



EUROPE · RECOMMENDED 12 DAYS

Kirkjufell, Snæfellsnes

Iceland

The glaciers, volcanoes and waterfalls of the south, from a few bases with little driving

RECOMMENDED LENGTH

12 days

DATES

Your choice

you pick the dates

TRANSPORT

Self-drive

rental car

PRICE

Coming soon

via the interest list

I arrange this 12-day round trip in full for you, with little driving: you stay at five bases and make day trips from each one in your own 4x4. You bathe in the Blue Lagoon, drive the Golden Circle, walk in the colourful mountains of Landmannalaugar and in green Þórsmörk, and see the waterfalls and black beaches of the south coast. A super jeep takes you to the Laki craters, in Skaftafell you cross a glacier on crampons and on Jökulsárlón you sail between the icebergs. You end with two days in Reykjavík. You stay in family-run guesthouses and hotels with breakfast.

✓ Personally composed

✓ No group travel

✓ At your own pace

✓ Leave out or add what you like

✓ Dates of your choice

✓ Eat wherever you like

Highlights

- ★ The Blue Lagoon and the rugged Reykjanes peninsula
- ★ The Golden Circle with time to walk at Þingvellir
- ★ Into the colourful mountains of Landmannalaugar with your 4x4
- ★ Þórsmörk by highland bus and the Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls
- ★ Dyrhólaey and the black beach of Reynisfjara
- ★ The moss-green Laki craters by super jeep
- ★ A glacier walk in Skaftafell and a zodiac between the icebergs of Jökulsárlón
- ★ Little driving: five bases and at most one somewhat longer drive
- ★ Two days in Reykjavík, with whale watching as an option

Best time to travel

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

best time to travel: advice only, you travel when you like

TRAVELLERS

Only your own party, from 1 traveller. No group travel, no fellow travellers you don't know.

LENGTH

Recommended: 12 days · shorter or longer is always possible

DATES

Completely flexible: you leave on the day that suits you.

Your route on the map



- 1 Keflavík**
1 night · day 1
- 2 Hella**
4 nights · day 2–4, 9
- 3 Vík**
2 nights · day 5–6
- 4 Örfæfi**
2 nights · day 7–8
- 5 Reykjavík**
2 nights · day 10–11

--- overland, arrow = direction of travel
..... day trip

Map: Natural Earth (public domain) · the arcs show the order of the route, not the exact road



DAY 13 Dynjandi waterfall in the Westfjords



DAY 14 Kirkjufell mountain on the Snæfellsnes peninsula

My recommended route

This is the route as I put it together for you. It is a starting point, not a fixed programme: leave out what doesn't appeal to you, add what you would like to do and travel at your own pace. Everything below is arranged for you in advance. The route follows the highlights of the trip I mapped out myself, with little driving and time for a fine walk every day.

DAY 1

Arrival in Iceland KEFLAVÍK

Flight to Keflavík (approx. 3h15). You spend the first night close to the airport, so you are in bed soon after landing: a short transfer (approx. 10 minutes) takes you to your hotel, or at Premium level you simply walk there from the arrivals hall. Your roadbook tells you exactly how.

DAY 2

Reykjanes and the Blue Lagoon HELLA ♦ BREAKFAST

In the morning you collect your 4x4 in Keflavík and drive to the Blue Lagoon, where you start the day gently in the milky-blue water. Then you explore the rugged Reykjanes peninsula: the Reykjanesviti lighthouse and the Valahnúkur cliff, the bird cliffs of Krýsuvíkurborg, the colourful geothermal area of Seltún (lovely walk of approx. 5.6 km) and Lake Kleifarvatn. On a rainy day you first drive the loop past Hafnir and the coast. Then on to Hella, your base for three nights (approx. 1h30; about 2h30 of driving today, 170 km).

DAY 3

The Golden Circle HELLA ♦ BREAKFAST

A classic, but with time to walk. At Þingvellir, where the North American and Eurasian plates drift apart, you take a walk of approx. 8 km from the visitor centre. Then the erupting Strokkur and the hot springs of Geysir, and the mighty Gullfoss waterfall (bring a rain jacket for the spray). On the way back you stop at the turf roofs of the old Keldur farm. Lunch tip: the lamb soup at Gullfoss. A loop from your hotel, without luggage (about 3 hours of driving, 230 km).

DAY 4

Landmannalaugar HELLA ♦ BREAKFAST

Today you take your 4x4 into the highlands, via the F208 to Landmannalaugar (about 2 hours each way: the only longer driving day, for one of the most beautiful places in Iceland): rhyolite mountains in pink, green and gold. On the way you stop at the crater lake Ljótípollur. You walk through the Laugahraun lava field to Brennisteinsalda (approx. 7 km) and, in fine weather, climb Bláhnúkur (approx. 10 km in total). Then a soak in the warm spring and a stop at Lake Frostastaðavatn. Take a packed lunch from the hotel; in the evening back to the same hotel. Ask at the hotel until when dinner is served, so you can plan the day at ease.



Colourful rhyolite mountains of Landmannalaugar

DAY 5

Þórsmörk and the south coast VÍK ♦ BREAKFAST

In Hvalsóllur you board the highland bus to Þórsmörk, the green valley between three glaciers that your own car cannot reach. You walk for approx. 2 hours from Húsadalur to the Valahnúkur viewpoint and on to Langidalur, and have lunch in Húsadalur. Back by bus. Then the Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls. You sleep two nights in or near Vík (about 1h30 of driving, 120 km).

DAY 6

Dyrhólaey and Reynisfjara VÍK ♦ BREAKFAST

A quiet day close to your base. In the morning the rock arch of Dyrhólaey, with puffins on the cliffs in summer, and the black beach of Reynisfjara with its basalt columns. If you like, walk along the Reynisfjall ridge above Vík or to the Sólheimajökull glacier tongue. The afternoon is free (about 45 minutes of driving, 50 km).

DAY 7

The Laki craters ÖRÆFI (SKAFTAFELL – JÖKULSÁRLÓN) ♦ BREAKFAST

In the morning you drive to Kirkjubæjarklaustur (about 1 hour), where a super jeep with a driver-guide takes you to Laki, as the highland track there has river fords. Laki is a row of more than a hundred craters, overgrown with green moss, from the great eruption of 1783. You walk among the craters and at the Faggrifoss waterfall. Take a packed lunch. Then you drive on to your hotel between Skaftafell and Jökulsárlón, for two nights (about 2 hours of driving in total, 150 km).



Icebergs in the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon

DAY 8**Glacier walk and Jökulsárlón** ÖRÆFI (SKAFTAFELL – JÖKULSÁRLÓN) ♦ BREAKFAST

In Skaftafell you put on crampons for a glacier walk of approx. 3 hours with a certified glacier guide: blue ice, crevasses and the silence of Vatnajökull. After lunch at the visitor centre you walk to the Svartifoss waterfall among basalt columns (approx. 6 km). In the afternoon you take a zodiac between the icebergs of the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon, and walk on Diamond Beach. In the evening back to the same hotel (about 1h30 of driving, 110 km).

DAY 9**Back to the west** HELLA ♦ BREAKFAST

The longest drive of the trip, but with fine stops along the way: the Fjaðrárgljúfur canyon, the basalt rocks of Dverghamrar and the open-air museum with turf houses at Skógar. In the evening you are back in Hella, at the same hotel as the first nights (about 3h30 of driving, 270 km).

DAY 10**To Reykjavík** REYKJAVÍK ♦ BREAKFAST

Short drive to Reykjavík (about 1h15, 95 km), with a soak in one of the hot baths on the way in Hveragerði or at the Sky Lagoon if you like. You sleep two nights in the centre. In the evening you walk to the old harbour and the restaurants.

DAY 11**Reykjavík** REYKJAVÍK ♦ BREAKFAST

A day without the car. You walk to Hallgrímskirkja church, the old harbour and the Harpa concert hall, and take a dip in one of the city pools. If you like, you sail out in the afternoon to look for whales from the old harbour.

DAY 12**Return flight** ♦ BREAKFAST

Drive to Keflavík airport (about 50 minutes), where you return your car, and fly home.



The mighty Dettifoss waterfall with a rainbow

What I arrange for you

- 1 **Pickup on arrival**
On arrival a short transfer takes you to your hotel in Keflavík (at Premium level you walk from the arrivals hall to the hotel at the terminal). You collect your rental car the next morning and return it at the airport on the last day.
- 2 **Hotels**
Every night is booked and confirmed in advance, at the level you choose: Budget, Comfort or Premium. Prefer another hotel? I change it.
- 3 **Transport**
You choose: self-drive with a rental car waiting for you, or a private driver and private transfers. Domestic flights, trains and boats where they make sense, all booked in advance.
- 4 **Activities, at your pace**
The activities and entrance tickets on the route. No guide or group travels with you: you set the pace, and anything you would rather skip, you simply leave out.
- 5 **Eat wherever you like**
Breakfast is included, as are the meals at remote camps and lodges where there is no alternative. For the rest I give you my restaurant tips, but you are completely free to choose where you eat. I never recommend a place because I earn a commission on it.

Level and transport

Price coming soon – join the interest list to be the first to receive it.

ACCOMMODATION LEVEL	Self-drive	Private driver
	rental car, everything pre-booked	private transfers and driver
Budget simple, clean and well located	price to follow	—
Comfort characterful mid-range	price to follow	—
Premium the best addresses on the ground	price to follow	—

WITH 4 TRAVELLERS	the price per person goes down: you share the car and driver.
TRAVELLING SOLO	you pay a supplement: you cover the cost of the room and transport alone.
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT	I'm happy to book your flight for you, or you book it yourself; if I book it, the flight price for your dates is in your personal quote. Flight Brussels–Keflavík not included: I am happy to book the flight for you, or you book it yourself.

SELF-DRIVE

Iceland is made for driving yourself: quiet roads, the freedom to stop anywhere and time to walk every day. You drive a 4x4, so you may also take the highland road to Landmannalaugar, with full insurance and zero excess, also for gravel and sand and ash damage. You collect it in Keflavík on day 2 and return it at the airport on day 12. You drive little: you stay at five bases and most days you drive 2 to 3 hours at most. Fuel and parking fees are paid locally. Your roadbook gives the route per day, where to refuel and how to check the road conditions.

PRIVATE DRIVER: NOT OFFERED ON THIS ROUTE

On this trip you drive yourself: that is the custom in Iceland and it gives you the most freedom. Where your own car may not go, you take the highland bus (Þórsmörk) or a super jeep with a driver-guide (Laki). Would you rather not drive at all? On request I put together a trip with a private driver-guide for you.

Three accommodation levels

Budget

Family-run guesthouses, farms and simple hotels with private bathroom and breakfast, well to excellently reviewed.

MY FAVOURITE the hotels in Vík and Reykjavík

Comfort

The better country hotels and guesthouses, often with their own restaurant, hot tubs or a view of a fjord or glacier.

MY FAVOURITE the hotels in Keflavík and Hella

Premium

A step up: boutique hotels and the best address at each stop, such as a lodge with its own observatory near Hella and a new hotel right by the Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon.

Possible guided moments

Prefer a guide? I can add a local guide to any activity.

- ★ Day 6: a driver-guide takes you to the Laki craters by super jeep (the track has river fords)
- ★ Day 7: the glacier walk in Skaftafell is only allowed with a certified glacier guide; this one is included

- ★ Otherwise you travel without a guide, with your roadbook and my WhatsApp line

Ideas to adapt the route

- Extension (optional) Snæfellsnes: 2 extra nights on the peninsula with the Snæfellsjökull glacier, Kirkjufell mountain and the coast at Arnarstapi (about 2h30 from Reykjavík)
- Extension (optional) North Iceland: a domestic flight to Akureyri and 3 nights for Mývatn, Dettifoss and whale watching in Húsavík
- Extension (optional) Westfjords: 4 to 5 extra nights for Ísafjörður, Dynjandi, the Látrabjarg bird cliffs and the Baldur ferry
- Extension (optional) the full Ring Road in 16 days, with the East Fjords and the north: the original route, with longer driving days
- In June or September: Landmannalaugar and Laki depend on the opening dates of the highland roads; I adapt the route

Included

- ✓ 11 nights at the level you choose (Budget, Comfort or Premium): family-run guesthouses, farms and hotels, double or twin room with private bathroom and breakfast
- ✓ Transfer from the airport to your hotel in Keflavík on arrival
- ✓ 4x4 rental car from day 2 to day 12 (suitable for the F-roads, unlimited mileage), with full insurance and zero excess, including gravel and sand and ash damage
- ✓ Blue Lagoon (Comfort entry), the highland bus to Þórsmörk, the super-jeep tour to the Laki craters, a glacier walk of approx. 3 hours with a certified guide (crampons included) and the zodiac on Jökulsárlón
- ✓ Detailed roadbook with routes, walks, road conditions, swimming pools and my addresses for lunch and dinner

Not included

- Flights to and from Keflavík: I am happy to book the flight for you, or you book it yourself
- Meals other than breakfast, and drinks (Iceland is expensive: allow approx. €60–90 pp per day; in remote places you dine at the hotel, my addresses are in your roadbook)
- Fuel and parking fees at nature sites (paid locally)
- Optional extras: whale watching from Reykjavík, swimming pools and hot baths along the way
- Travel and cancellation insurance
- Personal expenses
- Deposit on your credit card for the rental car and any traffic fines

Practical information

VISA (BELGIAN CITIZENS)

No visa required (Schengen). A valid Belgian identity card (eID) or passport is sufficient.

HEALTH

No vaccinations required. Your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is also valid in Iceland. Even in July it is fresh (approx. 10–15 °C) and it can be windy and rainy: bring layers, a good rain jacket, sturdy walking shoes and swimwear.

CURRENCY & PAYMENT

Icelandic króna (ISK). You pay by card almost everywhere, also at the fuel pump (you need your PIN there). You hardly need cash.

FLIGHT TIME FROM BRUSSELS

Approx. 3h15 direct from Brussels to Keflavík.

TIME DIFFERENCE

In summer Iceland is 2 hours behind Belgium (1 hour in winter).

LANGUAGE

Icelandic; almost everyone speaks excellent English.

MEALS

Breakfast is included every day. In remote places you dine at your hotel in the evening; along the way I give you my addresses for soup, fish and lamb. You are completely free to choose where and when you eat: I never steer you to expensive restaurants in return for a commission.

GUIDES

By default you travel without a guide. Only on the glacier do you walk with a certified glacier guide, and a driver-guide takes you to Laki in a super jeep: both are included.

As of September 2026: check diplomatie.belgium.be (travel advice) and wanda.be (health) before you travel.

Travelling responsibly

You stay in family-run guesthouses, farms and small hotels, and eat local where you can (lamb, fish, skyr). You walk every day and stay on the paths and roads, so the fragile moss and lava fields stay intact. In the highlands you leave your car where needed and take the highland bus or a local driver-guide. Iceland runs largely on geothermal and hydro power; CO₂ offsetting for your flight is possible.



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PRICE

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DAY 4

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DAY 7

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