speeding. Remember that you have to keep your lights on whenever you're driving. We recommend the use of GPS and/or a good Internet connection due to the poor quality and/or lack of signal.
- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.