



## Combo Iceland Circle & Westfjords of Iceland - 17 Days (#19836)

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### Overview

Our adventure begins with the renowned Guided Iceland Circle tour, celebrated for its comprehensive exploration of Iceland's diverse landscapes, revealing majestic volcanoes, expansive lava fields, hot springs, towering mountains, serene fjords, shimmering glaciers, glacier lagoons, and thundering waterfalls. During the tour, we will explore the vibrant capital city of Reykjavik for a three-day stay. Indulge in an authentic Icelandic food walk, optional ATV trip or horseback riding, and relax with a rejuvenating soak in the newly opened Sky Lagoon. Ample free time will also be provided for you to explore at your leisure. Continuing on, the journey takes us into the remote beauty of Iceland's Westfjords, where we will uncover a tapestry of rich history, culture, and stunning landscapes.

### Trip Highlights

Reykjavik-Akureyri-Mývatn-Egilsstaðir-East Fjords-Vatnajökull-Reykjavík-Patreksfjörður-Ísafjörður-Ísafjarðardjúp-Reykjavík



## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01

#### Day 1: Arrive Reykjavik.

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

**Hotel:** Berjaya Reykjavík Natura Hotel or similar.

**Meal:** No Meal

### Day 02

#### Day 2: Volcano Crater, Fjords & Mountains - Akureyri Delights

Our journey begins as our guide greets us at 09:00 in the lobby of Berjaya Reykjavík Natura Hotel. We'll then venture westward along the stunning Hvalfjörður fjord towards Borgarnes. Enjoy a leisurely hike on the Grábrók volcano crater amidst lush lava fields. Explore the charm of Glaumbær, an enchanting turf house farm and folk museum. Traverse scenic fjords and mountain passes until we reach Akureyri, the capital of North Iceland. Spend the rest of the day exploring this picturesque town at your own pace before settling in for the night. Rest well in Akureyri.

**Hotel:** Berjaya Akureyri Hotel or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 03

#### Day 3: The Capital of North Iceland, Lake Mývatn & Geothermal Baths

We kick off our day with a leisurely exploration of Akureyri, often hailed as the capital of North Iceland, treating you to stunning panoramic views of Eyjafjörður fjord.

Optional whale watching tours are available at 09:00.

In the afternoon, we set out to discover the majestic Goðafoss, known as the 'waterfalls of the Gods.' Then, immerse ourselves in the geological wonders of Lake Mývatn, renowned for its unique lava formations, pseudocraters at Skútustaðir, and the volcanic tephra cone, Hverfjall. Finally, unwind with a relaxing soak at the geothermal Mývatn Nature Baths, boasting panoramic views of the surrounding landscapes.

**Hotel:** Berjaya Mývatn Hotel or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 04****Day 4: Lava Labyrinth, Hot Springs & Travel East**

Starting our day anew, we venture into the otherworldly realm of Dimmuborgir, a labyrinth of lava formations steeped in mythical folklore, believed to be the abode of trolls. Continuing our odyssey, we explore the geothermal marvels of Námaskarð, where bubbling mud pools and steaming solfataras paint an eerie yet mesmerizing landscape. Our journey then winds through the uninhabited highlands and lunar-like vistas en route to East Iceland. The day ends with a visit to the majestic Dettifoss waterfall, adding another layer of awe to our adventure.

**Hotel:** Berjaya Hérað Hotel or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 05****Day 5: East Fjords, Glacier Lagoon & Diamond Beach**

Continuing our expedition, we marvel at the rugged beauty of the East Fjords, taking in the awe-inspiring fjord landscape and exploring a captivating stone and mineral collection. Our journey then leads us to Vatnajökull, Europe's largest glacier, where we witness its majestic expanse. Finally, we delve into the ethereal beauty of Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon, where we set out on an unforgettable amphibian boat tour, gliding amidst the shimmering icebergs and tranquil waters. Our adventure continues to the enchanting Breiðamerkursandur (Diamond Beach), a spectacle not to be missed, where we witness the glittering ice sculptures adorning the black volcanic sands.

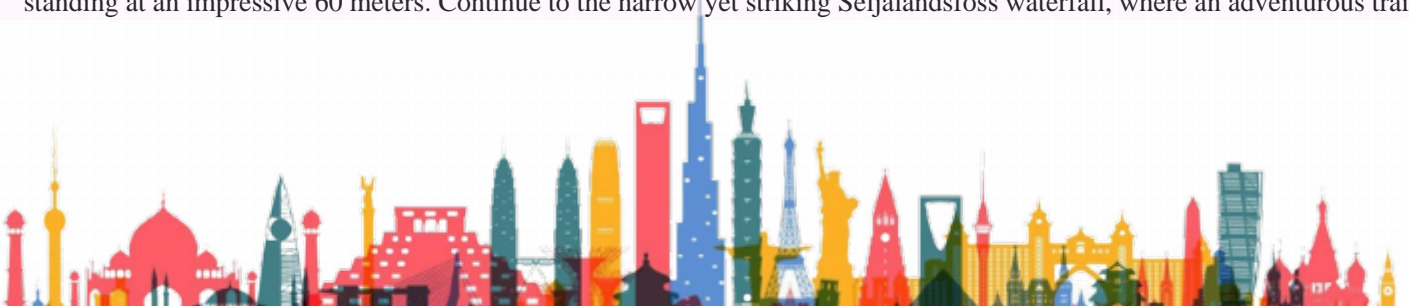
**Hotel:** Fosshotel Glacier Lagoon or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 06****Day 6: Vatnajökull National Park & South Coast**

We journey along the southern part of the Vatnajökull glacier and take in the sights of Europe's second-largest national park, boasting Iceland's tallest mountains, alpine landscapes, and the continent's largest glacier.

In the afternoon, a scenic drive awaits as we traverse the Eldhraun lava field and cross the sandy expanse of the southern coast, flanked by towering cliffs, glaciers, and cascading waterfalls. Experience the captivating Icelandic Lava Show, offering a firsthand encounter with the intense heat of molten lava. Enjoy a leisurely stroll along the black lava beach of Reynisfjara near Vík, followed by a visit to the charming village of Skógar, home to the majestic Skógafoss waterfall, standing at an impressive 60 meters. Continue to the narrow yet striking Seljalandsfoss waterfall, where an adventurous trail



leads behind the cascading water – be prepared to embrace the spray!

**Hotel:** Stracta Hotel Hella or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 07

### Day 7: Icelandic Horses & Golden Circle - Classics

Discover iconic attractions today as we explore the Golden Circle route. Start our day at Friðheimar, where we'll learn about the history and unique qualities of the Icelandic horse, followed by a visit to a geothermal greenhouse. Later, marvel at the steaming wonders of the Geysir geothermal fields, featuring bubbling pools and the active Strokkur geyser, erupting at 5-7 minute intervals. Continue our journey to Gullfoss, known as “the golden falls,” where we'll witness the double waterfall plunging 32 meters into the Hvítá river. Venture inland to Thingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its historical and geological significance.

As we return to Reykjavík, enjoy a brief city tour highlighting the best of the world's northernmost capital. After this day, you will depart for three days in Reykjavík on your own until meeting the next group.

**Hotel:** Berjaya Reykjavík Natura Hotel or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 08

### Day 8: Reykjavík Urban Charm & Food Lovers Tour

Explore Reykjavík at your leisure. Wander through the quaint streets, visit local boutiques, museums, or simply relax in one of the city's cozy cafes.

In the afternoon, we join the Reykjavík Food Lovers Tour, where we indulge in a culinary journey through the city's top-quality restaurants, savouring traditional Icelandic dishes and exploring the local food culture. This tour promises to be both delicious and educational, offering insights into Iceland's rich culinary traditions.

**Hotel:** Berjaya Reykjavík Natura Hotel or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 09****Day 9: Sky Lagoon Relaxation & Optional ATV or Horseback Riding Tour**

Start your day either exploring Reykjavík on your own or join one of our optional tours. You can choose either an exciting ATV or horseback riding tour through Iceland's rugged terrain. If you choose the ATV tour, you'll navigate volcanic fields and lush valleys, feeling the thrill of conquering rough trails. Or saddle up and trot along scenic trails guided by experienced locals, appreciating Iceland's tranquil beauty from a unique perspective and bonding with the gentle Icelandic horses along the way.

Afterward, unwind at the newly opened Sky Lagoon. Bathe in the geothermal waters while savouring a complimentary refreshing drink. Experience the tranquillity of the oceanside geothermal lagoon as you immerse yourself in the serene waters, surrounded by breathtaking views. Let the natural forces of Iceland rejuvenate your body and soul. This serene experience provides the perfect opportunity to relax and recharge before continuing to the next chapter of your Icelandic adventure.

**Hotel:** Berjaya Reykjavík Natura Hotel or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 10****Day 10: Reykjavík & Whale Watching Tour**

Today we explore Reykjavík on our own and then set out on an exploration of the Atlantic Ocean's wildlife with a Whale Watching tour from Reykjavik. Encounter Iceland's rich bird life and an array of sea creatures, including minke whales, humpback whales, harbour porpoises, and white-beaked dolphins.

**Hotel:** Berjaya Reykjavík Natura Hotel or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 11****Day 11: Volcano, Viking & Fjords Expedition**

Today we will start our journey to the remote Westfjords, meet your guide at the hotel lobby at 09:00. Our first stop of the day is at Grábrók, a 3,400-year-old volcanic crater offering panoramic valley views. Continuing, we venture to Eiríksstaðir, once the dwelling of Viking explorers Eirik the Red and Leif the Lucky. Explore Viking life and Icelandic history as you visit a replica longhouse and living museum. Afterwards, we visit Þingmannaá Waterfall, the first of many charming waterfalls in the Westfjords. Finally, we will settle in for the next two nights in the picturesque fishing village of



Patreksfjörður, boasting breathtaking views of the fjord and the Greenland Sea. Now you have the opportunity to experience first hand staying in a remote village in the Westfjords of Iceland.

**Hotel:** Fosshótel Westfjords or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 12

### Day 12: Western Edge Discovery

Our day begins at Rauðisandur, one of Iceland's most picturesque beaches. Extending for 10 kilometres, this beach features striking red sand blending seamlessly with the turquoise waters, providing stunning photo opportunities. Next, we visit the Hnjótur Folk Museum, offering insights into daily life in the Westfjords and Iceland's rich agricultural and seafaring history. We then proceed to Látrabjarg, Europe's tallest seabird cliffs and the westernmost point in Iceland. From here, enjoy uninterrupted views of the North Atlantic and observe bird colonies including puffins, razorbills, and guillemots. Along the journey, we will also encounter the historic shipwreck Garðar, Iceland's oldest steel ship. As the day winds down, we return to Patreksfjörður to unwind after an adventurous day.

**Hotel:** Fosshotel Westfjords or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 13

### Day 13: Majestic Fjord Expedition

Our journey commences at Dynjandi waterfall, hailed as one of Iceland's most breathtaking natural wonders. With its tiered structure, Dynjandi creates a mesmerizing cascade of smaller falls. Continuing along the coastline and fjords, we arrive at the picturesque pier of Öundurarfjörður. Extending gracefully from a golden beach into the water, this pier offers panoramic vistas of the fjord. Our exploration leads us to Flateyri village, where we pause at the hidden gem, Gamla bókabúðin or "The Old Bookstore". Operating since 1914, this quaint store is a treasure trove of unique souvenirs and showcases traditional Icelandic design. Delving into Flateyri's history, we learn about the 1995 avalanche and visit the protective fences erected to safeguard locals. In the afternoon, we reach Ísafjörður, the largest town in the Westfjords, our base for the next two nights.

**Hotel:** Hótel Ísafjörður or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 14****Day 14: Ísafjörður, Seaside Escapade**

This morning, we embark on an adventure to Bolafjall, a towering mountain reaching 640 meters high. Here, a steel viewing platform offers a breathtaking perspective over the sea and nearby fjords, sure to exhilarate even the most daring. Visit the restored fishing hut at Ósvör Maritime Museum, where you'll delve into the history of rowboat fishing and the rugged life in isolated fishing villages during the 19th century. Later, we journey to Suðureyri village for a leisurely stroll and indulge in delectable seafood sourced from local producers, immersing ourselves in Iceland's rich maritime heritage.

In the afternoon, enjoy leisure time in Ísafjörður or opt for an exciting add-on activity. Choose from a thrilling ATV tour around Ísafjörður or embark on a visit to the enchanting island of Vigur, renowned for its abundant wildlife including puffins, Arctic terns, eiders, guillemots, and more.

**Hotel:** Hótel Ísafjörður or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 15****Day 15: Geothermal Wonders & Icelandic Magic**

Today, we journey along the scenic fjords of Ísafjarðardjúp, offering breathtaking views and the chance to spot majestic whales if luck is on our side! Our adventure continues with a visit to the Saltverk factory in Reykjanes, where we delve into the fascinating process of salt manufacturing powered entirely by geothermal energy. Next, we explore the charming village of Hólmavík and its captivating Museum of Icelandic Sorcery and Witchcraft, delving into the rich history and folklore surrounding these mystical practices. Here, we marvel at ancient grimoires, ritual objects, and the intriguing Icelandic magical staves believed to hold protective and magical properties. After a day filled with excitement and discovery, we retreat to the remote Vogur Country Lodge in West Iceland, nestled near the stunning Breiðafjörður Bay, offering a serene and picturesque overnight.

**Hotel:** Vogur Country Lodge or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 16****Day 16: Icelandic Equines & Reykjavík Urban Charm**

Following a week filled with fascinating discoveries, we journey back to Reykjavík, making several delightful stops along the way. Our first destination is Hraunfossar, also known as "the lava waterfalls," where glacial waters filter through lava for



hundreds of kilometres, creating a mesmerizing spectacle as they appear to flow from the lava rocks. Next, we visit a charming horse farm, offering a close encounter with the Icelandic horse, known for its fluffy coat and friendly demeanour. In the afternoon, we explore the capital city, delving into its rich history and visiting iconic landmarks that showcase Reykjavík's unique charm.

**Hotel:** Berjaya Reykjavík Natura Hotel or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 17

### Day 17 Departure Day

Individual transfer by Fly bus shuttle from your accommodation in Reykjavik to Keflavik airport.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- 16 nights accommodation with breakfast
- 11 days escorted bus tour with English-speaking guide/driver-guide
- 3 days in Reykjavík
- Arrival & departure airport transfer by Flybus shuttle (no guide)
- 16x breakfast
- Entrance to Glaumbær Folk Museum
- Entrance Mývatn Nature Baths including towel
- Entrance to a Stone Collection
- Amphibian boat tour on Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon (May-Sept depending on weather conditions)
- Entrance to the Icelandic Lava Show
- Icelandic horse stables & geothermal greenhouse
- Hike Grábrók crater
- Entrance to Sky Lagoon including towel & drink
- Reykjavík Food Lovers Tour
- Whale Watching
- Entrance to Eiríksstaðir Museum
- Rauðisandur
- Entrance to Hnjótur Folk Museum
- Látrabjarg, the westernmost point in Iceland





- Shipwreck Garðar
- Dynjandi waterfall
- Gamla bókabúðin or “The Old Bookstore”
- Bolafjall viewing platform
- Entrance to Ósvör Maritime Museum
- Entrance to Saltverk factory
- Entrance to Museum of Icelandic Sorcery and Witchcraft

### Exclusions

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

Fully escorted adventure along Iceland's iconic Ring Road

Explore genuine culture within quaint villages, local museums, and small villages in the Westfjords

Exploration of stunning landscapes, including waterfalls, volcanic craters, and glaciers

Visits to two of Iceland's breathtaking national parks

Relaxation at the Mývatn Nature Baths with complimentary towel and stunning views

Delving into Viking history at heritage sites and museums



Experience the Golden Circle Tour, featuring iconic sites like Þingvellir, Geysir, and Gullfoss

Visits to Icelandic horse stables and a geothermal greenhouse

Optional whale watching in Akureyri

Reykjavík Food Lovers Tour

Optional ATV Safari or Horseback Riding Tour

Relaxation at the newly opened Sky Lagoon in Reykjavík

Experience the Icelandic Lava Show

Whale watching tour from Reykjavík

Commence a volcanic crater trek amidst a scenic lava field

Exploration of picturesque beaches, cliffs, and Viking sites in the Westfjords

Discovery of geothermal wonders and Icelandic sorcery and witchcraft

Visit Iceland's westernmost point and its bustling bird colonies

Marvel at the breathtaking Dynjandi waterfall, a true gem of the Westfjords

Learn about geothermal energy secrets at an artisanal flaky salt factory

### Complementary

Free Wi-Fi on the bus

Entrance fees

### Additional Services

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

**Start & End Location:** Keflavik International Airport (Fly bus shuttle).

**Tour Pick-up Time:** 9:00 on day 2 from Berjaya Reykjavík Natura Hotel, Reykjavik (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.





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16 Nights from AUD 12,838

### Additional services

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

**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 - 30 pax.

## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

## Periodic Departure

01 May, 2025 to 31 May, 2025

Hotel

AUD 12,838 P P twin share

AUD 16,221 P P single

AVAILABLE

01 Jun, 2025 to 31 Aug, 2025

Hotel

AUD 14,587 P P twin share

AUD 19,853 P P single

AVAILABLE

