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

**Available**: 16 June – 27 September 2023 **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:**

- Þórsmörk
- 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
- Þorsmörk Super Jeep day tour guided in English w. transfer from/to Reykjavik
- 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	
161.300 ISK	183.500 ISK	per person in double room
214.000 ISK	256.000 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 – 27 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. 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 airport shuttle transfer to your hotel in Reykjavik.

Overnight in Reykjavik.

## Day 2: Þorsmörk Super Jeep tour

Duration 10 hours.

This is one of the most popular tours in Iceland with many spectacular hiking options.

Highlights

- Seljalandfoss waterfall
- Driving through rivers and highland road
- Gigjökull glacier tongue
- Þórsmörk valley

## Please note

- Pick up and drive from Reykjavik in standard vehicle until the Base Camp near Seljalandfoss. From there the Jeep tour starts. Same for return
- Dress according to the weather. Please wear/bring warm, comfortable clothing and waterproof outer layer, sturdy hiking boots, gloves and wool/fleece hat. Light lunch is included in the tour.



The drive into Þorsmörk

Seljalandfoss



#### **Tour Itinerary**

Transfer from Reykjavik with pick up from Hotel to the Base Camp near Seljalandfoss. Þórsmörk is a unique area between the three glaciers; Mýrdalsjökull, Eyjafjallajökull and Tindfjallajökull. To get there we drive on 4x4 track road over un-bridged glacial rivers. On the way we will see the great effect that the eruption in Eyjafjallajökull had on the landscape. On our hike, we take in the astonishing view over Þórsmörk, Mýrdalsjökull glacier, and the highlands. We will also hike up to the Gígjökull glacier where we observe the effects of the 2010 Eyjafjallajökull eruption.

Transfer back to Reykjavik. 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 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

bathing in a natural pool

THIS IS LANDMANNALAUGAR!



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**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 (meat soup), not at the gift shops



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#### 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 Pingvellir 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 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.