

ICELAND COMPLETE – CLASSIC CIRCLE TOUR

Duration: 9 Days/8 Nights available in August & September 2020

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From April to September 2021



Experience our best-selling Iceland Complete Ring Road tour! You'll visit all the main attractions of the legendary Ring Road. This is a classic circle tour that provides the perfect mix of culture and nature.

With so much to discover and explore in Iceland, this classic, best-selling tour highlights the natural wonders, majestic landscapes, and the unique character of Iceland. Features of this popular tour include stops at the Glacier Lagoon, Mývatn and all the famous sights of the Golden Circle such as Gullfoss, Geysir and Thingvellir National Park.

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All departures are guaranteed with minimum of 2 participants
Maximum group size: 36 people AND small group with max 16 people

Recommended For: First Time Visitors to Iceland, Instagram photographers, People seeking a great overview of Iceland's famous natural wonders

Interests: Natural Wonders, Geology, History, Great photographic moments, Ring Road travel

HIGHLIGHTS:

- View first-hand many of the classic natural wonders, including the Golden Circle area, the Glacier Lagoon and Myvatn Nature Reserve
- Connect with local culture and history with unique museum visits and a special horse show
- Relax each evening in specially-selected, quality hotels with private facilities
- Discover and learn about Iceland from our hand-picked local guides, who are passionate and knowledgeable about Iceland

Included:

- Guided Coach Tour from day 2 to day 8
- Expert local English-speaking guide from day 2 to day 8
- Free Wi-Fi on board motor coach
- Welcome Meeting on the first evening of the tour
- Accommodation 2 nights in a standard room with facilities in Reykjavik
- Accommodation 6 nights in a standard room with facilities in the countryside
- Icelandic breakfast (except arrival day)
- 5 two-course local-cuisine dinners in the countryside with coffee/tea
- Guide service during dinners
- Visit, introduction and beer tasting at an Icelandic Microbrewery – NEW from May 2021 departures only
- Entrance to Laufas Folk Museum incl. Icelandic-style refreshments (day 6)
- Horse Show in Skagafjordur (day 7)
- Entrance to the Herring-Era Museum (day 7)
- Great photo stops
- Seat rotation during the tour

Not included:

- Breakfast on arrival day
- International airfare
- Baggage portorage at airport/hotel
- Personal travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Round-trip transfers between airports and hotels
- Beverages, snacks, lunches, dinners unless otherwise noted in itinerary
- Guaranteed early check-in (check-in time for most hotels in Iceland starts between 14:00 and 16:00 (2:00pm and 4:00pm))
- Guaranteed late check-out
- Any service not specifically listed under "included"

Accommodation

This tour stays in comfort hotels with private bathrooms, generally quality class hotels. Most of the groups stay at the following hotels. Please note this is an advised hotel list and subject to change.

Day 1 Icelandair Hotel Reykjavik Natura

Day 2 Hotel Vik or Hotel Kria

Day 3 Hotel Hofn

Day 4 Icelandair Hotel Herad

Day 5 Sel-Hotel Myvatn

Day 6 Hotel Siglo

Day 7 Icelandair Hotel Hamar

Day 8 Icelandair Hotel Reykjavik Natura

Day 9 Departure

Travel Tips:

- We suggest bringing a mosquito/fly head net for use on Day 5, as there can be harmless midges around Lake Myvatn. It's not required, but some visitors have found it more comfortable.

PRICE PER PERSON 2020 & 2021: Group with max 36 pax:

	<i>Double room</i>	<i>Single room</i>	<i>Triple room</i>
12, 19, 26 May 2021	1864 EUR	2453 EUR	1775 EUR
02, 15, 30 June 2021 & 07, 12, 19, 28 July 2021 & 04, 11, 18 Aug 2021	2299 EUR	3169 EUR	2078 EUR
01, 08, 22, 29 Sep 2021	2129 EUR	2908 EUR	1957 EUR

RESERVE AN EMPTY SEAT NEXT TO YOU. Have some space and have an empty seat next to you in the coach! Costs: 360 EUR.

Children rate:

Child 6-11 years sharing a double room with 2 adults will receive a 25% discount from the listed package price. Children 12 years and older pay full price. It is not recommended that children 0-5 years old travel on scheduled tours.

Prefer to travel in a smaller-sized group? Try the new "Small Group" version of this tour! Maximum size: 16 participants Enjoy the convenience and comfort of a small group tour as you discover the Ring Road natural wonders.

PRICE PER PERSON 2020 & 2021 SMALL GROUP MAX 16 PAX:

	<i>Double room</i>	<i>Single room</i>	<i>Triple room</i>
21 Apr & 05 May 2021	2289 EUR	2879 EUR	2202 EUR
09, 23 Jun 2021 & 14 Jul & 09 Aug 2021	2754 EUR	3628 EUR	2537 EUR
15 Sep 2021	2604 EUR	3393 EUR	2412 EUR

Time of cancellation:

More than 3 weeks (22+ days) prior to arrival deposit
 3 weeks (21 days) and more than 1 week (8 days) 50%
 1 week (7 days) and more than 72 hours 75%
 72 hours' notice and less 100%

2020 Optional tours and activities: the 2021 prices will be soon out

Day 3: Amphibian Boat tour on the Iceberg Lagoon, Duration 30 mins, Price 43 EUR per person

Day 3: Evening Super jeep or Snowmobile tour on Vatnajökull glacier (min 3 pax), Duration 3,5 hrs, Price 190 EUR per person (2 pax per snowmobile). Includes 1 h guided jeep or snowmobile tour on glacier. Boots, overalls, helmets, gloves for snowmobile incl.

Day 5: Myvatn Nature Baths with towel, Duration Flexible time, Price 41 EUR per person

Day 5: Horse riding by Myvatn, Duration 1 hour, Price 55 EUR per person includes 1 hr guided riding tour, safety helmet

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival



Highlights: Reykjavik Hallgrímskirkja Tjornin The Sun Voyager Perlan The Blue Lagoon

Important: If you have added extra nights in Reykjavik before your tour, the guide will meet your group for the start of the tour on Day 2 according to the standard "Iceland Complete" itinerary.

Welcome to the Land of Fire and Ice! Transfer to Reykjavik on your own. We can arrange private or scheduled Airport transfer for you.

Once in Reykjavik, check into your hotel. If you arrive early in the day, you might want to explore Reykjavik's old town area, location of many museums and galleries. You might also enjoy visiting one of the city's outdoor geothermal swimming pools where you can shake off your jetlag. In the afternoon you could take one of our day tours, such as whale watching or horseback riding, both bringing you close to Iceland's nature and landscape.

Dinner is on your own. Reykjavik offers a multitude of restaurants and/or coffee-houses, making dinner a great way to get better acquainted with Iceland's capital.

Tonight, there will be an information meeting at your hotel. You'll meet your guide and travel companions and learn more about the tour.

Please note guaranteed early check-in is not included in the price. Most hotels begin check-in around 14:00 (2:00pm).

Overnight stay in Reykjavik (airport transfer not included). Dinner on own.

Day 2: Geysir – Gullfoss – Skogar – Dyrholaey – Vik



Geysir



Gullfoss waterfall



Reynisfjara beach

Highlights: Hveragerdi Geysir Gullfoss Seljalandsfoss Skogafoss Dyrholaey

Exploding Geysers – Waterfalls – Puffin Colony – Black Sand Beaches of the South Shore

Approximate Driving Distance: 325 km (201 miles)

Breakfast at your hotel. Start your journey by heading through the greenhouse village of Hveragerdi. Drive on to the Golden Circle natural wonders. Explore Gullfoss, the “Golden Waterfall”, and the nearby Geysir hot spring area to see the famous Geysir and Strokkur, as well as numerous other hot springs and boiling mud pools. Continue along the south shore and stop to admire the waterfalls Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss before continuing to Dyrholaey* nature reserve. Continue to the village of Vik.

Dinner and overnight stay in the south coast area area.

*Please note that Dyrholaey is closed during nesting season in spring, approximately mid-May until June 25th.

Day 3: Vatnajökull National Park – Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon – Höfn



Glacial Lagoon



Vatnajökull National Park

Highlights: Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon Skaftafell National Park Vatnajokull

Lava Fields – Glacial Lagoon with Icebergs – Europe's Largest Glacier

Approximate Driving Distance: 279 km (173 miles)

Breakfast at your hotel. Continue your journey on the Ring Road. Cross Eldhraun, the largest lava flow recorded on the planet in historical times. Visit Kirkjubæjarklaustur town, the former site of a 12th-century Catholic convent. The tour continues over Skeidararsandur sands to Skaftafell, a beautiful glacial area within Vatnajökull National Park. Continue to the stunning Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon to see the birthplace of icebergs. Throughout the day you will also enjoy magnificent views of the mighty Vatnajökull Glacier. Tonight dinner is on your own. Hofn has a nice selection of restaurants and cafes. The local specialty is langoustines (Norway lobsters), and you might enjoy the opportunity to try it for yourself!

Overnight stay in the Hofn area.

Day 4: Hofn – East Fjords – Egilsstaðir



Highlights: Hofn Petra's Minerals Reydarfjordur Faskrudsfjordur

Narrow Fjords – Steep Mountains – Picturesque Coastline – Legendary Lake Monster

Approximate Driving Distance: 259 km (161 miles)

Breakfast at your hotel. Drive from Hofn through Almannaskard pass, stopping to admire the majestic coastline. Continue to the towering mountains plunging vertically into the sea that form the magnificent East Fjords. Enjoy the amazing views: this is one of Iceland's oldest regions with rugged mountain and coastal vistas. You'll also pass villages, each with its own special history and charm. The road brings you to Egilsstaðir town, located near Iceland's largest forest and a lake said to be home to a legendary (friendly) monster. The area is also getting a name for itself for its excellent locally sourced cuisine.

Dinner and overnight stay in the Egilsstaðir area.

Day 5: Lake Myvatn Area



Dettifoss Waterfall



Dimmuborgir at Myvatn

Highlights: Dettifoss Myvatn Krafla

Highland Desert – Bizarre Lava Formations – Geothermal & Volcanic Wonderland

Approximate Driving Distance: 255 km (158 miles)

Breakfast at your hotel. Explore the empty vastness of the highland desert plateau Modrudalsoraefi as you head towards the Lake Myvatn area. On the way, stop at Dettifoss, Europe's largest and most powerful waterfall. Continue onwards to Namaskard pass with its boiling mud pools and vibrant colors. Explore the natural beauty of the Lake Myvatn area, including the pseudo craters at Skutustadir and the Laxa Salmon River.

Dinner and overnight stay in the Myvatn area.

Day 6: Lake Myvatn Area – Akureyri – Siglufjordur



Godafoss waterfall



Siglufjörður

Highlights: Dimmuborgir Godafoss Akureyri Trollaskagi – Troll Peninsula Siglufjordur

“Waterfall of the Gods” – Turf-roofed Folk Museum – The Beautiful Troll Peninsula

Approximate Driving Distance: 215 km (134 miles)

Breakfast at your hotel. Start the day by exploring the peculiar lava formations at Dimmuborgir. Visit the magnificent Godafoss waterfall and the old turf farm Laufas.

Afterwards, visit Akureyri, the colorful northern “capital „of Iceland. The town has charming buildings and beautiful view of the Eyjafjordur Fjord. After spending some time in Akureyri, continue along the coastal roads of Eyjafjordur and the Troll Peninsula. This is a beautiful drive along steep mountains with amazing views over the Arctic Sea and black sand coastline. The destination is Siglufjordur, set in a beautiful fjord of the same name. This town has some of the finest timber buildings in the country, beautifully restored to their original glory. Siglufjordur is a very picturesque and easily walkable town for an evening stroll.

Dinner and overnight in Siglufjorður.

Day 7: Skagafjordur – Borgarnes



Highlights: Borgarnes The Herring Era Museum Skagafjordur Fjord

Historical Museum – Fertile Farmlands – Glacial Rivers – Unique Viking Horse Demonstration

Approximate Driving Distance: 310 km (193 miles)

Breakfast at your hotel. This morning visit Siglufjordur's award-winning Herring-Era Maritime Museum. The museum recreates the atmosphere of the early 20th century, when Siglufjordur was transformed into a frontier boom town, thanks to a large migration of herring. Afterwards, head along majestic mountains and narrow passes to Skagafjordur, considered to be one of the finest places in Iceland for horse breeding. Enjoy an introduction to the unique Icelandic horse breed with its special fifth gait – the tolt. Continue towards the village of Blonduos, built on both sides of the river Blanda. Cross the Holtavorduheidi plateau into Western Iceland, a region rich in tales of Viking explorers and mythical creatures. Head through the scenic Borgarfjordur area to the beautiful town of Borgarnes.

Dinner and overnight stay in Borgarnes area.

Day 8: Borgarfjordur – Thingvellir – Reykjavik



Highlights: Hraunfossar Barnafoss Deildartunguhver

Europe's Largest Hot Spring – Picturesque Waterfalls – National Park with Geological Wonders (UNESCO)

Approximate Driving Distance: 205 km (127 miles)

Breakfast at your hotel. Drive to Deildartunguhver, the most powerful hot spring in Europe. Stop to admire the beautiful Hraunfossar waterfalls where the brilliantly blue glacial water flows through black lava formations. Continue via Hvalfjordur fjord to Lake Thingvallavatn, Iceland's largest lake and Thingvellir National Park. This UNESCO heritage site is where the world's oldest continuing parliamentary government was founded in the 10th century. It is also the place where the North American and European tectonic plates meet.

Overnight stay in Reykjavik. Dinner is on your own.

Day 9: Departure

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to the airport NOT included, but we would be happy to book it for you. We advise departing your hotel no later than three hours before your international flight.

If you did not visit the Blue Lagoon on your arrival day, you might use the opportunity to stop there now on your way to the airport.