



Iceland Grand tour - 13 Days, 12 Nights – Self drive

Prices are per person in double room

Valid 01 May – 14 June 2019 & 20 August – 15 September 2019

314.400 ISK with rental car VW Golf/Toyota Auris/KIA Ceed or similar

337.600 ISK with rental car Skoda Octavia Sedan/Toyota Sedan or similar

Valid 15 June – 19 August 2019

351.700 ISK with rental car VW Golf/Toyota Auris/KIA Ceed or similar

376.900 ISK with rental car Skoda Octavia Sedan/Toyota Sedan or similar

Valid 16 September – 31 October 2019

261.300 ISK with rental car VW Golf/Toyota Auris/KIA Ceed or similar

284.500 ISK with rental car Skoda Octavia Sedan/Toyota Sedan or similar

Included:

- 12 night accommodation with private facilities and breakfast in double room
- 12 day rental car with one extra driver
- Unlimited mileage, CDW, THW and PAI.
- Pick-up/drop-off rental car at the International Airport in Keflavík.
- Road Map & Detailed itinerary
- GPS
- Emergency out of office phone number available while traveling in Iceland.
- VAT & lodging tax.

Not included:

International flights, fuel, parking fees, extra insurance, road toll (tunnel Hvalfjörður), meals besides breakfast, entrance fees & activities, airport pick up outside opening hours.

Prices depend on availability and charges for upgrade in accommodation might occur.

Notes: Basic Package package CDW, PAI, THW included. Excess of smaller cars 195.000 ISK, and 375.000 ISK for larger cars and 4WD

Notes: The ferry is operated daily from 01 June – 31 August. No service on 02 June 2019.

In May, Sep & Oct: Sun, Mon, Wed, Thur: departure at 18:00. Tue & Fri: departure 12:00.



Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival

Upon arrival at Keflavik International Airport pick up your pre-booked rental car.

If you are arriving early, you will have the option to make a detour to the famous Blue Lagoon for a relaxing bath or to explore Reykjavik, the most northerly located capital in the world.

1 night accommodation in Reykjavik

Day 2: Golden Circle & the South Coast

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site and Þingvellir National Park. Walk through the Almannagjá tectonic rift, pass the site of the first parliament, Althing and enjoy Öxaráfoss waterfall. Your journey will take you to Geysir hot spring area where Strokkur erupts every five minutes or so. Another stop is the majestic waterfall Gullfoss, one of Iceland's famous natural wonders. We recommend a visit to Iceland's only place that grows mushrooms, Flúðasveppir, before heading to the Secret Lagoon pool for a relaxing bath.

Continue to the south and take an unforgettable walk behind Seljalandsfoss waterfall and climb the stairs to the brim of the waterfall Skógafoss. The local folk- and transport museum Skógasafn exhibits an original turf-farm as well as historical items from days long gone. The bird cliffs of Dyrhólaey with the eroded rock arch are worth a detour.

1 night accommodation in Vik area.

Ca. 330 km

Day 3: Skaftafell National Park & Jökulsarlón Glacier lagoon

Explore Reynisfjara black beach with its fascinating basalt columns before heading on through the black sands of Mýrdalssandur and the lava landscapes of Eldhraun.

Skaftafell National Park is popular for its various hiking routes and many outdoor activities. Make time for an easy hike to Svartifoss waterfall in Skaftafell, or head on to the outlet glacier Svínafellsjökull, its dramatic scenery has been the background in many films. Guided glacier walks are offered departing from Skaftafell. On the famous glacier lagoon Jökulsárlón, boat tours are offered that will bring you



close to floating icebergs and frequently seals are spotted in the lagoon - or try kayaking on one of the less frequented lagoons in the surroundings.

1 night accommodation in Höfn area
Ca. 275 km

Day 4: East Fjords

Drive along the Eastfjords with the steep mountain slopes and narrow coastal sections. Stop in Djúpvogur for the stone sculptures of the various bird eggs of the breeding birds of the Eastern fjords, or take a boat tour to Papey Island. Look in on the French Museum in Fáskrúðsfjörður where the interesting history and legacy of the French sailors in Iceland is shown. Travel to Iceland's largest forest around Lake Lagarfljót. The easy hike to Hengifoss waterfall is very popular.

1 night accommodation in Egilsstaðir area.
Ca. 250 km

Day 5: Lake Mývatn area

Drive today across the mountain plateau of Jökuldalsheiði. Stop at the former farm and now café Sænautasel to enjoy traditional Icelandic refreshments. The most powerful waterfall in Europe, Dettifoss, is worth a detour. The foul-smelling sulphur mud hot springs at Námaskarð are a must, before gazing into the Víti Crater near the volcano Krafla. We recommend an easy hike to the still warm rocks at Leirhnjúkur lava field. The green farmland around Lake Mývatn is a paradise for many bird species and birdwatchers. Make your last stop of the day at Mývatn Nature Baths and soak in the geothermal hot water.

1 night accommodation in Myvatn area
Ca. 240 km

Day 6: Goðafoss waterfall, Akureyri & the Skagafjörður area

Visit the beautiful Goðafoss waterfall on the way to Akureyri. Take a walk through the charming city centre with its colourful houses, or walk through the botanical gardens with plants from all over the



world. Take a detour and visit the Christmas house further inland or take a Whale watching tour in the fjord.

Head on to Skagafjörður that is known for its horse breeding. The Glaumbær farm gives an insight into the life of the Icelanders in the 18th and 19th centuries, and the Víðimýrarkirkja church is considered one of the finest examples of traditional Icelandic architecture.

Continue over the mountains and make a stop at the Seal museum in Hvammstangi, or go on a sealwatching boat tour.

1 night accommodation in Hrútafjörður area.

Ca. 280 km

Day 7: Remote Strandir region, Witchcraft museum and

Start your day and drive into the remote Strandir region. Visit the sorcery museum in Hólmavík, where also Whale watching tours depart during the summer. Drive as far as the road takes you to the former herring station in Djúpvík, showcasing an exhibition about the herring era. In recent years, Icelandic as well as international artists, have used this peculiar location for their art exhibitions and performances. Continue further and relax in the swimming pool of Krossneslaug, located right on the coast of the Atlantic Ocean.

1 night accommodation in Holmavik area.

Ca. 150 km to Hólmavík, ca. 360 km if you drive all the way to Krossneslaug.

Day 8: The Westfjords

On your way along the fjords to the town of Ísafjörður, make time for some stops, drop by Café Liltibær and spot seals resting along the rocky coast. Don't miss a relaxing dip at Reykjanes geothermal pool and a visit to the Arctic Fox museum in Súðavík.

Ísafjörður is the largest town of the Westfjords, with a vivid cultural and music scene. From here, boat tours leave every day to Hesteyri and Vigur island, great for puffin viewing. Visit the village of Bolungarvík and the Maritime museum in Ósvör. Drive to the top of Bolafjall Mountain, an old radar station. The place offers a staggering view over Ísafjarðardjúp and some people say on a good day, all the way to Greenland!

1 night accommodation in Ísafjörður area

Ca. 230 km



Day 9: Fishing villages, Iceland's most picturesque waterfall and Seamonsters

The fjord of Arnarfjörður offers some stunning views. An absolute must-see is the picturesque waterfall Dynjandi and don't miss the Seamonster museum in Bildudalur. Pass by white sand beaches on your way to the bird cliffs of Látrabjarg, the westernmost point of Iceland. During summer time, the cliffs are full of seagulls and seabirds, amongst them the puffin. Take a hike along the cliff at your own pace and enjoy the stunning views while spotting birds. Perhaps have a look at the folk museum Hnjótur or drive along the winding road to the red sandy beach Rauðasandur.

1 night accommodation in Patréksfjörður or near Látrabjarg.
Ca. 180 km to Patréksfjörður, ca. 230 km to Látrabjarg

Day 10: Ferry ride over Breiðarfjörður bay to Stykkishólmur

Today you cross the fjord Breiðarfjörður between the peninsula Snæfellnes and the Westfjords. Enjoy the view over the innumerable islets of the bay and the Snæfellsjökull glacier while you sail on the car ferry. The small island of Flatey is inhabited only in summer, and is approached only briefly. Stykkishólmur is beautifully-situated on the northern side of the Snæfellsnes peninsula, with quaint and well-preserved colourful woodclad houses.

The ferry departs at noon and takes about 3 hours. Please note: the ferry is not operated on 01 June.

1 night accommodation in Stykkishólmur area.
Ca. 60 km to the ferry harbour Brjánslækur.

Day 11: Snæfellsnes peninsula

Today is your opportunity for tasting the famous "Hákarl", the fermented Greenland shark, at Bjarnarhöfn farm. On your journey, you will pass the peculiar shaped mountain Kirkjufell, Iceland's most photographed mountain. At the tip of the peninsula, you'll reach the National Park with the glacier covered volcano Snæfellsjökull glacier. Enjoy a walk at the black pebble beach Djúpalónssandur, relish the stunning rock formations of Hellnar cove and the Cliffs at Arnarstapi fishing hamlet. Perhaps join a guided tour into the lava cave Vatnshellir.

1 night accommodation in Borgarnes area
Ca. 230 km



Day 12: Borgarfjörður & Reykjavik

Borgarnes and the surrounding Borgarfjörður can be regarded as the setting for most of the Icelandic sagas. We recommend a visit to the Settlement Centre in Borgarnes. Deildartunguhver hot spring is the most active hot spring in Iceland and a visit to its geothermal bath resort Krauma is recommended. The picturesque waterfalls Hraunfossar and Barnafoss are not far away. Guided tours of the lava cave Víðgelmir as well as or the man-made ice cave in Langjökull glacier, are available all year round. Continue via the Whale fjord tunnel to Reykjavik.

1 night accommodation in Reykjavik.
Ca. 270 km

Day 13: Departure

Drive to the airport and give back your rental car.
We recommend to stay the last night in the airport area if you have an early departure, to shorten the drive.
Ca. 55 km

Insurance upgrade for standard cars:

SCDW: 1.600 ISK per day

Medium package: 2.000 ISK per day to add on SCDW and GP

Premium package: 3.680 ISK per day to add on SADW and ZERO

Insurance upgrade for 4WD SUVs:

SCDW: 2.700 ISK per day

Medium package: 3.200 ISK per day to add on SCDW and GP

Premium package: 5.520 ISK per day to add on SADW and ZERO