

GUIDED ICELAND CIRCLE

8 days/7 nights



Day 1: Welcome to Iceland

Individual transfer by Flybus shuttle bus from Keflavik airport to your accommodation in Reykjavik.

Overnight location: Icelandair Hotel Natura, Reykjavík. Dinner is on your own. (50km / 31mls)

Day 2: Volcano Crater, Seals, Fjords & Mountains

At 09:00 meet our tour guide and depart from Icelandair Hotel Natura. Travel west along the scenic Hvalfjörður fjord and the town of Borgarnes. Easy hike on Grábrók volcano crater in the middle of a greenish lava field. In the afternoon visit a natural history & seal museum in the fishing village of Hvammstangi. Further north stop at the turf church of Víðimýri and then continue along scenic fjord landscape and over several mountain passes until we reach Akureyri, the capital of North Iceland. The overnight location at Akureyri allows you to walk around the town.

Overnight location: Icelandair Hotel Akureyri, Akureyri. Breakfast included. Dinner is on your own. (425km / 264mls)



Day 3: The Capital of North Iceland, Lake Mývatn & Geothermal baths

In the morning explore the town of Akureyri, also called the capital of North Iceland: visit the botanical garden, walk the streets and admire the panoramic view over the Eyjafjörður fjord. In the afternoon travel to Goðafoss – the waterfalls of the Gods. Then explore Lake Mývatn, known as a geological wonderland and for its abundant birdlife. See the strange lava formations at Kálfaströnd, the pseudo craters at Skútustaðir and the tephra cone Hverfjall. End the afternoon relaxing in the geothermal Mývatn Nature Baths with a fantastic view over the whole area.

There is a possibility of seeing the Northern Lights during the evening from mid-September to mid-April.

Overnight location: Sel Hotel Mývatn or similar, Mývatn. Breakfast included. Dinner is on your own. (120km / 75mls)

Day 4: Lava Labyrinth, Hot Springs & Travel East

In the morning walk in the lava labyrinth at Dimmuborgir “the dark castles”, hoping to get a glimpse of the trolls who are said to live there. In the afternoon, visit the hot spring area of Námaskarð with bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras. Head through the uninhabited highlands and moon-like surrounding to East Iceland. From June to August the tour includes a detour to the powerful waterfall Dettifoss.

Overnight location: Icelandair Hotel Hérað, Egilsstaðir (Oct-Apr) or Álfheimar Guesthouse (May-Sept). Breakfast included. Dinner is on your own. (250km / 155mls)



Day 5: East Fjords

It's a day to admire the dramatic fjord landscape and its tiny fishing vil-



lages at the end of twisty roads in the East Fjords and on route visit an interesting stone and mineral collection. In the afternoon see Vatnajökull – Europe's biggest glacier that is visible all over Southeast Iceland. There is a possibility of seeing the Northern Lights during the evening from mid-September to mid-April. *Please note that itinerary on this specific day can change due to seasonal factors, such as daylight.*

Overnight location: Hotel Höfn, Höfn. Breakfast included. Dinner is on your own. (260km / 161mls)

Day 6: Vatnajökull National Park, Glacier Lagoon, Diamond Beach & South Coast

Start the day with a stop at Jökulsárlón, a glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs, and explore the extraordinary site where you might see seals swimming in arctic waters. Depending on the season optional boat trips are available. You can walk on the so-called Diamond Beach, where large icebergs get stranded. Travel along the southern part of the glacier Vatnajökull and spend time at Europe's largest national park, which has Iceland's highest mountains, an alpine environment, and Europe's largest glacier. In the afternoon, a beautiful drive with many natural wonders awaits us as we head across the Eldhraun lava field, cross the sandy desert of the south coast, overlooked by mountainous cliffs, glaciers and waterfalls. Stroll along the black lava beach of Reynisfjara near Vík. In the small village of Skógar there is Skógafoss waterfall which is 60 meters high and is one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. Continue to the 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! Further west stop at the Lava Centre and learn about Iceland's volcanic activity. There is a possibility of seeing the Northern Lights during the evening from mid-September to mid-April.

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Overnight location: Hotel Eyjafjallajökull, Hvolsvöllur. Breakfast included. Dinner is on your own. (380km / 235mls)

Day 7: Icelandic Horses & Golden Circle

Explore classics today as we travel the route of the Golden Circle sights. Start the day at Friðheimar, where you learn about the Icelandic horse, its special qualities and history and visit a geothermal greenhouse. Later on, 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. Continue to Gullfoss, “the golden falls”, which is a double waterfall that tumbles 34 meters into the Hvítá river and attracts travellers in summer and winter. Travel inland to Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. As we return to Reykjavík, we take you for a short city tour to show highlights of the world’s northernmost capital.

Northern Lights: From mid-September to mid-April optional Northern Lights evening tours can be booked at the lobby of your hotel, should weather conditions be favourable.

Overnight location: Icelandair Hotel Natura, Reykjavík. Breakfast included. Dinner is on your own. (160km / 99mils)

Day 8: Departure Home

Individual transfer by Flybus shuttle from your accommodation in Reykjavik to Keflavik airport.

Breakfast included. (50km / 31mils)

NOTE: Itineraries may be subject to change at short notice during severe weather conditions and certain outdoor activities/day trips may be cancelled during the winter season in Iceland. In these rare cases, where situations of force majeure apply, excursions/activities cannot be refunded but the local guides will try their best to find reasonable alternatives where and whenever possible.

NOTE: Accommodations are subject to change.

Price & details**May, 20 & Oct, 20**

EUR 1.690 per person (double/twin room, breakfast included)

EUR 2.170 per person (single room, breakfast included)

Jun, 20 - Sep, 20

EUR 2.080 per person (double/twin room, breakfast included)

EUR 2.730 per person (single room, breakfast included)

Nov, 20 - Dec, 20

EUR 1.590 per person (double/twin room, breakfast included)

EUR 2.130 per person (single room, breakfast included)

Inclusions / Exclusions & more

Price Includes: 7 nights accommodation in rooms with shower/WC 6 days escorted bus tour with English-speaking guide/driver-guide Arrival & departure airport transfer by Flybus shuttle (no guide) 7x breakfast 2x evenings with Northern Lights Academy (from mid-September to mid-April). Natural history & Seal museum in Hvammstangi Viðimýri turf church Mývatn Nature Baths including towel Visit to a stone collection Exhibition and 4K movie at Lava Centre in Hvolsvöllur Icelandic horse stables & geothermal greenhouse

Price Excludes: Any private expenses Any additional services All meals not listed under "included" Single supplement (mandatory when in single room)

Complementaries Entrance fees Free Wi-Fi on the bus Use of snow & ice grippers spike (for winter departures) Use of flashlight (for winter departures)

Additional Services Extra night in Reykjavik before/after the tour – on request

Highlights & Experiences

- Fully escorted tour around Iceland's Ring Road
- Explore two national parks
- The Golden circle including Þingvellir, Geysir & Gullfoss
- Mývatn Nature Baths, including towel
- Visits to small local museums, cultural experiences and soft adventures
- Visit to Icelandic horse stables & geothermal greenhouse
- 2x evenings with Northern Lights Academy (from mid-September to mid-April).