

# ICELAND COMPLETE – CIRCLE TOUR with Snæfellsnes

Duration: 10 Days/9 Nights available from May to September 2023



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, the Glacier Lagoon, Reynisfjara Beach, Dettifoss waterfall and Myvatn nature reserve
- Enjoy a glimpse into Icelandic life with authentic local activities and delicious dinners
- Spend a full day in the enchanting Snæfellsnes Peninsula, known for its incredible variety of landscapes
- Discover and learn about Iceland from our hand-picked local guides, who are passionate and knowledgeable about Iceland

**PRICE PER PERSON 2023: Group with max 36 pax:**

	<i>Double room</i>	<i>Single room</i>	<i>Triple room</i>
09, 23 May	2610 EUR	3295 EUR	2570 EUR
13, 27 June, 04, 18 July 01, 15 August	3173 EUR	4230 EUR	3010 EUR
29 August, 19 September	3091 EUR	4183 EUR	2920 EUR

**Children rate:**

Child 9-11 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 0-8 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 2023 SMALL GROUP MAX 16 PAX:**

	<i>Double room</i>	<i>Single room</i>	<i>Triple room</i>
02 May	3274 EUR	4088 EUR	3256 EUR
06, 20 June, 11, 25 July 08 August	3756 EUR	4814 EUR	3594 EUR
12, 26 September	3646 EUR	4684 EUR	3490 EUR

## Time of cancellation:

More than 3 weeks (22+ days) prior to arrival deposit

3 weeks (21 days) and more than 10 days 50%

10 days and more than 72 hours 75%

72 hours' notice and less 100%

**2023 Optional tours and activities:**

*Day 3: Amphibian Boat tour on the Iceberg Lagoon, Duration 30 mins, Price 55 EUR per person*

**Included:**

- Guided Coach Tour from day 2 to day 9
- Welcome meeting with guide at hotel on evening of day 1
- Expert professional English-speaking local guide from day 2 to day 9
- Free Wi-Fi on board motor coach
- Accommodation 2 nights in a standard room with facilities in Reykjavik
- Accommodation 7 nights in a standard room with facilities in the countryside
- Icelandic breakfast (except arrival day)
- 6 two-course local-cuisine dinners in the countryside (main course and dessert) or buffet dinners, including coffee/tea

- Visit to Fridheimar Geothermal Greenhouse (day 2)
- Visit to the excavated Stong Viking-age longhouse (day 3)
- Microbrewery visit and beer tasting in Breiddalsvik (Day 5)
- Entrance to the Herring Era Maritime Museum (Day 7)
- Horse Show in Skagafjordur (Day 8)
- 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.

Day 1 – Berjaya Hotel Reykjavik Natura

Day 2 – Hotel Ork

Day 3 – Hotel Vik

Day 4 – Hotel Hofn

Day 5 – Hotel Hallormsstadur

Day 6 – Fosshotel Myvatn or Icelandair Hotel Myvatn

Day 7 – Hofsstadir Country Hotel or Hotel Mikligarður

Day 8 – Fosshotel Reykholt or Hotel Hamar

Day 9 – Berjaya Hotel Reykjavik Natura

**Travel Tips:**

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

**Good to Know:** Generally, on Day 2 – 9 there will be no more than 45 minutes to one-hour driving between each tour stop. You'll arrive at each night's accommodation in the late afternoon.

Please note: If you have added extra nights in Reykjavik before your tour, the guide will meet your group on the evening of Day 1 according to the standard "Iceland Complete" itinerary.

If you cannot make the information meeting on Day 1 you will meet your guide on Day 2 in the lobby of your hotel in the morning.

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrival



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.



*Geysir*



*Gullfoss waterfall*



*Reynisfjara beach*

## **Day 2: Thingvellir - Geysir – Gullfoss**

*National Park - Exploding Geysers – Waterfalls*

Approximate Driving Distance: 205 km (127 miles)

Breakfast at your hotel.

After a quick introductory of our home city of Reykjavik, head 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. You will have the unusual experience of walking between two continents!

Next 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.

Dinner and overnight stay in the Hveragerdi area.

## **Day 3: Thorsardalur valley – Skogar – Dyrholaey – Vik**

Approximate Distance: 295 km (183 miles)

Volcanic Valley – Waterfall Duo – Black Sand Beaches of the South Shore

Breakfast at your hotel. Explore enchanting Thjorsardalur valley and its ever-changing landscapes of birch woods, sandy lava fields, rivers, and waterfalls. If the skies are clear, you'll also see the impressive and beautiful Mt. Hekla volcano towering over the region. Visit Stong, where you can view a replica of a Viking-age longhouse that was buried by a volcanic eruption of Hekla. The area was a filming location for Game of Thrones Season 4.

Drive along the scenic farmlands of Iceland's South Shore. Stop to admire the scenic waterfalls Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss. Each waterfall has its own charm. Continue to Dyrholaey\* and the thundering waves of the Reynisfjara black sand beaches. End the day in Vik, Iceland's southernmost town.

Dinner and overnight in the Vik area.

\*Please note that Dyrholaey is closed for the bird nesting season between mid-May and the 25th of June.



*Glacial Lagoon*



*Vatnajökull National Park*

## **Day 4: Vatnajökull National Park – Jokulsarlon Glacial Lagoon – Höfn**

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

Approximate Driving Distance: 285 km (177 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. Nearby is the dramatic beauty of the Diamond Beach, named for the shrinking icebergs that settle on the black sands before drifting out to sea. Throughout the day you will also enjoy magnificent views of the mighty Vatnajökull Glacier.

OPTIONAL: You MUST book and pay for this tour in advance to ensure a spot for you on the tour. Let us know if you want to take this tour during the booking process.

**Amphibian Boat tour on the Glacier Lagoon** – Sail among the drifting icebergs to see them from a different angle, Duration: 30 mins

Your overnight is in Hofn, a fishing port in the shadow of Vatnajökull glacier. Dinner is on your own. Hofn has a nice selection of restaurants and cafes. The local specialty is langoustines (Norway lobsters).

Overnight stay in the Hofn area.

## **Day 5: Hofn – East Fjords – Egilsstaðir**



*Narrow Fjords – Steep Mountains – Picturesque Coastline – Local Microbrewery*  
Approximate Driving Distance: 260 km (162 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 will also pass villages, each with its own special history and charm. One of these is the tiny village of Breiddalsvik. Your group will visit the Beljandi Microbrewery and sample some of the wonderful beer. The local community came together in 2017 to transform a rustic warehouse into a charmingly quirky brewery. You'll meet one of the townsfolk and get a feel for life in a small Icelandic town, as well as see how great beer is made.

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 6: Lake Myvatn Area**



*Dettifoss Waterfall*



*Dimmurborgir at Myvatn*

*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 Modrudalsoræfi 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 7: Lake Myvatn Area – Akureyri – Siglufjörður – Skagafjörður**

*“Waterfall of the Gods” – Historical Museum – The Beautiful Troll Peninsula*  
Approximate Driving Distance: 245 km (152 miles)



*Goðafoss waterfall*



*Siglufjörður*

Breakfast at your hotel. Start the day by with a visit the magnificent Godafoss waterfall. Afterwards, visit Akureyri, the colorful northern “capital,, of Iceland. The town has charming buildings and beautiful view of the Eyjafjordur Fjord. After spending some free 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. Stop in Siglufjordur, a town with some of the country's most beautiful timber buildings. Visit the town's award-winning Herring-Era Maritime Museum. The museum recreates the atmosphere of the early 20th century, when Siglufjordur was transformed into a frontier-like boom town, thanks to a large migration of herring. The museum will transport you back to that exciting time.

Head along majestic mountains and narrow passes to your overnight in Skagafjordur, a scenic region full of historical sites and folk tales.

Dinner and overnight in Northwest Iceland.

### **Day 8: Skagafjordur – Borgarnes**



*Viking Horse Demonstration – Europe's Largest Hot Spring – Picturesque Waterfalls*  
Approximate Driving Distance: 335 km (208 miles)

Breakfast at your hotel. Icelanders consider the Skagafjordur area to be one of the country's finest places for horse breeding. Enjoy an introduction to the unique Icelandic horse breed with its special fifth gait – the tolt. This horse breed has remained unchanged since Viking times.

Cross the Holtavorduheidi plateau taking you into West Iceland. Drive through Borgarfjordur, a region that has been getting international recognition for its lovely volcanic and wooded scenery and for its Viking history. Walk up to the top of Grabrok crater for an amazing view. Listen to the powerful rushing waters of Deildartunguhver, Europe's mightiest hot spring area. Stop to admire the beautiful Hraunfossar waterfalls, where brightly blue water rushes through black lava formations. Nearby is Barnafoss, a waterfall with even more brilliantly blue colors. There is an interesting and poignant legend associated with this waterfall.

Dinner and overnight stay in the Borgarfjordur area.



## Day 9: Borgarfjordur – Snaefellsjokull National Park – Reykjavik

*Snaefellsjokull Glacier – Pebble Beaches – Sea Cliffs with Birdlife – Quaint Fishing Village*

Approximate Driving Distance: 405 km (252 miles)

Breakfast at your hotel. Today you will explore the amazing variety of natural landscapes in Snaefellsjokull National Park. The park's crown jewel is Snaefellsjokull glacier itself, which covers a dormant volcano that last erupted in 250 AD. In addition, you'll also see Kirkjufell, one of the most photographed mountains in Iceland. Walk along the uniquely pebbled seascape of Djupalonssandur beach. At the picturesque harbor village of Arnarstapi, you can observe magnificent basalt rocks in stacked formations.

One Icelandic Saga mentions that Snaefellsnes and its people are protected by a benevolent half troll who lives high on the glacier. You might even find a sense of magic and healing energy in this beautiful peninsula.

At the end of the afternoon, your journey leads back to Reykjavik. Your guide will bid you farewell at your hotel.

Overnight stay in Reykjavik. Dinner is on your own.

## Day 10: 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.



*Londranger*



*Snaefellsnesjökull glacier*