

# Iceland Complete

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## Itinerary :

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**Day 1: Reykjavik:** Welcome to Reykjavik, Iceland. Upon arrival, head through passport control, collect your bags and go through customs to the Arrival Hall. Transfer to the hotel on your own for check-in. If you arrive early in the day, you might want to explore Reykjavik's old town area, location of many museums and galleries on your own. You might also enjoy visiting one of the city's outdoor geothermal swimming pools where you can shake off your jetlag. In the afternoon, you could opt for day tours, such as whale watching or horseback riding (additional cost), both bringing you close to Iceland's nature and landscape. Dinner is on your own. Tonight, there will be an information meeting at your hotel. You'll meet your guide and travel companions and learn more about the tour. Overnight stay in Reykjavik.

**Day 2: Reykjavik – Geysir – Gullfoss – Skogar- Dyrholaey – Vik:** Breakfast at the hotel. Today start the day with a short city sightseeing of Reykjavik. From Reykjavik head through the greenhouse village of Hveragerdi. Head on to the Golden Circle natural wonders. Explore Gullfoss, the "Golden Waterfall", and the nearby Geysir hot spring area to see the famous Geysir and Strokkur, as well as numerous other hot springs and boiling mud pools. Continue along the south shore and stop to admire the waterfalls Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss before continuing to Dyrholaey and the black sand beaches of Iceland's South Shore. Continue to the village of Vik. Dinner and Overnight in the south coast area. (B, D)

**Day 3: Vik – Vatnajokull National Park – Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon – Hofn:** Breakfast at the hotel. Continue your journey on the Ring Road. Cross Eldhraun, the largest lava flow recorded on the planet in historical times. Visit Kirkjubaejarklaustur town, the former site of a 12th-century Catholic convent. The tour continues over Skeidararsandur sands to Skaftafell, a beautiful glacial area within Vatnajokull National Park. Continue to the stunning Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon to see the birthplace of icebergs. Throughout the day you will also enjoy magnificent views of the mighty Vatnajokull Glacier. Dinner is on your own. Overnight stay in the Hofn area. (B)

**Day 4: Hofn-East Fjords-Egilsstadir:** Breakfast at the hotel. Today drive from Hofn through Almannaskard pass, stopping to admire the majestic coastline. Continue to the towering mountains plunging vertically into the sea that form the magnificent East Fjords. Enjoy the amazing views: this is one of Iceland's oldest regions with rugged mountain and coastal vistas. The road brings you to Egilsstadir town, located near Iceland's largest forest and a lake said to be home to a legendary (friendly) monster. Dinner and Overnight stay in the Egilsstadir area. (B, D)

**Day 5: Egilsstadir – Lake Myvatn Area:** Breakfast at the hotel. Explore the empty vastness of the highland desert plateau Modrudalsoraefi today as you head towards the Lake Myvatn area. On the way, stop at Dettifoss, Europe's largest and most powerful waterfall. Continue onwards to Namaskard pass with its boiling mud pools and vibrant colors. Explore the natural beauty of the Lake Myvatn area, including the pseudo craters at Skutustadir and the Laxa Salmon River. Dinner and overnight stay in the Myvatn area. (B, D)

**Day 6: Lake Myvatn Area – Akureyri – Siglufjordur:** Breakfast at the hotel. Start the day by exploring the peculiar lava formations at Dimmuborgir. Visit the magnificent Godafoss waterfall and the old turf farm Laufas. Afterward, visit Akureyri, the colorful northern "capital" of Iceland. The town has charming buildings and a beautiful view of the Eyjafjordur Fjord. After spending some time in Akureyri, continue along the coastal roads of Eyjafjordur and the Troll Peninsula. This is a beautiful drive along steep mountains with amazing views over the Arctic Sea and black sand coastline. The destination is Siglufjordur, set in a beautiful fjord of the same name. This town has some of the finest timber buildings in the country, very picturesque and an easily walkable town for an evening stroll. Dinner and Overnight in Siglufjordur. (B, D)

**Day 7: Siglufjordur – Skagafjordur – Borgarnes:** Breakfast at the hotel. This morning visit Siglufjordur's award-winning Herring-Era Maritime Museum. The museum recreates the atmosphere of the early 20th century when Siglufjordur was transformed into a frontier boomtown, thanks to a large migration of herring. Afterward, head along majestic mountains and narrow passes to Skagafjordur, considered to be one of the finest places in Iceland for horse breeding. Enjoy an introduction to the unique Icelandic horse breed with its special fifth gait – the tolt. Continue towards the village of Blonduos, built on both sides of the river Blanda. Cross the Holtavorduheidi plateau into Western Iceland, a region rich in tales of Viking explorers and mythical creatures. Head through the scenic Borgarfjordur area to the beautiful town of Borgarnes. Dinner and overnight stay in Borgarnes area. (B, D)

**Day 8: Borgarnes – Thingvellir – Reykjavik:** Breakfast at the hotel. Today drive to Deildartunguhver, the most powerful hot spring in Europe. Stop to admire the beautiful Hraunfossar waterfalls where the brilliantly blue glacial water flows through black lava formations. Continue via Hvalfjordur fjord to Lake Thingvallavatn, Iceland's largest lake, and Thingvellir National Park. This UNESCO heritage site is where the world's oldest continuing parliamentary government was founded in the 10th century. It is also the place where the North American and European tectonic plates meet. Dinner is on your own. Overnight stay in Reykjavik. (B)

**Day 9: Reykjavik:** Breakfast at the hotel. Free time for leisure or shopping until departure. Transfer to the airport on your own for your final destination. (B)

B-Breakfast; D-Dinner