

Iceland by Region

Focusing in on Iceland's Regions



Explore some of Iceland's unique areas in depth

Sometimes it's a better idea to cover a smaller amount of landscape at a slower pace. Sure, this may mean you don't get to every waterfall, but it does give you the pleasure of exploring some spots more deeply, and more everyday life in one part of the country. These driving tours give you a bit more time on some of the wonder-packed parts of the country, all at a more relaxed pace so that you can really unwind in those hot pools! Whether you take a comfortable wander through the north, see the wonders of the south, the volcanic beauty of the Westmann islands - all are fun possibilities within! Tough choices - but at least there are no wrong answers!

All On the Road Adventures share some things - complete package prices with flights from the US, (ask for prices from Toronto, Halifax, and Europe), choice of car sizes, and, accommodations and breakfast at Fosshotels, a group of comfortable friendly hotels all around the country. You'll get knowledgeable helpful information from Iceland Adventure, LLC, who make it easy to book these driving tours (and plenty of other Iceland Fun!) So take a look - and start getting ready to go On the Road on an Iceland Adventure!

*On The Road - Fosshótel and Iceland Adventure
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On the Road, Iceland by region

The descriptions of sights, sites and activities in these outlines will help you decide which tour suits you best. You'll find it easier to follow the place names if you're using a map or guidebook!

Advice and Consent: If you're uncertain about which route or car size is right for your party, we'll be happy to discuss your tour with you - just give us a call or an email and we can go over the tours, the cars, and what's to be seen and done along the way. We aim to give you enough information so you can decide which tour is right for you.

Being There: These tours can start any day of the week, and you'll need to leave the US the night before your tour starts in Iceland. It's a short flight - we can arrange for early check in at your hotel for a bit more cost. Prices for these tours from Europe are also available, and we can send Americans on to Europe in addition to your Iceland tour. All prices are **per person, double occupancy**, but we can arrange for single rooms, and triple rooms which work for two adults and a child. We list a couple of the car sizes and seasonal prices here. A complete listing is at www.icelanddrivingadventure.com. Up to two kids (14 and under) can room with parents at no extra charge, and those under 12 get reduced flight prices. We include many ideas on what to see and do in Iceland, and suggest some guidebooks to help you plan, but how you spend your time is really up to you. We're happy to add some days to at the beginning or end of your driving tour, but we can't alter the tour itself. Ask about our other drives which can be customized easily!

North Iceland - 8 days/7 nights - June, July, August

There are plenty of Iceland fans who argue that it's the north, with its wild highlands, snowcapped mountains, deep fjords, and vast fields of horses that really define Iceland. Well, you can see for yourself start (and end) with a day and night in Reykjavik, make the easy drive to the north to explore, then head back south. There are plenty of places to experience the landscape first hand, vast vistas, beautiful walks, horses to ride, rivers to raft, choice historical sights - and then you can enter into the centuries old discussion - better North or South?

- Day 0:** Leave the US from Boston, NY, Minneapolis, or Orlando. We always advise travelers go right to sleep - as it's a short nights flight!
- Day 1:** Welcome to Iceland! Grab your luggage and your car, and hit the road! You could explore the Reykjanes Peninsula and soak in the Blue Lagoon on your way into Reykjavik. Overnight in one of the **Fosshótel**s in **Reykjavík** or similar.
- Day 2:** North along Rt 1, we'll suggest some stops along the way, and through Skagafjörður, the Valley of the Horses. The turf manor farm museum at Glaumbae, near Varmahlid r requires a visit. Spend the next 3 nights at **Fosshótel Dalvik**, north of **Akureyri** or similar.
- Day 3:** There's sights to see in several directions - you could head over a mountain track to the isolated town of Siglufjörður - an early capital of herring fishing, and then south to the historic sites and equine university at Hólar, and the emmigration museum at Hofsos.
- Day 4:** Explore Akureyri, with an fascinating botanical garden, museum, some nice restaurants and beautiful location. Or you could take a boat or flight north to Grimsey Island which spans the Arctic Circle.
- Day 5:** Head east, stop at Goðafoss, the Waterfall of the Gods and then onto Lake Mývatn, with its psuedocraters, geothermal activity, zillions of breeding birds. There's also hot springs at Námaskarð, the lava fields at Krafla, and unusual lava formations at Dimmuborgir. You'll have 2 nights at either the **Fosshótel Laugar** or **Fosshotel Húsavík** or similar.
- Day 6:** A whale watching cruise from Húsavík can be fascinating, as is the local Whale Museum. Or you could explore Tjörnes Peninsula, the horse-shoe shaped canyon Ásbyrgi and the gigantic waterfall Dettifoss.
- Day 7:** Drive south to Reykjavik - either along the highland Kjölur Road, if you have a 4WD, or along Rt 1. You can enjoy an evening walk through the old town, Iceland's capital, and try one of the great restaurants. Overnight in a **Fosshótel** in **Reykjavík** or similar.
- Day 8:** Morning to relax, see Reykjavik, do museums, shops, pools or the Blue Lagoon. Drop car at airport and hop on the plane for home!



Price* per person: Summer 8 days/7 nights B car **\$2898** F Car 4WD **\$3272** J Car 4WD **\$4044**
May and Sept B car **\$2323** F Car 4WD **\$2595** J Car 4WD **\$3131**

Half Circle West 8 days/7 nights - May through September Fly one way, Drive one way

Half the driving (nearly) and just as much fun! You can get more driving in Iceland by using wings!! You can make a leisurely drive via West Iceland to the North, and then fly back to Reykjavik (or vice versa!) You'll get to explore each area in more depth. Price includes flight to or from Akureyri

Day 1: Welcome to Iceland! Grab your luggage, your car, and hit the road! You could explore the Reykjanes Peninsula and soak in the Blue Lagoon on your way to Reykjavik. Overnight in a **Fosshótel in Reykjavik** or similar.

Day 2, 3: Start in the south, wind your way slowly north. Lots of options - visit the Golden Circle: Thingvellir's historic and geologically fascinating park, huge hot springs and spouting Geysir and the double waterfall, Gullfoss. Do some exploring on Snæfellsnes and its seaside villages and glacier. Squeeze in a boat trip across Breiðafjörður where you may see seals, birds and possibly whales. Spend two nights at **Fosshótel Reykholt** or similar

Day 4: North to Skagafjörður, with boat trips out to islands full of bird nests, a preserved turf manor house (with links to America, circa 1000 AD), horse back or rafting white water rivers. **Fosshótel Dalvík** or similar for tonight.

Day 5, 6: Passing through Akureyri on to the whale watching town of Husavik and the bird life, landscape and geothermal wonders around Lake Myvatn. **Fosshótel Húsavík or Fosshotel Laugur.**

Day 7: You can look around the town and some of the area sights then leave your car at Akureyri airport, fly to Reykjavik and spend a last night at a **Fosshótel in Reykjavik** or similar.

Day 8: Morning to relax, see Reykjavik, do museums, shops, pools or the Blue Lagoon. Drop car at airport and hop on plane for home!

This tour can be reversed flying north and driving to the south if you'd prefer.

Price* per person, double occupancy: Summer B car **\$3030** F Car 4WD **\$3414** J Car 4WD **\$4161**

The Family Tour - Take in Iceland at a family friendly pace!

More fun in less car time. Besides being in Iceland, the other best thing about this tour is that two kids (under 14) stay free of charge in the room with parents. Two adults and 2 children in 1 room or a single parent with two kids under 14 can stay in a single room. Free breakfast for sharers. Also, kids under 12 get a good break on airfare.

Day 0: Leave the US from Boston, NY, Minneapolis, or Orlando. Go right to sleep!

Day 1: Welcome to Iceland. Grab your bags, and your car and explore a bit. Then head into Reykjavik, where you'll spend the night in one of the **Fosshotels**, or similar.

Day 2: A day in Reykjavík, Iceland's capital, with 110,000 people. See the town, feed the ducks, visit the Farm Animal Zoo, have ice cream at the Pearl, which spins on huge hot water tanks. Then head north west to Borgarfjörður, where you'll spend 3 nights in **Fosshótel Reykholt** or similar.

Day 3: Snæfellsnes Peninsula awaits - the Snæfells glacier, the seal colony at Ytri-Tunga, take a boat trip across Breiðafjörður where you may see seals, birds and possibly whales.

Day 4: Bifröst is set amongst a vast unique lava landscape, where you can stroll past some interesting sights - the Glanni waterfall, Grábrók volcano and Hreðavatn lake.

Day 5: West of Reykholt is Hraunfossar waterfall and a park at Húsafell with swimming, horseback riding, and minigolf. Even a glacier nearby - Langjökull, for exploration. Head south to Thingvellir, with next 3 nights at **Fosshótel Mosfell** in Hella or similar

Day 6: See Geysir, Gullfoss and Kerið volcanic crater. Plenty of pretty spots for a picnic, too.

Day 7: The south coast is bustin' with fun. Walk behind Seljalandsfoss waterfall, see puffins on the black sands of Cape Dyrhólaey. Stop at Seljavellir, a remote outdoor swimming pool surrounded by high cliffs and the glacier Mýrdalsjökull.

Day 8: A long morning to relax, take another swim, before heading back to the airport late afternoon.

Price* per adult: Summer B car **\$3035** F Car 4WD **\$3333** J Car 4/WD **\$4242**

May & Sept. B car **\$2929** F Car 4WD **\$3181** J Car 4WD **\$3717**

*Price includes: children's road map and a children's book in English. *NOT included: entry fees to any mentioned activities.*

In Icelandic, a Foss is a “fall” like the many waterfalls that decorate the country’s landscape. You’ll find that Fosshotel driving tours make it easy to fall in love with Iceland!

The Lure of the South and West! Easy to see why many visitors spend much of their time along Iceland’s south coast and Snaefellsnes peninsula. With a concentration of interesting sights and action, fairly close to Reykjavik, this South West Iceland drive easily and comfortably takes you to many of the most impressive sights on the island, and gives you plenty of time for an Out-of-the-car-experience!

[South West Iceland in 8 days/7 nights - year round!](#)

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- Day 1:** Welcome to Iceland! Grab your luggage and your car, and hit the road! You could explore the Reykjanes Peninsula and soak in the Blue Lagoon on your way into Reykjavik. Overnight in a **Fosshotel in Reykjavik** or similar.
- Day 2:** Start with Iceland’s trio of Wonders, only a bit over an hour away from Reykjavik - Gullfoss waterfall, Geysir hot springs, and Pingvellir National Park. Spend the next 3 nights at **Fosshotel Mosfell in Hella**.
- Day 3:** Tour along the South Coast - take in some great waterfalls, the fine Saga Museum in Hvolsvöllur, Skógar waterfall and museum, Seljandafoss waterfall, the sea stacks Reynishverfi, and the black sand beach at Vík.
- Day 4:** Head south west to the Reykjanes Peninsula, where there’s hiking, lots of bird cliffs, beautiful sea views, the geothermal area of Krýsuvík. You could top the day off with a soak in the famous Blue Lagoon.
- Day 5:** Go west and a bit north, to the Saga Valley Borgarfjörður with Langjökull glacier, waterfalls, hot springs and Iceland’s most important historic and cultural sites. Spend 2 nights **Fosshotel Reykholt** or similar.
- Day 6:** Snaefellsnes Peninsula awaits you. Visit the pretty fishing village Stykkishólmur, known for its wooden houses. Climb or snowmobile on the glacier covered volcano, Snaefellsjökull, enjoy mountains and sea, a Blue Whale watch, bird cliffs, great views.
- Day 7:** Back to the capital, where you can wander through down town, shop a bit, and enjoy a great restaurant meal! Sample the famous night life if you dare! Overnight in one of the **Fosshotels in Reykjavik** or similar.
- Day 8:** Morning to relax, see Reykjavik, do museums, shops, pools or the Blue Lagoon. Drop car at airport and hop on the plane for home!
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***Prices** are per person, double occupancy and include international flights with fuel surcharge & US departure taxes from Boston, New York, Minneapolis, or Orlando (ask for prices from Toronto, Halifax, or Europe), a car of chosen size with unlimited miles, VAT, airport drop off and second driver fees, a double room with private bath, for the specified number of nights in a Fosshotel, or similar, with breakfast and an itinerary outline with ideas. ***NOT** included: travel insurance, lunch, dinner, gasoline, tolls, CDW coverage. For all tours we offer, no price is final until we have received a deposit and booked your tour.

The hardest part of your Iceland Adventure is picking among the many options - once you’ve decided it gets easy! We send you our registration form, via e-or-regular mail, which you complete and return to us with legal names, addresses for deliveries, and info on payment. We book your plane seats, and can advise if you need help getting to the Icelandair gateway cities. Then we book your car and tour in Iceland, and send confirmation to you usually within a week of receiving your deposit. You’ll get some useful travel info with your deposit confirmation, and we can suggest several guidebooks to help in planning your trip. Final payment is due 90 days before your departure. You’ll receive a final package with tickets, a full specific itinerary, vouchers, travel literature etc. within a couple weeks of getting final payment to us. Then all you have to do is relax and get ready enjoy your upcoming adventure.

Cars run small in Iceland - modern, but thrifty. Most cars are standard shifts, but some models are available with automatic for a small fee and on request! For highland travel, you need Four Wheel Drive, which is an F car or higher! Ask for other car prices.

B car - Opel Astra or similar

F car - Suzuki Jimmy or similar

J car- Land Rover Defender or similar

Travel seasons: Some tours are available year round. Prices are for travel commencing in the month or season listed.

Summer: June July, and August Shoulder: September and October

On the Road tours are available May thru September, 2009

Complete itineraries, car choices and travel details can be found at - www.icelanddrivingadventure.com or by emailing us.

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