

**8 days | 7 nights**

# Iceland South and West



**Day 1:** Arrival – Reykjavík | **Day 2:** Snæfellsnes Peninsula – Stykkishólmur | **Day 3:** Borgarfjörður – Kaldidalur – Golden Circle | **Day 4:** Landmannalaugar – Kirkjubæjarklaustur | **Day 5:** Glacier Lagoon – Kirkjubæjarklaustur | **Day 6:** South Coast – Reykjavík | **Day 7:** Free day in Reykjavík | **Day 8:** Departure

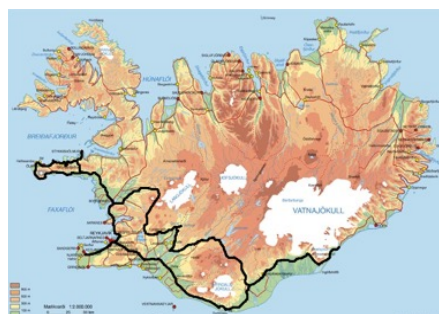
## DAY 1: ARRIVAL (approx. 50 km)

Arrival at Keflavik International Airport. Private transfer to your hotel in Reykjavik (approx. 45 minute drive).

Overnight in Reykjavík

## DAY 2: REYKJAVÍK – SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA

The Snæfellsnes peninsula in Iceland’s West is almost like a miniature of the whole country. There are white and black beaches, bird cliffs, spectacular mountains and volcanic craters, incredibly rich trout lakes and salmon rivers lush valleys, unique harbors in charming fishing villages and a world-renowned glacier. The stunning landscapes of the peninsula have captured the imagination of people all over the world ever since Jules Verne wrote the famous science fiction novel “Journey to the Centre of the Earth”; the amazing Snæfellsjökull glacier is where the journey begins and the Stromboli volcano in Italy is where it ends.



Our journey includes stops at the basalt pillars of Gerðuberg, Büðir; a former port of commerce where today you can see a beautiful small wooden church surrounded by a lava field, Arnarstapi; a small fishing village where you can have a look at the fascinating rock formations by the old pier and basalt columns of all sizes and shapes and the black beach of Djúpálónssandur. On the north of the peninsula we will drive along the shore of the Breiðafjörður Bay, passing through charming fishing villages.

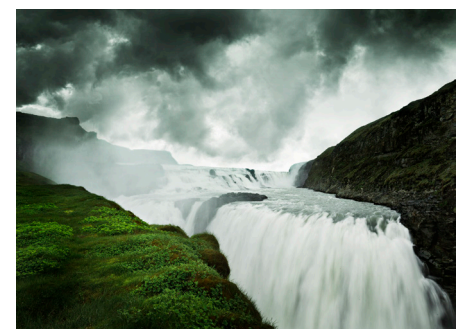
Driving distance approx. 300 km  
Overnight in Snæfellsnes area

## DAY 3: BORGARFJÖRDUR – THE GOLDEN CIRCLE – LAUGARVATN

Today we will see some of the most famous sights in Iceland. We will start by exploring Borgarnes region where we stop at Deildartunguhver hot spring (the biggest

in Iceland in terms of water production per second), Reykholt where the famous medieval writer Snorri Sturluson lived and the Hraunfossar waterfalls where the water flows out from beneath a lava field into the river below. From there we continue our journey along the Kaldidalur highland road until we reach Thingvellir (Þingvellir), considered one of the geological wonders of the world where you can see the effects of the tectonic plate movements which have opened various cracks and fissures in the earth’s crust. We continue to the famous Geysir area where the Strokkur hot spring ejects its water column high into the air every 5 – 10 minutes and where numerous small springs boil and bubble. Afterwards we only have a short drive to reach Gullfoss, surely one of the country’s most beautiful waterfalls.

Driving distance approx. 330 km  
Overnight in Flúðir area







#### DAY 4: LANDMANNALAUGAR – KIRKJUBÆJARKLAUSTUR

We now drive to Landmannalaugar, a highlight of every trip to Iceland and an unforgettable journey over lava fields and moon-like landscape. To reach the colorful rhyolite mountains of Landmannalaugar we will be crossing rivers and passing over mountain passes. Here you can walk between colorful mountains, black obsidian lava and hot springs, and comprehensive information about all hiking tracks can be found in the mountain hut. Some of the hot springs in the area are located at the bottom of a river, creating a wonderful temperature for a relaxing bath! Afterwards we continue our journey along the highland road “behind the mountains” to Kirkjubæjarklaustur, our area of accommodation for the next two nights.

Driving distance approx. 250 km

Overnight in Kirkjubæjarklaustur area – 2 nights



#### DAY 5: JÖKULSÁRLÓN GLACIER LAGOON – SKAFTAFELL – KIRKJUBÆJARKLAUSTUR

This is a day with views of two of the country's most remarkable landscapes. We start with a visit to the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon, one of the most spectacular sights in Iceland. Enormous icebergs constantly break off the glacier into the lagoon, melting slowly as they drift towards the sea nearby. From May – October it is possible to join a boat tour on

the lagoon (not included) and here we will take time to walk around and explore the amazing landscape, including the Diamond beach. If we are lucky we might even see some of the seals that frequently visit the shores.

##### **Optional: Jökulsárlón boat cruise**

Go on board an amphibian boat for a cruise of 30-40 minutes among the icebergs of Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon.

Duration: 30 to 40 min / Included with supplement: Amphibian boat tour with local English-speaking guide.

Next we explore Skaftafell National Park, a breathtaking area right under Vatnajökull Glacier and known for its unique natural features. Here you can choose between many different hiking trails through the park and visit beautiful waterfalls like Svartifoss (approx. 1 ½ hour hike – 4 km round trip).

Driving distance approx. 250 km

Second overnight in Kirkjubæjarklaustur area



#### DAY 6: SOUTH COAST – REYKJAVÍK (approx. 280 km)

Now we start our drive back to Reykjavík. On our way we stop at Fjaðrárgljúfur, a beautiful canyon located close to Kirkjubæjarklaustur. As we approach Vík village we stop at the famous black sand beach, Reynisfjara, for a walk. You need to be careful though because the strong waves have been known to swift careless observers out to sea. Next we head to Skógar where we will see the waterfall Skógarfoss, one of the highest in Iceland, and then to Seljalandsfoss, one of Iceland's most beautiful waterfalls and very unique as it is actually possible to walk behind it. From here we continue to Reykjavík where we will stay for the last two nights of our Iceland journey.

##### **Optional: Lava Center**

Stop at the Lava Center in Hvolsvöllur, an interactive museum on volcanic activity in Iceland, earthquakes and the creation of the island over the last 15 million years.

Included with supplement: Entrance fee

Driving distance approx. 280 km

Overnight in Reykjavík – 2 nights

#### DAY 7: FREE DAY OR OPTIONAL EXCURSION(S) - (Not included)

Enjoy the day by exploring Reykjavík on your own and give yourself time to experience some of the amazing attractions Iceland's capital city has to offer. You might even like to book some more activities in advance:

##### **Optional: Blue Lagoon / approx. 100km**

Day tour to the Blue Lagoon, a unique geothermal spa situated in one of the youngest lava fields in Iceland.

Duration: Approx. 4hrs. Included with supplement: Private bus, English-speaking guide, 2h-stop and comfort package at Blue Lagoon (access to the lagoon, use of towel and first drink of your choice).



##### **Optional: FlyOver Iceland**

FlyOver Iceland uses state-of-the-art technology to give you the feeling of flying. You are suspended in your seats, in front of a 20-meters wide curved screen on which is projected a 10-minutes long film which makes you discover Iceland in all its splendor.

Duration: Approx. 1h, including 30-40 min. visit + transfer back and forth from hotel. Included with supplement: Transfer in private bus, local guide and entrance fee.

##### **Optional: Whale watching from Reykjavík**

Go on board an old fishing boat for a whale watching cruise in Faxaflói Bay.

Duration: Approx. 3-4hrs / Included: Transfer in private bus to Reykjavík harbor, the whale watching cruise, English-speaking guide on the boat and a local assistant.



#### DAY 8: DEPARTURE

Private transfer to Keflavik International Airport for your return flight.