



## **Gracious Southwest Iceland - 7 Days** **(#19849)**

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### **Overview**

Explore the enchanting landscapes, rich history, and vibrant culture of Iceland's South and West regions in a small group tour, while enjoying the comfort of first-class accommodation. This extraordinary adventure will lead you through some of the most emblematic and captivating areas of the country, where geological wonders, stunning waterfalls, dramatic sea-bird cliffs, and colorful lava fields await. Prepare to be spellbound by the mesmerizing scenery of South and West Iceland, where each day brings new and unforgettable experiences.

Visit Iceland's Gracious Southwest: Explore the Enchanting Landscapes, Rich History, and Vibrant Culture.

### **Trip Highlights**

Reykjavík-Geysir-Reykjavík

### **Detailed Itinerary**



**Day 01**

**Day 1: Arrival Day**

Individual transfer by taxi from Keflavik airport to your accommodation in Reykjavik. You may explore Iceland's capital city on your own if time allows.

**Hotel:** Hótel Borg or similar in Reykjavík.

**Meal:** No Meal

**Day 02**

**Day 2: The capital, gastronomy & Presidential residence**

Meet your tour guide early morning and get ready to explore the world's northernmost capital and its culinary delights. We will learn about Reykjavík's fascinating history and stop by its many landmarks such as the popular church of Hallgrímskirkja, The University campus, and Reykjavík's charming harbour where we get to observe the colourful fishing vessels, the beautiful mountain backdrop, and the spectacular concert hall and conference centre of Harpan. We will also embark on a gastronomic journey between hidden gems where delicious treats await. After indulging in the culinary history of the city, head to Bessastaðir, the official residence of the president of Iceland. Here we will learn about the nation's history and its democratic traditions while enjoying the surrounding natural beauty that typifies the Icelandic landscape.

**Hotel:** Hótel Borg or similar in Reykjavík.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 03**

**Day 3: The Golden Circle: Geothermal Energy & Icelandic Horses**

Begin the day at Kerið, one of Iceland's most stunning volcanic craters. Featuring a perfectly round volcanic caldera with aquamarine water at the bottom, this picturesque crater is a geological wonder due to its vibrant red sediments and striking beauty. We continue to Friðheimar, an impressive greenhouse complex showcasing a tomato farm, a restaurant, a winery, and Icelandic horse stables. Learn about Iceland's use of geothermal energy in agriculture and meet face-to-face with Iceland's fluffiest and friendliest natives, the Icelandic horse. Afterwards we drive to the magnificent Gullfoss, also known as the "Golden Falls". In an incredible show of the sheer power of nature, enjoy the view of the falling waters over a 32-meter plunge against the backdrop of dramatic rock formations and mist. Next, we stop at the exciting Geysir, where we will witness the naturally occurring eruption of bubbling water 15-20 meters up in the air. Conclude the day with a Geothermal tasting experience, in which you'll get to taste rye bread freshly baked in nearby hot springs accompanied by butter, eggs,



and herring. After a day full of excitement, we arrive at our accommodation in Geysir where we will spend the next three nights.

**Hotel:** Hótel Geysir or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 04**

**Day 4: Natural Wonders, Hot Springs & Heritage**

Today's journey will begin at Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site of immense historical, cultural, and geological significance. While we learn about the past of the area, enjoy an exciting walk in a dramatic rift valley formed by the separation of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates. Home to Öxarárfoss waterfall and the beautiful Þingvallavatn lake with its surrounding lush green meadows, the park promises great photo opportunities. We continue to Hvatnsvík Natural Hot Springs for a relaxing and invigorating bath, where we relish an uninterrupted view of the Fjord and the Atlantic Ocean while soaking in its warm and therapeutic waters. For our last stop of the day, we head to Efstidalur, a family-owned farm where a presentation on Icelandic dairy farming and food tasting awaits you. Savor and sample delicious skyr, feta cheese, whey, and Ice cream while meeting the family that produces them. In the evening we return to Geysir for the night.

**Hotel:** Hótel Geysir or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 05**

**Day 5: Gracious South Coast**

This morning venture to the South Shore of Iceland and its wonders. We begin at the charming Skógar Folk Museum that features over 15.000 artifacts in an impressive collection encompassing fishing, farming, and cultural traditions. Later get prepared to be blown away by the forces of nature in the world's only live lava show, where you will get up close to real molten lava and feel its incredible heat at approximately 1100°C (2000°F). After an exhilarating spectacle, continue to the stunning jet-black sands of Reynisfjara beach and its impressive hexagonal basalt columns. Take some time to explore the otherworldly landscape, with its hectic bird colonies, sea caves, and view of the imposing Reynisdrangar Sea Stacks in the North Atlantic Ocean. Next, we stop at the renown Skógafoss waterfall. Standing at about 60 meters tall this mesmerizing waterfall is an imposing sight. Delight in the spectacle of its falling waters, which often produce vibrant rainbows amidst a scenery of lush green moss and dramatic cliffs. Our final stop for the day will be the famous Seljalandsfoss waterfall. This tall and slender waterfall allows visitors to fully encircle it by following a slick and wet trail right behind its plunging waters.



After taking in the sight and photographing this natural marvel, we return to Geysir for a well-deserved rest.

**Hotel:** Hótel Geysir or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 06**

**Day 6: Selfoss, Reykjanes Peninsula & The Blue Lagoon**

Start the day at the quaint town of Selfoss for a food and history tour, where we will embark in a unique journey through Iceland's past and culinary traditions. Next, we head to the captivating and geologically abundant Reykjanes Peninsula. Due to its high level of volcanic activity, the peninsula has a unique landscape with numerous features like dramatic fissures, bubbling hot springs, and extensive lava fields. Our first stop is at Gunnhver, a geothermal area bursting with boiling mud pools, fumaroles, and vibrant colors from surrounding rocks and minerals that give it an otherworldly atmosphere. We continue to Iceland's oldest lighthouse, Reykjanesviti. Perched on a rocky promontory, this enchanting monument to Iceland's seafaring heritage is a picture-perfect location to capture scenic vistas of the coast. Slightly Northwards, we stop at the Bridge Between Continents, which lies on one of the world's largest plate boundaries, that between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates. Lastly, we end the day at the iconic Blue Lagoon. This geothermal spa is renowned for its strikingly vivid blue-turquoise and mineral-rich waters. Soak and relax surrounded by the surreal and lunar-like landscape of volcanic rocks and moss. After a week full of adventures, we head back to the hotel in Reykjavík for one last night.

**Hotel:** Hótel Borg or similar

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 07**

**Day 7: Departure Day**

Individual transfer by taxi from your accommodation in Reykjavik to Keflavik airport.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Inclusions**

- 6 nights accommodation, in rooms with shower/WC
- 5 days escorted tour with English-speaking guide/driver-guide
- Arrival & departure airport transfer by taxi (no guide)



- 6x breakfast, 3x lunches & 2x dinners
- Blue Lagoon, including use of towel
- Hvammsvík Natural Hotspring, including use of towel
- Kerið
- Efstidalur farm to table presentation & tasting
- Entrance to Skógar Folk Museum
- Entrance to LAVA Show in Vík
- Food & History Walk in Selfoss
- Friðheimar greenhouse & horse stable
- Geotaste at Hótel Geysi

**Complementary**

- Free Wi-Fi on the bus

**Exclusions**

Any private expenses

Any additional services

Meals that are not listed under “included”

Single supplement (mandatory when in a single room)

International / Domestic Airfare

Optional activities

Drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program

Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

Travel and medical insurance

Personal expenses

**Note**

**Highlights & Experiences**

- Stay in comfortable, first-class hotels with charm
- Experience authentic culture in small villages and local museums



- Discover some of Iceland's most iconic natural reserves and enchanting waterfalls
- Embark on gastronomic journeys to discover hidden culinary gems
- Visit Bessastaðir, the official residence of the President of Iceland
- Discover the Magic of Iceland's iconic Golden Circle
- Get up close and personal with the Icelandic horse and capture a memorable selfie
- Uncover the secrets of geothermal energy at Friðheimar
- Unwind and rejuvenate at the scenic Hvammsvík Hot Springs nestled along the Icelandic coast
- Meet the locals at a family-owned dairy farm
- Witness the world's only live lava show
- Explore the geologically abundant Reykjanes Peninsula
- Soak in the soothing waters of the famous and striking Blue Lagoon
- Small groups, maximum 22 people

#### **Additional services**

- Extra night in Reykjavik before/after the tour – on request.
- Upgrade for private airport transfer.

Start & End Location: Keflavik International Airport

Tour Pick-up Time: 09:00 on day 2 at Hotel Borg, Reykjavík (subject to change)

**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.

**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.

Maximum group size - 22 pax.

## **Program Touring / Guide**

Escorted Experience

## **Periodic Departure**



<p><b>01 Jan, 2025 to 31 Jan, 2025</b> first-class AUD 7,210 P P twin share AUD 8,988 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>01 Feb, 2025 to 31 Mar, 2025</b> first-class AUD 7,506 P P twin share AUD 9,659 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>01 Apr, 2025 to 30 Apr, 2025</b> first-class AUD 7,210 P P twin share AUD 8,988 P P single AVAILABLE</p>
<p><b>01 May, 2025 to 31 May, 2025</b> first-class AUD 7,506 P P twin share AUD 9,659 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>01 Jun, 2025 to 31 Aug, 2025</b> first-class AUD 8,672 P P twin share AUD 10,667 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>01 Sep, 2025 to 30 Sep, 2025</b> first-class AUD 8,158 P P twin share AUD 10,331 P P single AVAILABLE</p>
<p><b>01 Oct, 2025 to 30 Nov, 2025</b> first-class AUD 7,881 P P twin share AUD 9,758 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>01 Dec, 2025 to 31 Jan, 2026</b> first-class AUD 7,605 P P twin share AUD 9,462 P P single AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>01 Feb, 2026 to 31 Mar, 2026</b> first-class AUD 7,881 P P twin share AUD 9,758 P P single AVAILABLE</p>
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