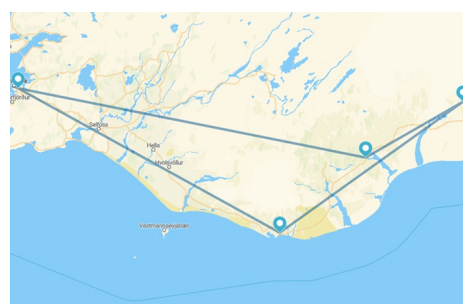




Iceland, 6 Days · Tailor-made by car

Island of Ice's Southern Route

Iceland. Behind the wheel, and taking the ring road around the entire island, you'll visit some of the most stunning and photogenic corners of the planet. Discovered by Norwegian Vikings, with one of the oldest parliaments in the world and almost touching the Arctic Circle, this island-country welcomes the most experienced travellers with warm hospitality, an interesting culture, surprisingly delicious cuisine, and an inexhaustible creative energy. In Iceland everything is original, surprising and superlative. Long and straight roads ahead through ever-changing colourful landscapes where fire and ice jostle to take centre stage. In few places on earth can you feel the forces of nature in such an explosive way. A real playground for adventure and outdoor sports. "South of the Island of Ice and Fire" is a mythical and intense tour, perfect for discovering at your own pace spas and geothermal pools with healing properties such as the Blue Lagoon; jaw-dropping locations more typical of other worlds, such as those located in the Golden Circle; enormous pools of boiling water, such as the impressive Strokkur geyser; beautiful waterfalls crowned with eternal rainbows, such as Gullfoss; stunning cliffs and black sand beaches in the charming village of Vik; gigantic icebergs such as Vatnajökull (the largest in Europe); and amazing fjords and some of the most active volcanoes in the world. During the trip, you'll discover the rural soul of fishing villages, which contrasts with the cosmopolitan and creative lifestyle of the capital, Reykjavik, famous for its rich cultural scene and lively nightlife. Iceland is another world. Considered by Jules Verne as the centre of the Earth and shaped by the forces of nature, Iceland is one of the world's most inspiring places. Travel to the last unspoilt haven in Europe, set out on a "hunt" for the Northern Lights and experience an incredible sense of freedom, far from the conventional.



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Departure date: Departures from July 2026 till June 2027

From: London

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - BLUE LAGOON - REYKJAVIK

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 go directly to your hotel or, if you have time, experience with your own body the unique geothermal power of Iceland with a dip in the Blue Lagoon (twenty-three kilometres from the airport), before heading to the town of Hveragerdi, forty minutes away, for the first night's stay.

In the Blue Lagoon you can bathe in thermal waters with therapeutic properties.

The water in the lagoon has a constant temperature of just over 36°C and bathing in its waters will delight both adults and children.

And finally we arrive in Reykjavik!

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... By night, the city seduces travellers with a vibrant nightlife clustered along Laugavegur Street, near the port and in the central Parliament square.

Overnight stay in Reykjavik.

● DAY 2 · REYKJAVIK - GOLDEN CIRCLE (THINGVELLIR - GEYSIR - GULLFOSS) - VIK/KLAUSTUR

Today we'll bid farewell to Reykjavik, the preamble to a trip dominated by nature, to start exploring one of the most spectacular itineraries in Iceland. The journey begins with the famous Golden Circle, one of the areas that best represent the incredible natural phenomena that occur in the country. The first stop, 45 minutes away, is the impressive Thingvellir National Park, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and one of the most famous historical landmarks. 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.

Follow the route to the famous Geysir Geothermal Area, a 50 minutes drive away, nestled 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 dormant, which is reportedly due to tourists throwing things into the vent. 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. Onward journey to Vik, two and a quarter hours away, where you'll spend the night. The final part of this tour skirts the southern coast, which is dotted with mountains and fishing villages. Driving in this area is a pleasure.

((Note: If you have time, you can include landmarks such as the Church of Skáholt or the Kerid (Kerið) volcano crater in your route)).

Overnight stay in Vik/Klaustur.

● DAY 3 · VIK/KLAUSTUR - SKAFTAFELL - JÖKULSÁRLÓN - KIRKJUBAEJARKLAUSTUR ZONE

More time to continue discovering the incredible nature of Iceland. Today we'll drive through one of the country's most interesting volcanic regions.

Leaving Vik and heading east, after an hour and forty-five minute'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).

Head back on the return route to discover the area of Kirkjubaejarklaustur and spend the night here. Indulge in a culinary treat washed down by a wonderful Icelandic beer.

Overnight stay in Kirkjubaejarklaustur.

● DAY 4 · KIRKJUBAEJARKLAUSTUR ZONE - DYRHÓLAEY - SKOGARFOSS - SELJALANDSFOSS - REYKJAVIK

We leave the area of Kirkjubaejarklaustur today to arrive back at the starting point of our trip: the open and attractive Reykjavik. A fascinating drive will take us along the beautiful south coast of Iceland, dotted with black sandy beaches, typical farms and herds of Icelandic horses... Head for Dyrhólaey, an hour and 20 minutes away, but first stop at the black Reynisfjara beach, made of volcanic rock. 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. The great rocky promontory at Dyrhólaey is a beautiful marine bird sanctuary during the summer period and where you can catch a glimpse of the well-known "puffins". Continue on to the spectacular waterfalls of "Skogarfoss" and "Seljalandsfoss". The first one is only 30 minutes away and is one of the highest waterfalls in the country (60 metres). At the second waterfall, 25 minutes further on, you can walk along a path that goes behind the waterfall. The views are out of this world!

Back in Reykjavik, we'll continue to explore the capital, discovering landmarks such as the Old Town, the Cathedral or Austurvöllur Square, and sampling some of the most amazing local dishes such as smoked whale, reindeer carpaccio or blue mussels from Reykjanes. And for dessert "skyr", a delicious blend of yogurt and fresh cheese. At the end of the day, we can enjoy the exciting atmosphere of the city.

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 Thrinuhkugigur. 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 dine on smoked or roasted lamb (reared on 100% natural farms) and maybe even try out the national drink (brennivin, 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 "pylsa", accompanied by a "skyr" (low-fat yogurt that's very nutritious).

Overnight stay in Reykjavik.

● DAY 6 · REYKJAVIK - CITY OF ORIGIN

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

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Possible toll charges.

Destinations Visited

Reykjavik



Vik



Skaftafell



Kirkjubajarklaustur



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.