

## Iceland Round Trip – July 2013

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*This great self drive tour takes you on a round trip of Iceland and to many of the island's finest natural wonders such as Þingvellir National Park, Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon, Vatnajökull Glacier, Gullfoss waterfall, Goðafoss waterfall, Lake Mývatn and the amazing Snæfellsnes Peninsula. So if you are looking for the ideal Iceland vacation and have 10 days to spare, you have found the absolute right thing for you in this flexible Iceland holiday package.*



## Itinerary:



### Day 1: Arrival/Reykjavik | 7<sup>th</sup> of July

Welcome to Iceland! Once you arrive in Keflavik national Airport, you will be welcomed by our chauffeur who will transfer you privately to your accommodation in the heart of Reykjavik. Explore the pearls of the city in the afternoon before staying the first night in the capital of the north. If you arrive early, you might be interested in optional day tours such as whale watching from Reykjavik Harbor. Stay for the night at [Guesthouse Loki](#). Sites recommended in Reykjavik: Hallgímskirkja church, National Museum, Kolaportið flea market (open during weekends) and Laugavegur shopping street.



### Day 2: The “Golden Circle” | 8<sup>th</sup> of July

Today your journey around the island starts! You will pick up your rental car in the morning and start your day by driving to Þingvellir National park. Þingvellir because of its beauty and its geological and historical value, was accepted as UNESCO's heritage site in 2004. After exploring the treasures of the park, head south to see Geysir Spouting Spring and Gullfoss waterfall to complete the “Golden Circle”. Enjoy the afternoon seeing the sizzling hot springs and geysers and the force of the great waterfall. Stay the night at [Smáratún Hotel Fljótshlíð](#).

*Highlights of the day: Þingvellir, Gullfoss, Geysir, Kerið, Sólheimar*



### Day 3: The South Coast | 9<sup>th</sup> of July

Today will be a long day, full of adventures and amazing places. Head to the famous Skaftafell National park and drive east to the picturesque waterfalls Seljalandsfoss and Skógarfoss. Drive along the south shore to Dyrhólaey natural reserve where you can find one of the best seabird colony in Iceland. You will cross Mýrdalssandur and Eldhraun lava field. When arriving to Kirkjubæjarklaustur don't forget to take a look at the amazing Fjaðrárgljúfur, a beautiful canyon and one of our favorite hidden treasures of Iceland. After passing Skeiðarársandur you will arrive at Skaftafell national park. We recommend the great hiking trail to Svartifoss waterfall that is surrounded by beautiful basalt columns. Next up is one of Iceland's most spectacular wonder, the Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon. You can enjoy an optional boat tour on the lagoon. Drive to [Árnanes](#) where you'll stay for the night.

*Highlights of the day: Seljalandsfoss, Skógarfoss, Dyrhólaey, Fjaðrárgljúfur, Skaftafell*



### Day 4: East Iceland | 10<sup>th</sup> of July

Today you will travel the rugged and beautiful East Fjords of Iceland. Start the day by driving to the village of Höfn. Höfn is known for being the „lobster capital“ of Iceland so if you are passing by during lunch hour we recommend stopping at the Hotel Hofn for a lobster feast or lobster soup. After passing Djúpivogur, you will explore the East Coast of Iceland with its numerous fjords, surrounded by steep mountains. In Stöðvarfjörður you'll find Petra's Mineral Collection which is interesting to look at. It's possible to go kayaking from Neskaupstaður which is located in the Norðfjörður fjord. Stay the night in Egilsstaðir in [Lýngás Guesthouse](#).

*Highlights of the day: East Fjords, Höfn, Djúpivogur, Mt. Búlandstindur, Hallormsstaðarskógur forest, Egilsstaðir, Norðfjörður fjord.*



## Day 5: Egilstaðir - Mývatn | 11<sup>th</sup> of July

Today you will drive to the amazing and almost surreal Mývatn area. Drive from Egilsstaðir through Möðrudalsöræfi Route to Lake Mývatn. We recommend that you take the sightseeing round and explore Dettifoss Waterfall (the most powerful in Europe) Hljóðaklettur Cliffs and Ásbyrgi Canyon. After that drive to Húsavík where you can take an optional whale watching tour in the afternoon, before checking in to [Guesthouse Húsavík](#) for the night.

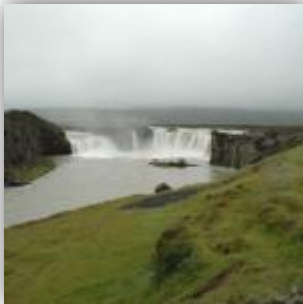
*Highlights of the day: Möðrudalsöræfi, Mývatn, Dettifoss, Hljóðaklettur, Ásbyrgi, Húsavík*



## Day 6: Lake Mývatn | 12<sup>th</sup> of July

Enjoy a full free day around the Mývatn area you will find amazing attractions such as the colourful Námaskarð pass, the Skútustaðir pseudo craters, the Dimmuborgir lava formations, Krafla Volcano and the Natural baths of Mývatn. Hike up to Mt.Hverfjall Crater that dominates the scenery around the lake. Close by you will find Krafla volcano with endless opportunities for hiking and sightseeing. Overnight at the [Stöng Guesthouse](#). In the evening, we recommend a nice dip into the geothermal [Mývatn Nature Baths](#).

*Highlights of the day: Dimmuborgir, Námaskarð, Krafla, Skútustaðir craters, Mt.Hverfjall and Mývatn Nature Baths*



## Day 7: Mývatn to Akureyri | 13<sup>th</sup> of July

Start the day early by exploring the sights that you didn't have time for yesterday or take a relaxing bath in the Mývatn Nature baths. On your way to Akureyri (the "capital of the North") stop and enjoy the charming Goðafoss waterfall. In Akureyri we recommend that you visit the Botanical Garden, an oasis in the heart of this charming town. Also recommended is the Akureyri Church, situated on a hilltop overlooking the center of town. After a full day of sightseeing it's always popular to spend the afternoon in the town's outdoor geothermal swimming pool & water park. Overnight in [Gula Villan Guesthouse](#).

*Highlights of the day: Mývatn Area, Goðafoss, Akureyri, Botanical Garden. Northern Lights (in winter)*



## Day 8: Akureyri to Snæfellsnes | 14<sup>th</sup> of July

Leave Akureyri behind and start making your way to the beautiful Snæfellsnes Peninsula. On the way you can stop in the Skagafjörður Fjord and enjoy an optional riding tour. Visit Borgarvirki natural fortress before reaching Snæfellsnes. On Snæfellsnes, you can choose from a variety of activities such as horseback riding, hiking, taking a bird watching-cruise (in summer) or whale watching from Stykkishólmur village or simply relax and take in the glacier's alleged supernatural energy. Stay in [Kast Guesthouse](#).

*Highlights of the day: Snæfellsjökull glacier, Dritvík cove, Lónrangar, Hellnar Cove, Arnstapi and Djúpalónssandur*



## Day 9: Return to Reykjavik | 15<sup>th</sup> of July



Experience the unique Snæfellsjökull National Park, with amazing birdlife, lush valleys and rugged lava fields. It is ideal to drive around the peninsula, exploring Dritvík Cove, Lóndrangar Cliffs as well as Hellnar Cliffs and Arnarstapi with its bursting bird-life and the small villages on the coast. After exploring Snæfellsnes it's time to continue to Reykjavik City. Before finishing your "ring road", take a look at the highlights of West Iceland. Sights along the way are the volcanic crater Grábrók, Hraunfossar waterfalls and Deildartunguhver, the largest hot spring in Europe. Once heading back to Reykjavík, you can either take the scenic Hvalfjörður Fjord route where you can stop and hike up to the famous Glymur waterfall (the highest waterfall in Iceland with 198 meter/650 feet drop) or continue straight to Reykjavik if you want to spend more time in the city. Return the car to Procar HQ in down town Reykjavik. Stay for the night at [Guesthouse Loki](#).

*Highlights of the day: Snæfellsnes Peninsula, Grábrók Crater, Settlement Exhibition in Borgarnes, Reykholt, Hraunfossar, Barnafossar, Deildartunguhver and Hvalfjörður (Glymur).*



## Day 10: Departure | 16<sup>th</sup> of July

Your last day in Iceland! How time flies when you're having fun. Transfer to Keflavik airport via flybus. On the way to Keflavik Airport the Fly Bus will make a stop at the [Blue Lagoon](#) (included) where you can soak in the algae rich waters of the lagoon that is situated in the middle of a pitch black lava field. Your luggage will be kept in the bus while you are relaxing in the lagoon. After that you will be dropped off at Keflavik International Airport. Have a safe journey home!



## Information & Prices:

Rental car quoted for this tour is a Hyundai i10 automatic or similar:



- **Total price for two** persons in one room in our [Budget](#) accommodation with a **Hyundai i10** automatic rental vehicle is **377,800 ISK** (Around **\$3,010** or **\$1,505** per person at the current rate) starting on the **7<sup>th</sup> of July 2013**. **5%** discount is offered from the above price.

## Included:

- 9 nights' accommodation ([Budget](#)) with continental breakfast
- Rental car of your choice (Hyundai i10 Automatic) for **8** days with unlimited mileage/CDW & VAT
- Private pick-up at Keflavík Airport and transport to your hotel in Reykjavik
- Flybus transfer with pickup at your hotel, upon departure
- Private information meeting with our travel consultant in Reykjavik before tour starts
- Mobile Phone with 1500 ISK worth of calls (you call Iceland Unlimited for free)
- Free use of GPS unit in your rental car for easier navigation
- Entrance fee to the [Blue Lagoon](#) for two adults.
- Maps and driving instructions
- 24-hour emergency service
- Taxes and service fee

## Not Included:

- Flights to/from Iceland
- Meals, drinks at restaurants and entrance fees (unless otherwise agreed upon)
- Personal travel insurance



**Route Map – Green arrows show the location of your accommodation along the way.**