

Iceland Circle

8 Days | Starts/Ends: Reykjavik



YEAR-ROUND TOUR: Travel to Iceland and delve into the ancient land of Vikings and volcanoes on this 8 day in depth cultural Icelandic tour. Discover the unique beauty of this mysterious land visiting the major cities and sights, including the capital city of Reykjavik, the world-famous Golden Circle sightseeing route, and Akureyri, 'the Capital of the North.' Marvel at glacier lagoons, the beautiful Lake Mývatn, waterfalls, volcanoes, rural towns and countless other attractions.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Reykjavik: immerse yourself in the Capital of Iceland
- Borganes: take a look at the Grabrok Volcano crater, fishing villages and turf churches in West Iceland
- Akureyri: enjoy breathtaking views and witness the waterfall of the gods in Iceland's second largest city
- Lake Myvatn: explore a unique natural lake & natural baths

- Namaskard: visit the Namaskard hot springs and hike through the lava fields at Dimmuborgir
- Vatnajokull National Park: home to Europe's biggest glacier, Iceland's highest mountain & Europe's most powerful waterfall
- South Coast: Examine lava beaches, towering waterfalls, bird cliffs and a folk museum. Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss Waterfalls
- Golden Circle: Grab the chance to see Geysir geothermal fields, Gulfoss Waterfall, Strokkur geyser, Thingvellir National Park UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Eyjafjallajökull Glacier: Home to the famous eruption of April 2010 that halted international air travel for a week

What's Included

- 7 breakfasts
- 7 nights 3 star accommodation
- Keflavik Airport arrival and departure transfer (FlyBus shuttle)
- Guided hike to Grabrok volcano crater
- 2 Evenings northern lights programme (mid Sept – mid April)
- Visit to natural history and seal museum in Hvammstangi
- Visit to Vidimyri turf church

- Entrance with towel to Myvatn Nature Baths
- Admission to Petra's Stone and Mineral Collection in the East Fjords
- Entrance and demonstration to Fridheimar Horse Stables and Geothermal Greenhouse in South Iceland
- Use of snow & ice gripper spikes and a torch for winter departures
- Services of an English Speaking Icelandic Guide
- Transportation in heated coaches with free Wi-Fi on board
- This tour is operated in conjunction with our trusted partner and you will join travellers from different operators, not solely On The Go. The sightseeing group may vary in size from 10 – 30 persons.

What's Not Included

- International Flights and Visas
- Gratuity for your tour guide. Tipping your tour guide is an entirely personal gesture

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Day 1 : Reykjavik



Friday. Welcome to Reykjavik! On arrival at Keflavik International Airport, you'll be transferred by Flybus shuttle to our accommodation. The remainder of the day is at leisure. **Overnight - Reykjavik**

Day 2 : Grabrok Volcano Crater



Reykjavik - Grabrok - Akureyri. This morning we meet our tour guide and depart from the hotel. We travel west, passing the town of Borgarnes and stopping to climb the Grábrók volcano crater. Further north we stop at the turf church of Vidimyri which has been extensively restored to its original form and is widely considered one of the purest and most beautiful examples of traditional Icelandic architecture.

We continue along scenic fjord landscapes and over several mountain passes until we reach Akureyri, the capital of North Iceland. **Overnight - Akureyri (B)**

Day 3 : Lake Myvatn



Akureyri - Lake Myvatn. This morning we explore Akureyri, a charming town of 17,000 inhabitants and enjoy the panoramic view over Eyjafjördur fjord. From April-October optional whale watching tours are available from 09:00-12:00.

In the afternoon we visit spectacular Godafoss, the waterfalls of the Gods and Lake Mývatn, which is known for its geological wonders and active bird life during summer. Next stop is the bizarre lava formations at Kálfaströnd to walk around the many pseudo craters. End an exciting day with a relaxing soak at Mývatn Nature Baths - the waters here contain a unique blend of minerals, silicates and geothermal micro-organisms. The warm soothing waters benefit both skin and spirit alike. **Overnight - Lake Myvatn (B)**

Day 4 : Namaskard hot springs



Lake Myvatn - Namaskard - Egilsstadir. In the morning we hike in a lava labyrinth at Dimmuborgir "the dark castles", hoping to get a glimpse of the trolls who are said to live there. Afterwards we visit the hot spring area of Námaskard with bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras. Continue

through the uninhabited highlands and moonlike surrounding to East Iceland. With some luck we might spot an Arctic fox or see reindeer.

From June to August the tour includes a detour to Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall in the northern part of Vatnajökull National Park. **Overnight - Egilsstadir (B)**

Day 5 : Vatnajokull NP



Egilsstadir - Vatnajokull - Today we admire the dramatic fjord landscape, twisty roads and tiny fishing villages in the East Fjords. En route we visit an interesting stone and mineral collection. This afternoon we see Vatnajökull - Europe's biggest glacier that is visible all over Southeast Iceland.

We travel along the southern part of the giant Vatnajökull glacier and spend time exploring the stunning scenery of Europe's largest national park, which has Iceland's highest mountains and a beautiful alpine environment. **Overnight - Hofn (B)**

Day 6 : Icebergs & Waterfalls



Jokulsarlon - Skorgar - Hvolsvollur. We start the day with a stop at Jokulsarlon, a glacial lagoon filled

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with floating icebergs, and explore the extraordinary site where you might see seals swimming in arctic waters. From May through September, a boat tour between floating icebergs is included in the program. Just across the street, you can walk on the so-called Diamond Beach, where icebergs wash up along the shore. We then continue along to the southern part of the glacier Vatnajökull and glimpse Europe's second-largest national park, which has Iceland's highest mountains, an alpine environment, and Europe's largest glacier.

In the afternoon, a beautiful drive with many natural wonders awaits us as we head across the Eldhraun lava field, cross the sandy desert of the south coast, overlooked by mountainous cliffs, glaciers and waterfalls. Stroll along the black lava beach of Reynisfjara near Vík. In the small village of Skogar, there is Skogafoss waterfall which is 60 meters high and is one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. Iceland's past comes alive at one of Iceland's finest museums, the Skógar folk museum with its turf houses assemblage of traditions of territorial relics on display. Continue to the high but narrow Seljalandsfoss waterfall which plunges over the mountain.

Overnight - Hvolsvollur (B)

Day 7 : Horses & Golden Circle



Hvolsvollur - Golden Circle - Reykjavik. Today we explore Iceland's famed Golden Circle. We begin the day at Fridheimar learning about the special qualities and history of the Icelandic horse and visit a geothermal

greenhouse. Later on we visit the Geysir geothermal fields to see a variety of hot springs, bubbling pools and the mighty Strokkur, "the Churn", which erupts at 5-10 minute intervals. We continue to Gullfoss, "the golden falls", which is a double waterfall that tumbles 34 meters into the Hvítá River. Continue inland to Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. As we return to Reykjavik, we take you for a short city tour of the highlights of the world's northern-most capital.

Overnight - Reykjavik (B)

Day 8 : Reykjavik



Today our Icelandic experience comes to an end with included FlyBus transfer to Keflavik Airport.(B)

ACCOMMODATION

Highlighted below are some of the accommodation/ hotels which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these stays to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel or start point and further arrival information.

Icelandair Hotel Natura

The newly refurbished Icelandair Hotel Natura offers comfortable accommodation and excellent amenities. Guest rooms are simple and stylish with parquet flooring and impressive new interiors. Complimentary Wi-fi is available and the hotel also boasts a delicious onsite Soley Natura Spa. Look out for daily special activities at the hotel

including Bedtime Stories and cinema nights in both Icelandic and English!



Icelandair Hotel Akureyri

Opened in 2011, Icelandair Hotel Akureyri is a tastefully decorated hotel with magnificent views of the city. Guest rooms are tastefully decorated with bright and airy rooms and excellent facilities. A delicious array of meals are served at the onsite restaurant - choose from local and international cuisine including Artic Char, Lamb Shank or Wild Goose from Eyjafjordur! The hotel is located just a short drive from the Hlidarfjall ski resort.



Sel Hotel Myvatn

Situated by Lake Myvatn, the hotel is ideally located to experience the wild beauty of the lake and its surroundings. The restaurant at Sel Hotel Myvatn is famous for its lunch and dinner buffets during the summer months, and for its evening scrumptious a la carte menu which combines local and seasonal Icelandic ingredients with a twist. The cosy en suite rooms are furnished with mahogany armoires, smooth wooden flooring and quaint furniture.



Icelandair Hotel Herad

Opened in 2000, the Icelandair Herad has recently undergone

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extensive renovations. Guest rooms are beautifully designed with comfy beds and excellent amenities. The hotel boasts an excellent restaurant serving a great selection of local dishes including reindeer steak! The onsite bar is also a great place to sit and relax in and sip on a delicious Icelandic beer! Well located in the heart of East Iceland's growing capital, Egilsstaðir.



Hotel Hofn

Located in Hofn on the south eastern coast of Iceland, this charming hotel boasts beautiful views of the Vatnajökull glacier, the largest glacier in Europe. Its modern, ensuite guestrooms benefit from free WiFi and luxury organic toiletries made in Iceland. The a la carte restaurant serves local specialties such as langoustine, which the fishing village of Hofn is famous for, as well as plenty of vegetarian dishes. During the summer, guests can dine out on the terrace and enjoy a drink or two during happy hour.



Hotel Eyjafjallajökull

Surrounded by stunning Icelandic countryside, Hotel Eyjafjallajökull is a peaceful retreat after a busy day of sightseeing. Bright, modern rooms all come with private bathrooms and flat screen televisions. Free WiFi can be accessed in the hotel whilst the hotel bar is a great place to socialise in the evening.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. 'Twin Share' prices are per person when there are 2 people sharing a room. 'Single Room' prices are applicable to those who don't have anyone to share a room with or anyone wanting the privacy of a single room.

PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
09 Dec	USD 2,125	USD 2,725

PRICES / DATES 2023

Date	Twin Share	Single
06 Jan	USD 2,066	USD 2,741
20 Jan	USD 2,066	USD 2,741
03 Feb	USD 2,066	USD 2,741
17 Feb	USD 2,066	USD 2,741
03 Mar	USD 2,066	USD 2,741
17 Mar	USD 2,066	USD 2,741
31 Mar	USD 2,066	USD 2,741
14 Apr	USD 2,066	USD 2,741
28 Apr	USD 2,066	USD 2,741
12 May	USD 2,425	USD 3,155
26 May	USD 2,425	USD 3,155
09 Jun	USD 3,055	USD 4,225
23 Jun	USD 3,055	USD 4,225
07 Jul	USD 3,055	USD 4,225
21 Jul	USD 3,055	USD 4,225
04 Aug	USD 3,055	USD 4,225
18 Aug	USD 3,055	USD 4,225
01 Sep	USD 3,225	USD 4,445
15 Sep	USD 3,225	USD 4,445
29 Sep	USD 3,225	USD 4,445
13 Oct	USD 2,595	USD 3,385
27 Oct	USD 2,595	USD 3,385
10 Nov	USD 2,325	USD 2,995
24 Nov	USD 2,325	USD 2,995

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