

ICELAND

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

Available: 16 June – 27 September 2022 **Departures:** daily**

This tour package includes visits to the must see highlad 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 mountaints, and Golden Circle Highlights, often called Iceland in a nutshell.

Highlights:

- Drive into Þorsmörk & drive through the black sand beach along the coast
- Seljalandfoss & Skogafoss waterfall
- Landmannalaugar nature reserve
- Hjálparfoss waterfall
- Golden Circle attractions Þingvellir, Geysir and Gullfoss

INCLUDED

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

Excluded

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

Prices:

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3 Star Hotel	4 Star Hotel	
129.100 ISK	145.300 ISK	per person in double room
168.700 ISK	198.900 ISK	per person in single room

* Prices are subject to hotel availability.

** The Jeep tour has a minnimum of 2 participants. If the minnimum is not reached, tours might be on a different date, or jeep tour has to be paid for 2 pax, additonal fee applies.
** Landmannalaugar bus tour is operated 17 June – 28 September on Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturdays. 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, ONLY has private tour. Please ask us for rates.
- Additional tours available see <u>www.grayline.is</u>

ITINERARY:

Day 1: Arrival

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

Overnight in Reykjavik.

Day 2: Eyjafjallajökull & Þorsmörk Super Jeep tour

Duration 8 – 10 hours.

Highlights

- Seljalandfoss & Skogafoss waterfall
- Gjlufrabúi the hidden waterfall OR Natuhúsagil gorge
- Driving through rivers and highland road
- Gigjökull glacier tongue
- Sólheimasandur the black sand beach

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 Þorsmörk

Seljalandfoss



Tour Itinerary

This is one of the most popular tours in Iceland and the setting for the infamous Eyjafjallajökull volcanic eruption in 2010.

During the eruption millions of liters of melted ice from Eyjafjallajokull came bursting down the mountainside causing massive destructive floods on its way to the Atlantic and changed the scenery for years to come.

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. Extra caution is especially needed during the winter and good footwear is recommended. This is one of the most photographed places in Iceland and for good reason. During the winter, the waterfall is lit up so you can enjoy it's magic all year round.

Then it's on to a spectacular hidden canyon rich with unique flora, green moss and a beautiful waterfall. 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 and keep your windows closed and experience the fun! Next, the tour takes you for a fun action drive to the black volcano beaches of the south, where you have panoramic views in all directions with the Atlantic Ocean beating the shore on one side and glaciers and volcanoes on the other.

Overnight in Reykjavík



Skogafoss waterfall

The black sand beach Skogarasandur



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 Hjálparfoss waterfall
- Hnausapollur 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.



Hnausapollur 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 Hjálparfoss Waterfall

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



Stunning Scenery of Hnausapollur Crater Lake

From Hjálparfoss waterfall the route to Landmannalaugar takes you into the highlands and the next stop at Hnausapollur 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 líkely 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.



Coulourful Rhyolite



Grænagil – the green gorge

THIS IS LANDMANNALAUGAR!







Day 4: Golden Circle

Duration 7 hours

Popular among Iceland tours, the best Golden Circle tour combines history, culture, and extraordinary nature to make your day unforgettable..

Highlights:

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

Inclusions

- 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)*

*Automatic 10% discount after showing the booking, valid only when buying refreshments, not at the gift shops



Thingvellir National Park

Gullfoss waterfall

Geysir hot spring

Tour Itinerary:

The Golden Circle Tour takes you on a wondrous circular journey through the heart of Iceland's Southern Region, stopping at some of Iceland's most iconic sites. You will visit historical places of Iceland, same as incredible Icelandic nature, everything in one day. The bingvellir National Park, Geysir Geothermal area and Gullfoss Waterfall have their own stories to tell. Choose the Golden Circle tour time that suits you best and have a day full of memories you won't forget.



Rich History & Colliding Continents at Þingvellir National Park

The first stop during the Golden Circle tour is at Þingvellir National Park. Þingvellir is an attraction of great historical, geological, and cultural significance. Thingvellir is located in a rift valley where the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates meet. The UNESCO designated world heritage site is also 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. Thingvellir became Iceland's first national park in 1930. It is also home to Iceland's largest natural lake, Thingvallavatn.

Majestic Gullfoss Falls

Another stop during Iceland Golden Circle is Gullfoss (Golden Falls). Gullfoss waterfall gets its name from the golden color of its water as it churns up silt and sediment. The magnificent waterfalls lie in the Hvitá river and are fed by Langjökull, Iceland's second-largest glacier. In total, Gullfoss is 32 meters high, falling two tiers that are 11 and 21 meters high, respectively. Gullfoss is also at the center of one of Iceland's most famous acts of environmental activism. Back in the early 20th century, developers wanted to damn the mighty waterfall to generate electricity, but through the will and determination of Sigriður Tómasdóttir, Gullfoss was saved. Extra time is allotted at this location for a lunch break at Gullfoss Café.

Bubbling with Excitement at Geysir Geothermal Area

The last stop on the Golden Circle Iceland is at Geysir geothermal area is located in the Haukadalur valley and is the scenic home of the infamous Geysir hot spring. To visit is to pay your respects to the progenitor of all geysers as Geysir is the geyser for which all others are named. Geysir doesn't erupt often but is surrounded by bubbling cauldrons of superheated mud, steaming pools, and Strokkur, a geyser that erupts every 6-10 minutes. The smells, colors, and eruptions at this popular destination are a window into all the geothermal activity happening across (and beneath) Iceland, making all those hot tubs, swimming pools, greenhouses, and geothermal energy possible.

Memories That Last a Lifetime

While any of these Golden Circle tour stops makes incredible fodder for your Instagram feed, they also all have rich histories and fascinating tales, each told with their own nuances by our knowledgeable guides. It's not just facts and figures that bring these places to life, but the compelling stories our guides have collected over time.

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.