

## Itinerary

**Route:** 7 DAY COMPLETE ICELAND

**Countries:** Iceland

**Departure:**

📍 D1 Reykjavik    Departure: 08:00    Meeting Point: Hotel or bus stop in Reykjavik

**End:**

📍 D7 Reykjavik

**Accommodation:** Accommodation

**Guide:** English Speaking Guide

**Itinerary:** Reykjavík - Golden Circle-South Coast-Vatnajökull National Park-Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon - Eastfjords - Djúpivogur - Wilderness Center - Stuðlagil Canyon - Lake Mývatn - Goðafoss - Akureyri - Whale Watching in Dalvík - Siglufjörður -Tröllaskagi - Laugar



### Day 1 Reykjavík 🚌 Golden Circle 🚌 South Coast



#### Tour Overview

The day starts with pick-up from your accommodation or a nearby pick-up point in Reykjavík. The three attractions of the famous Golden Circle are first up on the agenda. [Þingvellir National Park] holds a special place in every Icelander's heart. It's where the world's oldest parliament was founded in 930 CE and now stands as a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its rich history and geological wonders. [Great Geysir], which gave us the English word geyser to describe this sort of hot spring, is no longer active. Strokkur, a nearby hot spring, spouts spectacular torrents of superheated water every 5 to 10 minutes. A visit to [Gullfoss waterfall] will complete our Golden Circle. Feel the force as the falls thunder through the high, rugged canyon, dropping in two stages. Next, we take a scenic drive along the beautiful South Coast, stopping at [Seljalandsfoss waterfall]. Here, you have a unique opportunity to experience the power and wonder of nature. We head onwards to the scenic [Skógafoss waterfall]. Here, the water crashes over the former sea cliffs, which extend for many kilometers, marking the coastline long ago. The day's final stop is [Reynisfjara black sand beach], home of the legendary Reynisdrangar peaks, said to be the figures of two trolls who were turned into stone when they faced the morning sun! After a full day of sightseeing, we make our way to a country hotel in the area around Kirkjubæjarklaustur, a charming South Coast village. From September to April, your guide will give you special tips on how to find the Northern Lights in the area.



## Meeting Point

D1 Reykjavik    Departure: 08:00    Meeting Point: Hotel or bus stop in Reykjavik

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**Meal:** Not Included



**Accommodation:** Adventure Hotel Geirland or similar

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## Day 2 Vatnajökull National Park Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon

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### Tour Overview

Today, we continue our journey along the south coast in the direction of Skaftafell and Vatnajökull National Park. Vatnajökull glacier, Hvannadalsnúkur, the highest peak in Iceland, Skaftafell and Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon, and many other natural treasures can be found within this 13,600 km<sup>2</sup> protected wilderness area. We will stop at Skaftafell for a [glacier hike] led by one of our certified glacier guides (included in the Adventure package). Equipped with crampons and all the necessary glacier equipment, you will be led onto a Vatnajökull outlet glacier. These glacier tongues/outlet glaciers are unique places, with crevasses, moulins that can drill down to the glacier's base, and many incredible vistas for you to explore. From October to April, we replace the glacier hike with an exhilarating journey through Vatnajökull's crystal ice cave. Each winter, the glacier meltwater freezes into new ice caves that wind their way through the glacier's heart. After your bracing glacier hike, our comfortable minibus will take you to experience yet more glacial magic at [Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon]. As we approach the main highway, you will glimpse a procession of mystically floating icebergs. These, often towering and amazingly shaped chunks of ice, broke free from the edge of the retreating Breiðamerkurjökull glacier. Occasionally, you will see seals frolicking in the enormous lake between these stunning ice sculptures. Some with glittering blue ice, those icebergs make their way to the sea at [Diamond Beach], a black sand beach just a few minutes walking from the lagoon. The icebergs that have been brought ashore by the tide come to rest here. Usually, you will see quite a few sitting like fine diamond jewels or giant shining clear quartz crystals on the coal-black sand. Some people call it Crystal Beach!

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**Meal:** Breakfast Included



**Accommodation:** Adventure Hotel Hof or similar

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## Day 3 Eastfjords 🚗 Djúpivogur 🚗 Wilderness Center

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### Tour Overview

We follow the winding roads through the East Fjords, with the coast on one side and steep mountains on the other. The narrow roads take us through quiet villages and offer great views of the calm fjord waters below. We stop at [Djúpivogur], a small and remote fishing village. North Atlantic waves wash over its black sandy beaches, and birdlife is everywhere. In the summer, most of Iceland's birds nest here, and locals joke there are probably more birds than people. With just a few hundred residents, the village is known for being welcoming and eco-friendly. We'll stop at [Egilsstaðir], a scenic town by the Lagarfljót River, known for the legend of the Largarfljót worm—a giant creature from Icelandic folklore said to occasionally appear in the lake. Later, we'll head to an interactive historical center where you can enjoy outdoor activities like hiking, biking, and horse riding. Nestled between Europe's largest glacier, Vatnajökull, and Lake Lagarfljót, the [Wilderness Center] provides an authentic Icelandic experience. You can explore exhibits showcasing life in the rugged highlands. During your stay, admission to the museum is free. Upon arrival, you'll cross an old wooden bridge to step into history, with accommodation provided in charming historic buildings. Enjoy meals prepared with local ingredients, and after your adventures, relax in the hot spring spa.

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**Meal:** Breakfast Included



**Accommodation:** Wilderness Center or similar

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## Day 4 Stuðlagil Canyon 🚗 Lake Mývatn 🚗 Goðafoss 🚗 Akureyri

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### Tour Overview

Our journey from the east into the north takes us through wild, remote landscapes, starting with the stunning [Stuðlagil Canyon], one of the world's most mesmerizing basalt rock formations. We travel from roaring glacial rivers to the geothermal area of Námaskarð, near Lake Mývatn. The ground here bubbles with boiling mud pools in red, yellow, and orange from mineral deposits. Fumaroles release sulfur-scented steam, creating a misty, colorful scene. This area is shaped by volcanic activity deep below the surface. We continue our drive around the serene [Lake Mývatn], a region known for its unique volcanic landscapes and rich birdlife. This area is truly special, with its shallow waters dotted with small islands formed by volcanic activity, making it one of Iceland's natural treasures. As an optional extra, we offer a visit to the Mývatn Nature Baths, often called the "Blue Lagoon of the North." These natural hot springs are fed by geothermal waters drawn from 8,200 feet (2,500 meters) below the surface. The warm, mineral-rich water is perfect for a relaxing soak, surrounded by the peaceful beauty of northern Iceland. We continue to the [Dimmuborgir] lava formations, also known as the "dark cities." Towering above us like something out of a fairytale, these dramatic lava structures were formed when the roof of a massive lava tube collapsed. Though completely natural, some formations resemble familiar shapes. Can you spot the one called The Church (Kirkjan)? Our next stop is the majestic [Goðafoss waterfall], known as the "Waterfall of the Gods." As we approach, you'll hear the powerful rush of water cascading over the cliffs, creating a constant roar. The falls are about 98 feet (30 meters) wide, curving in a horseshoe shape, and the water plunges down 39 feet (12 meters) into a wide, rocky basin below. It has a fascinating history too, you'll learn all about it!

## the whole day

\*Please note that during winter, road conditions may prevent access to Stuðlagil. However, we'll make sure to offer other exciting activities for you to enjoy. Your safety and satisfaction are our top priorities. Thank you for your understanding.



**Meal:** Breakfast Included



**Accommodation:** Berjaya Akureyri Hotel or similar



**Day 5** Whale Watching in Eyjafjörður  Siglufjörður  Tröllaskagi  Laugarbakki



**Tour Overview**

We start the day with a drive through Akureyri, the capital of North Iceland. On your way to the picturesque fishing towns, you will, in good visibility, get fabulous views of Eyjafjörður, the longest fjord in Iceland. Your whale-watching boat tour will take you around Eyjafjörður Fjord, chasing after whales, dolphins, and other wonderful ocean life. Please note this is included in the Adventure package. Humpback whales, dolphins, and porpoises are usually seen. There's a 98% chance you'll see cetaceans on our tours! After whale watching, we continue through charming villages and hamlets before stopping at Siglufjörður. In the early part of the 20th century, this village was known as the herring fishing capital of the Atlantic. People rushed to cash in on the boom, and the town acquired a Klondike-style gold-rush atmosphere. We continue to drive the scenic road sandwiched between the towering mountains of Iceland's best ski resorts and the glorious fjord, taking us around the Tröllaskagi peninsula. The villages around this region will give you an excellent feel for the kind of life lived in Icelandic places, which seem to be falling off the world's edge.



**Meal:** Breakfast Included



**Accommodation:** Hotel Laugarbakki or similar

## Price Explanation