



## Reykjavik City Break Highlights & Highlands of South Iceland 5 days / 4 nights

**Available:** 01 July – 28 September 2020

**Departures:** daily\*\*

This tour package includes visits to the must see highland attractions of South Iceland – Þorsmörk, Landmannalaugar and Golden Circle area with a bath in the Secret lagoon. Visit beautiful Þorsmörk valley, the spectacular Landmannalaugar highland with the colourful rhyolite mountains, and Golden Circle Highlights, often called Iceland in a nutshell.

### Highlights:

- Þorsmörk valley in the highlands
- Seljalandsfoss waterfall
- Landmannalaugar nature reserve
- Hjalparfoss waterfall
- Golden Circle attractions Þingvellir, Geysir and Gullfoss
- Secret lagoon

### INCLUDED

- 4 nights with breakfast in a 3\* or 4\* hotel in central Reykjavik
- Airport return transfer with Hotel drop off and pick up
- Þorsmörk Super Jeep day tour – guided in English
- Landmannalaugar highland bus tour – guided in English
- Golden Circle & secret Lagoon bus tour – guided in English

### Excluded

- Meals besides breakfast
- Other tours, activities and entrance fees than mentioned in the itinerary

### Prices:

Valid 01 July – 28 September 2020

3 Star Hotel	4 Star Hotel	
123.600 ISK	137.100 ISK	per person in double room
160.300 ISK	185.400 ISK	per person in single room

\* Prices are subject to hotel availability.

\*\* The Jeep tour has a minimum of 2 participants. If the minimum is not reached, tours might be on a different date, or jeep tour has to be paid for 2 pax, additional fee applies.

\*\* Landmannalaugar bus tour is operated on Mon, Wed, Sat. The itinerary will be adjusted accordingly.



### Extras/Upgrades

- Extra nights available on request
- All nights are in standard rooms – upgrades available on request
- Landmannalaugar tour can be in Jeep, BUT has a minimum of 3 pax until 15 June and from 01 October, and with a 2 pax minimum 16 June to 30 September. Price on request.
- Additional tours available see [www.grayline.is](http://www.grayline.is)

### ITINERARY :

#### Day 1: Arrival

Arrival in Iceland. Start your visit with shuttle transfer to your hotel in Reykjavik.

Overnight in Reykjavik.

#### Day 2: Þorsmörk Super Jeep tour

Duration 8 – 10 hours.

#### Highlights

- Seljalandsfoss waterfall
- Gjúlfraðúi – the hidden waterfall OR Natuhúsagil gorge
- Driving through rivers and highland road
- Gigjökull glacier tongue
- Þorsmörk – the valley of the god Thor

#### Please note

- Bring loose change for toilet fees, a camera and some snacks for the ride. The driver will be stopping at service stations should you wish to purchase something there.
- Dress according to the weather. Please wear/bring warm, comfortable clothing and waterproof outer layer, sturdy hiking boots, gloves and wool/fleece hat. Lunch and snacks can be bought during tour but are not included.





### *On the way to Þórsmörk*

#### Tour Itinerary

Þórsmörk is a magnificent valley named after Þór (Thor), the god of Thunder. It's one of Icelanders favorite places to go when they want to unwind from the daily grind.

The first stop of the day is at one of Iceland's loveliest waterfalls, Seljalandsfoss. Here the sure-footed can walk behind the thundering cascade but be careful as the trails is narrow and a bit slippery. Depending on conditions, we will either be making a stop at Gljúfrabúi or Nauthúsagil.

Now it's time for more action as we head to Gigjökull glacier tongue. The driver will deflate the tires for some serious jeep action, including splashing through glacier rivers, so fasten your seatbelts, keep your windows closed and experience the fun! Gígjökull is one of 2 glacier outlets from Eyjafjallajökull and the site of the infamous volcanic eruption in 2010.

Our final stop is in Básar, one of the most beautiful spots in Þórsmörk where you can take a short hike around the area. It's uniquely located between three glaciers, Eyjafjallajökull, Mýrdalsjökull and Tindafjallajökull. The ring of glaciers and mountains shield the valley from the harsh weather conditions of the Icelandic highlands, the ideal conditions for a micro-climate. The diverse flora and magnificent landscape is a must for nature lovers and meltwater from the surrounding glaciers create constantly changing rushing torrents across the valley floor.

Overnight in Reykjavík

### **Day 3: Landmannalaugar – guided bus tour to the pearl of the highlands**

Duration 12 hours

#### Highlights:

- Experience the spectacular Landmannalaugar area
- Soak in natural geothermal springs
- Travel through a volcanic landscape of incredible colours
- Get up close to the beautiful Hjalparfoss waterfall
- Hnauapollur crater lake
- Take in the peaceful Iceland countryside

#### Please note:

- Bring a bathing suit and a towel if you want to take a dip into the Landmannalaugar natural warm spring
- Hiking in Landmannalagar may involve changes in elevation and walk over rocky or uneven trails. Bring good hiking shoes and weatherproof clothing.



- Dress according to the weather. Please wear/bring warm, comfortable clothing and waterproof outer layer, sturdy hiking boots, gloves and wool/fleece hat. Lunch and snacks can be bought during tour but are not included.



*Hnauapollur crater lake*



*Rhyolite mountains*



*Bathing in the geothermal water*

#### Itinerary:

The Landmannalaugar tour takes you from Reykjavik up to the interior highlands of Iceland to Landmannalaugar area, often referred to as "The Pearl of the Central Highlands".

#### The Picturesque Hjalparfoss Waterfall

Travelling through the beautiful countryside of southern Iceland and into Þjórsárdalur valley, you get the chance to explore Hjalparfoss waterfall, one of Iceland's most picturesque waterfalls.

#### Stunning Scenery of Hnauapollur Crater Lake

From Hjalparfoss waterfall the route to Landmannalaugar takes you into the highlands and the next stop at Hnauapollur crater lake where turquoise blue water, black and red volcanic pumice and vegetated brims create a stunning scenery.

#### Landmannalaugar - The Pearl of the Highlands

Arriving in Landmannalaugar, the dramatic display of light, colours and rock formations will likely keep you and your camera busy for a while, but you can opt to go for a 2 hour guided hike into the colourful hills surrounding Landmannalaugar and afterwards enjoy a relaxing bath in a natural warm spring.

Back on the road from Landmannalaugar to Reykjavik, the tour passes by Mt. Hekla, one of Iceland's most formidable and infamous volcanoes.

Overnight in Reykjavik.



## Day 4: Golden Circle & Secret lagoon

Duration 8,5 hours

Round out your ultimate Iceland experience with knowing history during Golden Circle tour and a revitalizing soak in the Secret Lagoon set in a geothermal landscape in the quaint village of Flúðir.

### Highlights:

- Þingvellir National Park
- Gullfoss waterfall
- Geysir hot spring area
- Secret Lagoon

### Inclusions

- Admission to the Secret Lagoon
- Round Trip Transport
- Professional Tour Guide
- Free WiFi on the Bus
- Comfortable Coaches
- English Talking guide
- Golden Circle Tour
- 10% Discount at Gullfoss Café and Glima Restaurant (Geysir Hot Spring)\*

### Exclusions

- Towel and swimsuit are not included (but can be rented at the Secret Lagoon)

\*Automatic 10% discount after showing the booking confirmation (received when booking this tour), valid only when buying refreshments, not at the gift shops



*Secret Lagoon*



*Gullfoss waterfall*



*Geysir hot spring*



#### Tour Itinerary:

Combining the Golden Circle and Secret Lagoon, this breathtaking tour takes you on a wondrous journey through Iceland's staggeringly raw beauty. It ends with the ultimate Icelandic indulgence: a luxurious soak in a geothermal pool under the open sky. Go on a journey that brings you the experiences of walking among geologic marvels, witnessing an erupting hot spring, discovering a magnificent waterfall, and unwinding in an outdoor geothermal pool.

#### A Historical & Geological Wonder

Pingvellir National Park is located in a rift valley where the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates meet. It is a site of great historical, geological and cultural significance and has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Pingvellir is the birthplace of the Althing Iceland's parliament founded in 930 AD, where the nation's most powerful leaders would meet to decide on legislation and carry out brutal Viking age justice.

#### An Awe-Inspiring Waterfall

The tour continues across an area of picturesque scenery to the mighty Gullfoss waterfall. Once there, you can take several paths around the two tiers of cascading water to explore several vantage points. Extra time is allotted at this location for a lunch break at Gullfoss Café, where food is available for purchase.

#### Bubbling with Excitement

Next up is the home of "The Great Geysir" hot spring, which all geysers are named after. This area is an impressive collage of bubbling mud pools, hissing steam vents, and colorful algae deposits. Strokkur geyser puts on quite the show every few minutes blasting boiling water high up into the air.

#### The Secret Lagoon

Just off the Golden Circle is the Secret Lagoon, a spring-fed pool located near the charming village of Flúðir in South Iceland. Mineral-rich geothermal waters from nearby hot springs stay at a steady temperature of 38° to 40°C, making the Secret Lagoon's water perfect for bathing and relaxation.

#### Icelandic Open-Air Bathing Experience

Over the years, the Secret Lagoon, or Gamla Laugin as it was referred to by the villagers, has been part of the local culture that is keeping alive the uniquely authentic experience of Icelandic open-air geothermal bathing.

#### Hot Springs & Geothermal Features

The Secret Lagoon offers neat and clean locker rooms, showers, and changing facilities, as well as a small bar and dining area. Boardwalks and footpaths surround the pool enable guests to explore the small hot springs and other geothermal features in the immediate area. After 2 hours of enjoying the Secret Lagoon's miraculous waters, we return to Reykjavík, rejuvenated and refreshed.



An Experience for the Mind, Body & Soul

While anyone of these stops makes incredible images for your Instagram feed, they also all have rich histories and fascinating tales, each told with their nuances by our knowledgeable guides. Touring the Golden Circle and soaking in the Secret Lagoon is an unforgettable way to experience Iceland's natural wonders for your body, mind, and soul.

Overnight in Reykjavik.

### **Day 5: Departure**

Pick-up from hotel for an Airport Express shuttle transfer to Keflavik International Airport for your flight departure.

*We reserve the rights to alter, change or cancel tours due to weather and road conditions.*