



Iceland, 8 Days · Tailor-made by car

Route through the Southwest of the Island of Ice

It has one of the most magical skies in the world because the aurora borealis is capricious and can't be seen just anywhere. This country, which is also an island, rises from the Atlantic Ocean southwest of the icy Greenland. This cold environment of ice caves and iceberg-filled lagoons, contrasts with geysers that throw boiling water several metres into the air and volcanoes whose underground activity heats the lakes on the surface. We offer a route through the south and west of Iceland, taking in unique landscapes where nature reigns supreme. This wonder of the planet, where Jules Verne set his novel, *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*, gives meaning to the most complete geology. You will see volcanoes, fjords, craters, glaciers, caves, beaches, cliffs, lava fields, waterfalls, lakes, geysers, icebergs and crevices in the ground that appear endless. Don't miss the fishing villages that appear to have been plucked from the Viking era, nor the cosmopolitan Reykjavik, which has lots to offer in terms of culture. You can taste the cuisine in any part of the country. Some typical dishes include cetaceans (the family which includes dolphins and whales), but we advise you to skip the meal and take an excursion to see them in their natural habitat. Whales, orcas, porpoises... sailing the seas of northern Europe reminds you that observing wildlife is an unbeatable gift.



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From: London

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - REYKJAVIK

Flight departure from the city of origin to Reykjavik and rental car pick-up. The international airport and the capital of Iceland are separated by about 50 kilometres along a road dotted with beautiful natural landscapes. 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...

Overnight stay in Reykjavik.

DAY 2 · REYKJAVIK - SNAEFELLSNES PENINSULA (ARNARSTAPI - HELLNAR - ÓLAFSVÍK - GRUNDARFJÖRÐUR)

Leave Reykjavik in the direction of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, two and a quarter hours by car. Take the main highway number 1, direction Akureyri/Borgarnes. Drive through the tunnel under the Hvalfjörður fjord until you reach the Borgarfjörður region. Continue to the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, a region especially known for the majestic Snæfellsjökull, a glacier-topped mountain that's located at the tip of the peninsula and dominates the entire region.

A visit to this peninsula is a must as it's home to an astounding combination of what this country has to offer. On this piece of land there are volcanoes, fjords, craters, glaciers, lava fields... It's not for no reason that this area has inspired many authors. Jules Verne set his "Journey to the Centre of the Earth" here, which started from the Snæfell volcano, about 1,500 metres high (dormant since 1219) and with the Snaefellsnesjökull glacier covering its crater. The western part of this peninsula hosts one of Iceland's three national parks, measuring 170 square kilometres and therefore guaranteeing a veritable festival of nature. In the south of the peninsula you can visit places like the small town of Arnarstapi, known for the stunning rock formations next to its port and for its monument to Jules Verne. We recommend you stop in the old fishing station of Hellnar, which is just six minutes away and has beautiful cliffs or at the magnificent black-sand beach of Djupalónssandur, less than 15 minutes away, which is accessed by a lava field that will leave you feeling you've been transported to another planet. Here you can see the remains of an ancient shipwreck, which give the surroundings an even more mysterious feel. In the sand itself you will find fragments of metal from an English fishing boat that sank in 1948. Nearby, you'll find the lava cave of Vatnshellir, which means "water cave". (Note: The cave, which has been open to the public since 2011, is only accessible with a guide. We recommend you check running times). Here you can observe very interesting lava formations and reach the deepest zone via narrow stairs, which feel as though they're taking you down the Earth's throat. In the northern part of the region is Hellisandur, the only place from which you can admire the Snæfell volcano. Nearby, you will find traditional Icelandic fishing villages, such as Ólafsvík, half an hour away, and Grundarfjörður, a further half an hour away. Between these towns, 10 minutes before arriving at Grundarfjörður, there's a detour towards the north, along highway 54, which leads to the slopes of Mount Kirkjufell. The scene couldn't be more beautiful. If you're not too tired, you can continue for half an hour to Berserkjahraun, a huge lava field that you can visit by car.

Overnight stay on the Snæfellsnes peninsula and the surrounding area.

DAY 3 · SNAEFELLSNES PENINSULA - BORGARFJÖRÐUR - REYKHOLT - THINGVELLIR - SUÐURLAND ZONE

Route to the Borgarfjörður region, one hour south of Snæfellsnes. The main attraction in Borgarfjörður is the hot spring of Deildartunguhver, the largest and most powerful hot spring in Europe, with 180 litres of water per second and a temperature of 100 degrees. A place with an aura of mystery because of its clouds of steam. The water from this spring has been used for central heating since 1925. Discover the Borgarfjörður region: the lava fields located around the Glanni waterfall, the impressive Grabrok volcano, the Hredavatn lake and the city of Borgarnes, one of the few coastal cities that has not developed its economy in around fishing, but around trade and industry. It's half an hour by car from here to Reykholt. In this next place, where the great writer and lawyer of the Middle Ages Snorri Sturluson lived, you will see a medieval thermal bath. Also close to Reykholt, the beautiful waterfalls of Hraunfossar and Barnafoss are located. Then take route number 52 (Uxahryggir) to the Thingvellir National Park, an hour and a half away. This park has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and is 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. We recommend you have a walk along the Almannagjá fault. After a walk in this area, continue one hour further south until you reach the Hveragerði/Selfoss region.

Overnight stay in Suðurland and its surrounding area.

● DAY 4 · SUÐURLAND ZONE (GEYSIR - FLUDIR - GULLFOSS - SKOGAR - REYNISHVERFISVEGUR - VIK) SUÐURLAND ZONE

Due to the vastness of the Suðurland area, your choice of hotel will determine the focus of today's itinerary. Depending on which hotel you have chosen, you must adapt this base itinerary according to your preferences, distances and times. A good idea may be to start driving in the direction of the famous geothermal area of Geysir. It's an hour from Hveragerði to Geysir. Driving through the Fludir zone, you will reach the famous geothermal area of Geysir, an hour's drive away and 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 water every five minutes, so the show is guaranteed and its small bubbling fountains are also an interesting site. Next to the geothermal area you can visit a small geological centre. 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. You can get very close to the waterfall on foot. Continue to the South Coast, by highway number 1. An hour and a half away you'll find Seljalandsfoss, another wonderful waterfall that it's possible to walk behind. Twenty-five minutes further, we recommend another stop, in Skógafoss, one of the highest waterfalls in the country (60 metres). Right next door is the Folk Museum of Skogar. A further half an hour away is Dyrhólaey (closed during breeding season), a large cliff of nesting birds, where in summer you're very likely to see puffins up close (they migrate to other parts around mid-August). If you have time, and taking into account that you'll need to go back on yourself to return to your hotel, you can go to Reynishverfi beach, another 25 minutes away. It's a black-sand beach with magnificent basalt columns. The sensations in this area are very strong. Another option is to explore the town of Vík, also 20 minutes from Dyrhólaey. Calculate the time you'll need to return to your hotel.

Overnight stay in Suðurland and its surrounding area.

● DAY 5 · SUÐURLAND ZONE (SKAFTAFELL - JÖKULSÁRLÓN) - SUÐURLAND ZONE

Today you must get up early, because a long car ride awaits you. Once again, we advise you to plan your day taking into account the location of your hotel.

Today, you can visit one of the most popular and beautiful places in Iceland: the Skaftafell National Park, an area of incredible beauty, overflowing 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. If you have time after having calculated how long you'll need to return to your hotel, you can continue the route to the mythical glacier of the Jökulsárlón lagoon, an hour's drive away, where an overwhelming silence is only disturbed by the falling of icebergs into the icy waters. The best way to enjoy the grandeur of the landscape is by going on an interesting boat ride among the icebergs. (Note: Tour not included. We recommend you check running times). 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, the culmination of an experience you will never forget. (Note: Remember that the cave can only be visited between November and April, before the ice thaws). Frozen caves with a turquoise blue effect that no one can imagine. There are companies that offer this type of excursion with a guide and suitable material.

Overnight stay in Suðurland and its surrounding area.

DAY 6 · SUÐURLAND ZONE: SELFOSS - KRYSUVÍK - GRINDAVÍK - BLUE LAGOON - REYKJAVIK

Exit towards Selfoss/Hvergerdi and take the road that follows the coast (number 427). If you want to have a dip, the geothermal park of Hveragerdi opens every day during the summer. (Note: At other times it's necessary 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. Drive through a landscape of lava fields until you reach the geothermal area of Krysuvík, 50 minutes away. Here, you can walk through an area of impressive volcanic craters called solfataras. Continue to the village of Grindavík, about 20 minutes away by car, where you'll find one of the most important fishing ports in Iceland. The next stop we suggest is the Blue Lagoon, which is a popular spa with fluorescent, healing waters. (Note: 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. After this relaxation, continue to the lively capital, 45 minutes away, where there's a lot to experience in terms of culture and cuisine which will finish off the day with a flourish.

Overnight stay in Reykjavik.

DAY 7 · 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. 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. Enjoy your meal!

Overnight stay in Reykjavik.

DAY 8 · 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 Snaefellsnes.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Snaefellsnes.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Suðurland.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Suðurland.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.
- ✓ Insolvency protection.

Your trip doesn't include

✕ Possible toll charges.

Destinations Visited

Reykjavik



Arnarstapi



Hellnar



Ólafsvík



Grundarfjörður



Snaefellsnes



Reykholt



Suðurland



Fludir



Vik



Skaftafell



Selfoss



Grindavik



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.