



Southern Gems of Iceland

Simply put, South Iceland is a paradise of natural splendours. This region packs in a bounty of amazing landscape and sights, each one more spectacular than the other. You see gorgeous waterfalls, black sand beaches, great glaciers, active volcanoes, towering mountains, and lively bird cliffs. If this is your first trip to Iceland, the South is the perfect area to fall in love with natural wonders as you experience the most varied and breathtaking land. For return visitors, this tour shows you a striking region to remind you how mind-blowing this country is. There is simply no shortage of impressive spots to explore in South Iceland and it is a photographers' dream.

Duration: 3 days / 2 nights
Availability: June - August
From/to: Reykjavík

Minimum age: 8 years
Maximum group size: 30 people

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Marvels and treasures of South Iceland
- Full of natural wonders and highlights
- See waterfalls, glaciers and black beaches
- Visit the volcanic Westman Islands
- Adventure trip to Landmannalaugar
- Bathing in a natural hot spring
- Optional glacier hike

INCLUDED

- 2 nights accommodation, in rooms with shower/WC
- 3 days escorted tour with English-speaking guide/driver-guide
- 2x breakfast
- 1x lunch
- Return ferry trip to Westman Islands
- Entrance to Eldheimar exhibition
- Entrance to Lavashow
- Entrance to Skógasafn Folk museum
- Return transport in a highland vehicle to Landmannalaugar
- Ölvisholt microbrewery tour and beer tasting

NOT included:

- Any private expenses
- Any additional services
- All meals not listed under "included"
- Single supplement (mandatory when in single room)

Complimentaries: Free Wi-Fi on the bus

Additional Services

- Extra night(s) in Reykjavik before/after the tour – on request
- Airport transfers SIC or private

Price per person 2022

	Double room	Single room
Jun – August	1090 EUR	1250 EUR

DEPARTURES 2023:

June: 16, 30

July: 14, 28

August: 11, 25

CHILDREN DISCOUNT: No discount available. Tour is not recommended for children younger than eight years of age. *Triple rooms are double rooms with an extra bed and ideal for two adults and one child.

Start and end location: Reykjavik

Departure time day 1: 09:00 am from Fosshotel Baron, Reykjavik (subject to change).

Cancellation & payment policy: A cancellation fee of 20% will be retained by us for cancellations made 56 days prior to tour start. From 28 days until 7 days prior to tour start, the fee is 50%. No refund is possible for cancellations less than 8 days prior to tour start, or for no shows, and a tour begun, but not completed.



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Day 1: Westman Islands

We travel from Reykjavík to South Iceland where we take a short ferry ride to the Westman Islands. There is a bus and walking tour of the village of Heimaey and this extraordinary island. The volcanic eruption in 1973 is, without doubt, considered the largest natural disaster in Iceland in recent history. The eruption began on January 23rd on the island of Heimaey, the only populated island of the Vestmannaeyjar archipelago. After the evacuation of the inhabitants, and during the 5 months while the eruption lasted, there was much uncertainty as to whether the island could ever be repopulated. During our tour to the Westman Islands, we explore bird cliffs, walk up the volcano crater and visit "Pompeii of the North", a volcanic excavation project. You have the afternoon free to wander around the town of Heimaey, with its birds and sign of recent volcanic eruptions. We return to the mainland and stay for 2 nights in South Iceland.

Overnight location:

Hotel Stracta, Hella, South Iceland. (210km / 130mils)

Heimaey island and puffins





Day 2: South Coast and Lava Show

Our first stop of the day will be at the high but narrow Seljalandsfoss waterfall which plunges over the mountains and where you can follow a slick and wet trail right behind the falls. We visit the thundering Skógafoss waterfall which is 62 meters high and belongs to the most impressive waterfalls in the country. Nearby is the beautiful Skógar folk museum with its turf houses. We pass the glaciers Mýrdalsjökull and the infamous volcano Eyjafjallajökull. In the village of Vík, we attend the stunning Iceland lava show; the only exhibition in the world where you can experience actual flowing lava! By melting lava and pouring it on ice in a room full of people, you will be able to see the lava flowing, hear it sizzling, and feel the heat that radiates from it. We walk along the black lava beach and bird cliffs at Reynisfjara, see interesting basalt columns and rock formations. In the afternoon we stop at Sólheimajökull glacier tounge where you can join an optional glacier hike. It's an informative and easy glacier walk through a frozen wonderland of different shades of glacier ice.

Overnight location:

Hotel Stracta, Hella, South Iceland. (220km / 137mils)

Day 3: Landmannalaugar & Microbrewery

Today we drive the rough unpaved road to Landmannalaugar, an oasis in the barren highlands, surrounded by vivid rhyolite mountains. The highlight is a 90-minute round-trip hike up toward Brennisteinsalda, the rainbow mountain of Iceland, which is still "hot" and where you can see sizzling sulfur springs and vapor at its sides. It could very well be the most colorful and spectacular volcanic mountain of Iceland, and so its picture is often found in books and calendars. After a picnic lunch, you have free time to enjoy a relaxing bath in the natural geothermal stream. We take a short stop at the beautiful waterfall Hjalparfoss surrounded by unusual basalt rock formations.

Colourful mountains of Landmannalaugar





Hjálparfoss waterfall

Before we reach our last overnight location in Reykjavík, let us visit Ölvisholt, a microbrewery located at an old dairy farm in South Iceland. You will get an introduction to the brewery's history, the brewing process, and of course, try a selection of Icelandic beer. (310km / 193m/s)

NOTE: Itineraries may be subject to change at short notice during severe weather conditions and certain outdoor activities/day trips may be cancelled during the winter season in Iceland. In these rare cases, where situations of force majeure apply, excursions/activities cannot be refunded but the local guides will try their best to find reasonable alternatives where and whenever possible.

NOTE: Accommodations are subject to change.

