

8 DAYS GUIDED ICELAND CIRCLE

Discover stunning scenery and dramatic landscapes.

Valid Till : Dec 2018

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Day 1, TUE or FRI: WELCOME to ICELAND (50 km/31 mls)

Individual transfer by Flybus shuttle bus from Keflavik Airport to Icelandair Hotel Natura in Reykjavík or similar where you spend the night. We provide ideas how to explore Iceland's capital on your own. Dinner suggestions as well!

Day 2, WED or SAT: VOLCANO CRATER, SEALS, FJORDS & MOUNTAINS (425 km/264 mls)

At 09:00 meet our tour guide and depart from Icelandair Hotel Natura. We travel west along the scenic Hvalfjörður fjord and the town of Borgarnes. A 40-minute round-trip hike takes us to the rim of Grábrók volcano crater, formed about 3400 years ago. For anyone interested in geology, this is a "must-see". The crater is in the middle of a vast lava field and from the top, you have superb views of the beautiful landscape. In the afternoon visit a natural history & seal museum in a small fishing village in Northwest Iceland and stroll around the local harbour. Further north we stop at the turf church of Víðimýri 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 landscape and over several mountain passes until we reach Akureyri, the capital of North Iceland. The overnight location is Icelandair Hotel Akureyri or similar.

Day 3, THU or SUN: THE CAPITAL OF NORTH ICELAND, LAKE MÝVATN & GEOTHERMAL BATHS (120 km/75 mls)

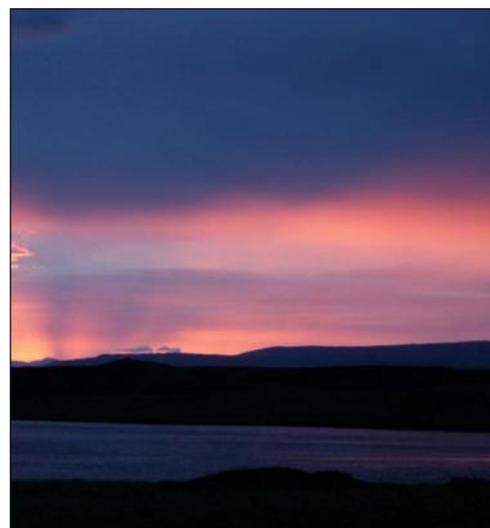
In the morning we explore Akureyri, a charming town of 17000 inhabitants, visit the botanical garden and enjoy the panoramic view over Eyjafjörður fjord. In the afternoon we travel to a prominent spot in Iceland's history, Goðafoss, the waterfalls of the Gods. We continue to Lake Mývatn which is known for its geological wonders and active bird life during summer. The lake's unique features are shaped by nature - strange lava formations, any kind of volcanic craters, beautiful bays filled with thousands of birds and ducks. We stop at the bizarre lava formations at Kálfaströnd followed by a walk around the many pseudocraters. We stroll through the mysterious lava field of Dimmuborgir, see the tephra cone Hverfjall and end an exciting day with a relaxing soak at Mývatn Nature Baths that contains a unique blend of minerals, silicates, and geothermal micro-organisms. The warm, soothing waters benefit both skin and spirit alike. The overnight location is either at Sel-Hotel Mývatn or a hotel in the Húsavík area.

Day 4, FRI or MON: LAVA LABYRINTH, HOT SPRINGS & TRAVEL EAST (250 km/155 mls)

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. After an optional lunch, we visit the hot spring area of Námaskarð with bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras. We head through the uninhabited highlands and moon-like 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. The overnight location is either at Icelandair Hotel Hérað or Álfheimar Guesthouse in Borgarfjörður-Eystri.

Day 5, SAT or TUE: FJORDS, GLACIER, AND ICE (470 km/292 mls)

It's a day to admire the dramatic fjord landscape and its tiny fishing villages at the end of twisty roads in the East Fjords and on the route we visit Petra's impressive stone and mineral collection. In the afternoon we see Vatnajökull – Europe's biggest glacier that is visible all over Southeast Iceland. Past the town of Höfn, we stop at Jökulsárlón, a glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs, and we explore the extraordinary site and might see seals swimming in arctic waters. You can walk on the black sandy beach, where often large icebergs get stranded. Depending on the season optional boat trips are available. We travel along the southern part of the glacier Vatnajökull and spend some time at Europe's second largest national park, which has Iceland's highest mountains, an alpine environment, and Europe's largest glacier. The overnight location is either at Icelandair Hotel Kirkjubæjarklaustur or Hotel Höfn.



Day 6, SUN or WED: SOUTH COAST (240 km/149 mls)

A beautiful drive with many natural wonders awaits us today as we head across the Eldhraun lava field, cross the sandy desert of the south coast, overlooked by rugged cliffs, glaciers, and waterfalls. The world-famous Reynisfjara shore, near the village Vík, is widely regarded as the most impressive black sand and pebble beach in Iceland and features an amazing cliff of regular basalt columns resembling a rocky step pyramid. Out in the sea are the spectacularly shaped basalt sea stacks Reynisdrangar. In the small village of Skógar, there is Skógafoss waterfall which is 62 meters high and is one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. Further west we stop at the Eyjafjallajökull Information Center and learn about living next to a glacier and an active volcano. We continue to the 65-meter high but narrow Seljalandsfoss waterfall which plunges over the mountain. There is an interesting trail that goes behind the fall – if you are prepared to get wet! The overnight location is either at Icelandair Hotel Flúðir or Hotel Eyjafjallajökull or Hotel Fljótshlíð.

Day 7, MON or THU: ICELANDIC HORSES & GOLDEN CIRCLE (160 km/99 mls)

We explore classics today as we travel the route of the Golden Circle sights. We start the day at Friðheimar, where you learn about the Icelandic horse, its unique qualities, and history and visit a geothermal greenhouse. Later on, we see steam from the Geysir geothermal fields as we arrive. There is a variety of hot springs and bubbling pools. The original geyser is now dormant but has been replaced by 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 and attracts travellers all year round. We venture inland to Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO world heritage site, and an area of exceptional geological and historical interest. The Thingvellir area is part of a fissure zone running through Iceland, situated on the tectonic plate boundaries of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. The faults and fissures make evident the rifting of the earth's crust. As we return to Reykjavík, we return take you for a short city tour to highlights of the show h world's northernmost capital. Icelandair Hotel Overnight is Natura or similar.

Day 8, TUE or FRI: DEPARTURE HOME (50 km/31 mls)
Individual transfer by Flybus airport shuttle to Keflavík Airport.

DAILY DRIVING: Total mileage without airport transfer is 1.665 km (1.032 miles), which is an average of 278 km (172 miles) per day. You spend about 4 hours per day on the bus, depending on road conditions, traffic, and daily distances. On some days the driving might be longer than on some other days.

Highlights and Experiences:

- Escorted coach tour around Iceland's Ring Road
- Visit two national parks
- Included are visits to small local museums, cultural experiences, and soft adventures
- Two departures per week, every Tuesday and Friday
- Excellent value for money!

*Available for private charter: min. 8 room - max. 15 rooms
Tours listed with "on request" are operated but have only 1-2 rooms available or unsold rooms had been returned to hotels.

LANGUAGES: English only

DEPARTURES 2018: Every Tuesday & Friday all year-round

DURATION: 8 days / 7 nights

TOUR START: Arrival in Iceland is on Tuesdays or Fridays.

Guided bus tour starts on Wednesdays or Saturdays at 09:00

END OF TOUR: The guided tour ends on Mondays or Thursdays between 16:00-18:00 for the last overnight in Reykjavík. Departure from Iceland is on Tuesdays or Fridays.

NOTE: If you like to have more time to explore Reykjavik, then we suggest adding a pre- or post-night in Iceland's capital.

IMPORTANT: There is limited daylight, about 5-6 hours, for departures mid-November to end of January. For your information, the shortest daylight in Iceland is on the 21st of December, about 4 hours.



HTCODE	HTNAME	HTDAYS	START	END	Tour price per person			VIP Seating	Extra night in Reykjavik / room/night incl. BB		
			dates		In SGL	In DBL	in TRPL	Per person	In SGL	In DBL	in TRPL
GIC-92&93	Guided Iceland Circle	8	January - April		2,288.00 EUR	1,824.00 EUR	n/a	n/a	212.00 EUR	281.00 EUR	n/a
			May & October June -		2,647.00 EUR	1,958.00 EUR	n/a	n/a	278.00 EUR	331.00 EUR	n/a
			September November		3,522.00 EUR	2,477.00 EUR	n/a	n/a	351.00 EUR	405.00 EUR	n/a
			- December		2,329.00 EUR	1,799.00 EUR	n/a	n/a	224.00 EUR	279.00 EUR	n/a
Two departures per week, every Tuesday and Friday											

CHILDREN DISCOUNT:	not available / Tours in general not recommended for children younger than 10 years	
MEALS:	B = breakfast / L = light lunch / D = dinner	
VIP-SEATING:	Is an optional supplement for passengers that require more space and extra comfort on our multi-day coach tours. Passengers get two seats per person on the bus and a guaranteed window seat in the front rows of the bus, on first comes - first served basis, also a pillow and blanket for extra comfort.	
Airport transfer options	Upgrade for private airport transfer oneway 1-3 persons	EUR 172 net per car
	Upgrade for private airport transfer oneway 4-6 persons	EUR 230 net per car

This price list is, based on 11% VAT, and is subject to change.

We reserve the right to update prices due to extreme and unforeseen exchange rate fluctuations, changes in VAT regulations or newly enforced entrance and parking fees for nature sights in Iceland

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