# 6 days / 5 nights Iceland South Coast

 Number of participants: Guarantee from
 Escorted tour with English guidance – Summer 2024 (Friday to Wednesday)

 min 2 pax – max pax pr departure 44 pax
 May 24-29
 June 21-26
 July 05-10
 July 19-24
 August 16-21
 September 13-18

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# Day 1: Keflavík International airport – Reykjavík

Arrival at Keflavík International Airport. Transfer by Flybus shuttle without assistance from Keflavik Airport to your hotel in Reykjavik, the northernmost capital in the world. Along the way, you'll pass through lunar landscapes heavily marked by volcanic activity.

Dinner on your own (not included).

Important: There is no Meet & Greet at the airport and your guide will NOT be present on that day. Transfer to Reykjavík and check-in at the hotel is without assistance. Free time and evening at leisure in Reykjavík.

Driving distance approx. 50 km Overnight at hotel in Reykjavík.

# Day 2: Reykjavík – South Coast

Pick-up by your guide at the hotel in the morning around 9 a.m.

Departure towards the volcanic plateaus of Hellisheiði, observing along the way

Hellisheiðarvirkjun geothermal power plant, and as you approach the village of Hveragerði, heated greenhouse also powered by geothermal energy.

After crossing the farmlands regions of Selfoss, Hella and Hvolsvöllur, explore the South Coast and its enchanting landscapes featuring majestic mountain ranges crowned by enormous glaciers. Discover endless shores covered in volcanic black sand, cliffs rising like basaltic organs, farmlands, and waterfalls...

Stop at the beautiful Seljalandsfoss waterfall and further along the way, discover the mighty Skógarfoss waterfall. Finaly, take a stroll on Reynishverfi Beach, at the base of basalt column cliffs.

Stop en route for lunch (lunch not included).

Driving distance approx. 200 km Dinner (included) and overnight at hotel in Vík ou Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.





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# Day 3: Skaftafell – Jökulsárlón – Vík

After passing through the village of Vík, cross the vast expanses of Mýrdalssandur, a result of the successive eruptions of the ominous Katla volcano, which lies dormant beneath the Mýrdalsjökull glacier. Also cross the vast Eldhraun lava field, the leftovers of the major Laki eruption that occurred in 1783 and was arguably one of the greatest disasters in Iceland's history. Further east, beyond the towering cliffs of Lómagnúpur, Iceland's highest at 670m, and the Skeiðarársandur sand plains, lies Skaftafell National Park. Under the gaze of Hvannadalshnúkur, the country's highest peak (2110m), you are surrounded by the glacial tongues of the Vatnajökull glacier on one side and vast volcanic sand plains on the other.

Driving around the massive Öræfajökull volcanic massif, explore the realm of Europe's largest glacier, Vatnajökull, and reach Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon. Here, the glacier breaks into stunning icebergs that drift peacefully towards the ocean ("Diamond Beach"). The lagoon is situated within a magnificent amphitheater of glaciers, dominated by the majestic peak of Hvannadalshnúkur, Iceland's highest point (2110m). There, you can embark on an amphibious boat for 30 to 40 minutes, allowing you to cruise through the lagoon amidst the icebergs (optional, not included).

By the end of the day, it will be time to retrace your steps along the South Coast and return to the Vík or Kirkjubæjarklaustur region.

Stop en route for lunch (lunch not included). Driving distance approx. 420 km

Dinner (included) and overnight at hotel in Vík or Kirkjubæjarklaustur area.

## Day 4: Golden Circle – Reykjavík

Depart from the South Coast and set out to explore the sites of the Golden Circle, some of the most famous in Iceland. Head towards the geothermal area of Geysir, where the Strokkur geyser shoots its column of water and steam up to nearly 20 meters in the air every 5 to 8 minutes. After a short walk at the site, continue to the nearby Gullfoss waterfall, where the Hvítá River plunges in two stages into a beautiful canyon.

Continuing your journey, traverse the Laugarvatn region and then the Lyngdalsheiði moorland to reach the shores of Lake Thingvallavatn and Thingvellir National Park. There, walk through a vast rift plain marked by fissures resulting from the separation of tectonic plates. It's here, specifically at the widest and most beautiful of these fissures, Almannagjá, that Viking chieftains gathered starting in the early 10th century to establish the laws of the land.

Return to Reykjavík and a brief panoramic bus tour of the city before checking in to the hotel. Important: Your guide will drop you off at the hotel upon arrival in Reykjavík but will not be



present in the evening or the following day. Evening in Reykjavík spent at leisure. Stop en route for lunch (lunch not included). Dinner on your own (not included).

Driving distance approx. 300 km Overnight at hotel in Reykjavík.

### Day 5: Day spent at leisure libre / Optional day tours

Day spent at leisure in Reykjavík. Wander through the streets of the colourful capital, go shopping, enjoy its numerous cafes and restaurants, or visit one of its many excellent museums! Lunch and dinner are at your own leisure.

Overnight in Reykjavík.

As an alternative to this day spent at leisur, you can also choose from the following activities and excursions (optional with supplement).

# **Option 1:** Wonders of Snæfellsnes Peninsula

Driving distance approx. 400 km

The Snæfellsnes Peninsula holds a share of mystery and is the stage for numerous tales and legends. This tour provides an insight into this region where marine and volcanic atmospheres blend harmoniously. Snæfellsnes is like a miniature version of lceland: black volcanic coasts, magnificent mountains, volcanic craters, incredible birdlife, caves, and of course, the Snæfellsjökull glacier towering over the peninsula.

This tour will allow you to discover, among other sites, the small fishing village of Arnarstapi, the iconic Kirkjufell mountain, and Djúpalónssandur Bay.

Duration: Approx. 12h. Schedule:\* Departure at 8am from Reykjavík. Hotel pick-up starts at 7:30am. Drop-off at hotel after day tour. Included with supplement: Regular bus tour, guidance in English, access to sites visited. Not included: Lunch en route, personnal expenses.

#### **Option 2:** FlyOver Iceland

FlyOver Iceland uses cutting-edge technology to give you the sensation of flying. The illusion of

\* The schedules provided are indicative and may be subject to change by the service provider.

soaring like a bird and being fully immersed in nature is perfectly captured. You are suspended in your seats in front of a curved, wide screen spanning about twenty meters, onto which a tenminute film is projected, allowing you to explore the lcelandic landscape in all its splendor. Special effects simulating wind, mist, and the scents of nature combine with seat movements to create an unforgettable experience.

Duration: approx. 45 minutes, including 10-minutes « flight ». Schedule:\* Every 15 tp 20 minutes, from 11am until 7pm approx. Included with supplement: admission fee. Not included: On-site transfer (which can be done on foot, by bus, or by taxi), guide, lunch, personal expenses.

#### **Option 3:** Whale watching

From the harbour of Reykjavík, board an old fishing boat for a whale-watching cruise in Faxaflói Bay.

**Duration:** approx. 3 hrs. **Schedule:\*** at 9am, 1pm and 5pm. Included with supplement: boat cruise (regular tour) with commentary in English on board. Not included: On-site transfer (which can be done on foot, by bus, or by taxi), guide, lunch, personal expenses.

#### Option 4: Sky Lagoon

This thermal spa inspired by nature is situated minutes away from Reykjavík. Immerse yourself in warmth at the oceanside geothermal lagoon, as the dramatic North Atlantic Ocean stretches out before you. Then, take your relaxation deeper with the Ritual, a unique seven-step experience.

Duration: approx. 3h. Schedule:\* at 1pm, 3pm, 5pm or 7pm from BSÍ, central bus station in Reykjavik; return to Reykjavik from Sky Lagoon 2,5hrs after departure time (at 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm et 9:30pm). Each transfer is approx. 10-15 minutes. Hotel pick-up starts 30 minutes before departure time form Reykjavik. Drop-off at hotel after return in Reykjavik. Included with supplement: Transfer backand forth and Pure Pass admission at Sky Lagoon, including Sky Lagoon ritual. Not included: Guide, personal expenses.

#### **Option 5:** Visit to the Blue Lagoon

Visit to the Blue Lagoon located approximately 45 minutes by road from Reykjavík for an unforgettable soak in the azure waters of the lagoon.

Duration: Flexible. Schedule:\* Departures every hour from 9am to 5pm from BSİ, central bus station in Reykjavik); return to Reykjavik from the Blue Lagoon on the shuttle of your choice (every hour from 1:15 pm to 8:15pm). Each transfer is approximately 45 minutes. Hotel pick-up starts 30 minutes before departure time form Reykjavik. Drop-off at hotel after return in Reykjavik. Included with supplement : Transfer back-and forth and Comfort admission at blue, including access to the lagoon, use of towel and 1st drink of your choice). Not included: Guide, personal expenses.

## Day 6: Reykjavik – Keflavík International Airport

Transfer without assistance with Flybus shuttle from your hotel to Keflavík International Airport before your return flight.

Important: Your guide will not be present on this day. Transfer to the airport is without assistance.

Driving distance approx. 50 km