



Suggested Itineraries & Prices

Introductory Tour

DAY 1 - Arrival

A private coach will be waiting at the airport. The route leads from Keflavík airport to Reykjavík for check-in at your accommodation.

DAY 2 - Golden Circle Tour

Morning drive to Nesjavellir geothermal station for an introduction on how Iceland utilizes its geothermal energy. Then head on to Þingvellir National Park, a remarkable geological site and the most historic site in Iceland. Þingvellir is the site of the world's oldest democratic parliament founded in 930. The beautiful canyon running through the park is actually the meeting point of two of the Earth's tectonic plates.

Continue to Gullfoss and Geysir geothermal area. We visit Gullfoss, the Golden Waterfall, one of the most impressive waterfalls in Europe. Only a few minutes drive from Gullfoss is the famous Great Geysir which has lent its name to hot springs all over the world. Here you will see one of the most active geysers in the area, Strokkur, spouting up to 30 meters (98 feet) approximately every ten minutes. The next stop is Kerið, a lake filled extinct volcanic crater. Return to Reykjavik via Hveragerði greenhouse village, and Hellisheiði heath.

DAY 3 - Reykjanes Peninsula and the Blue Lagoon

Drive to the Álftanes peninsula and to Bessastaðir, the residence of Iceland's President. Then continue through Hafnarfjörður and over the vast lava fields of the Reykjanes peninsula to the lighthouse at the tip of the peninsula.

Further along the South coast, travel through rugged lava fields to the the Blue Lagoon. The Lagoon, located in the middle of a black lava field, has pleasantly warm mineral-rich geothermal water. The high natural levels of silica and minerals give the Lagoon its vibrant blue colour. The facilities include modern changing rooms and showers, an indoor geothermal pool, a winter garden, restaurants and other services.

DAY 4 - South Shore Tour

We drive from Reykjavik over the mountain pass Hellisheiði offers a magnificent view of the wide plains formed by glacial rivers, now fertile farmland in South-Iceland. A brief stop at Hveragerði with its greenhouses before proceeding east through small villages and farmlands to the majestic mountains towering over the coast we will have frequent views of mountains, including snow shrouded Hekla, the country's most active volcano and the towering, ice capped strato volcano Eyjafjallajökull. We continue through the region where one of the best known of the Icelandic classical sagas, Njál's Saga is set. A stop at the spectacular waterfalls Seljalandsfoss and Skógarfoss. Those two waterfalls tumble over high rock escarpments.

We go past Dyrhólaey, a magnificent rocky headland with sheer cliffs, with a huge wave cut gap in its ocean facing tip to the beautiful sited village of Vík, where we will stop for lunch. After the break we'll head for the sea shore before we turn back to Reykjavík. The sea shore is flanked by steep bird cliffs rising above the black, wave pounded sands. In the sea just outside the village of Vík are Reynisdrangar rocks - 66 meters above sea level at their highest. According to legend the Reynisdrangar were formed when two trolls were trying to drag a three-masted ship to land. When daylight broke they turned into a stone.

DAY 5 - Departure

Your private bus will pick you up at your hotel and take you to Keflavík International Airport.

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Introductory Tour & Westman Islands

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DAY 3 - Westman Islands. "The Pearls in the Ocean"

The Westman Islands, "The Pearls in the Ocean", is an archipelago of about 15 islands and 20 cliffs.

The southernmost island, Surtsey, is the latest addition, created during the longest historic eruption of the country in 1963-1967.

The only inhabited island, Heimaey, was struck by an unexpected eruption in 1973 and all the inhabitants had to be evacuated immediately. The Islanders base their livelihood on fishing, fish processing and tourism. Local fish processing accounts for 15% of the export value of fish products of Iceland.

A flight from Reykjavik takes a mere 20 minutes.

Included: Roundtrip transfer to/from Rek Dom Apt. Roundtrip flight to/from Westman Islands incl apt tax. A local guide. Sightseeing tour in Heimaey.

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