



ICELAND: RING ROAD

REYKJAVÍK | RING ROAD | BLUE LAGOON

8 DAYS
from
\$3,175

CAD\$, PP, DBL, OCC.

On this 9-day itinerary, self-drive along Iceland's Ring Road, an excellent combination of both driving and sightseeing at your own pace with GPS and an electronic travel guide booklet to assist you. Visit geological National Parks, see exploding geysers and beautiful volcanic black sand beaches of the South Shore. Discover bizarre lava formations, glacial lagoons, narrow fjords and picturesque coastlines.

Day 1

REYKJAVÍK – HVERAGERDI Arrival in **Reykjavík**. Pick up your car at the airport and start your exciting Iceland experience. Your travel package will contain everything you need to navigate this beautiful country. Begin driving the southern coast of the **Reykjanes** peninsula towards your first overnight stay in the charming village of **Hveragerdi**. The village is one of the few sites in the world located directly in the middle of a geothermal area and because of its many greenhouses, heated by hot water from nearby springs, it is often called the *flower village*. *Approximate distance: 100 km*

Day 2

THINGVELLIR – GULLFOSS – GEYSIR – SOUTH SHORE Today's highlights include the geologically and historically significant **Thingvellir National Park**, the spectacular **Gullfoss** waterfall, and the quirky **Geysir** hot spring area. Drive along the south shore, viewing **Skógafoss** and **Seljalandsfoss** waterfalls, the black sand beaches around **Vík**, and **Mýrdalsjökull** glacier. Important: Please note that **Dyrhólaey** is closed during nesting season, from about the middle of May until late June. Overnight in the **Vík** area. *Approximate distance: 310 km*

Day 3

KIRKJUBÆJARKLAUSTUR – SKAFTAFELL – JÖKULSÁRLÓN – HÖFN Drive through the village of **Kirkjubæjarklaustur**, site of a medieval convent. Explore **Skafafell**, a green oasis nestled below the great **Vatnajökull** glacier. **Skafafell** is part of **Vatnajökull National Park**, the largest of its type in Western Europe. Continue across black sand plains created by glacial activity. Stop at the amazing **Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon**, a filming location for many Hollywood blockbusters. Then head onwards to the charming harbour town **Höfn**, also known as the lobster capital of northern Europe. Overnight in the **Hornafjörður** area. *Approximate distance: 270 km*

Day 4

HÖFN – DJÚPIVOGUR – REYÐARFJÖRÐUR – EGILSSTAÐIR Drive along the rugged coastline of the **East Fjords**, with their towering mountains and charming fishing villages. You have the option of taking a boat tour to **Papey Island** where thousands of puffins nest in the summer (May – early August), or visit Petra's famous collection of local stones and minerals at **Stöðvarfjörður**. Overnight in **East Iceland**. *Approximate distance: 300 km*

Day 5

EGILSSTAÐIR – DETTIFOSS – HÚSAVÍK – MÝVATN Travel across the **Mödrudalsöræfi** highlands renowned for their stark, untouched beauty towards **Dettifoss**, Europe's mightiest waterfall. Visit the magnificent horseshoe-shaped canyon **Ásbyrgi**. Drive onwards to **Tjörnes** peninsula and the friendly **Húsavík** fishing port. Overnight in **Northeast Iceland**. *Approximate distance: 310 km*

Day 6

MÝVATN – AKUREYRI/SKAGAFJÖRÐUR Explore the highlights of the **Lake Mývatn** area, including the mystical volcanic formations at **Dimmuborgir**, the pseudo craters at **Skútustadir**, the colourful sulfurous slopes of **Námaskard**, and the **Krafla** volcanic area. Drive to **Godafoss** waterfall en route to **Akureyri**, the charming 'capital' of North Iceland. Overnight in **Eyjafjörður** or **Skagafjörður** area. *Approximate distance: 130 km*

Day 7

VARMAHLÍÐ – REYKHOLT – BORGARNES – HVALFJÖRÐUR – REYKJAVÍK Drive through the historical region of **Skagafjörður** renowned for horse breeding. You have an option of visiting the old farmstead at **Glaumbær**, a great example of old Icelandic architecture. Continue to the bay of **Hunafloi** and across **Holtavörduheidi** plateau, enter **Borgarfjörður** area. Return to **Reykjavík** in the evening to drop off your rental vehicle. Make your way to your hotel. *Approximate distance: 490 km*

Day 8

REYKJAVÍK – BLUE LAGOON* – HOME After breakfast at your hotel, check out. On the way to the airport, stop at the **Blue Lagoon**, one of Iceland's most popular attractions. This geothermal pool lies in the middle of a large and dramatic lava field. Stop for a swim in the inviting, rejuvenating and pleasantly warm mineral-rich water, reputed for its healing properties. An indoor pool and geothermal sauna are also on site. The **Blue Lagoon's** warm water and natural active ingredients like mineral salts, silica and blue green algae are the key to ending your magnificent journey relaxed. After your visit, transfer to the airport for your homebound flight.

*NOTE: Depending on your inbound and outbound flight times, a visit to the **Blue Lagoon** can alternatively be provided upon arrival in **Reykjavík**. Pricing at **Blue Lagoon** is dynamic and subject to change.

TOUR OVERVIEW

- ▶ Total 7 nights accommodation in Comfort Class hotels and guesthouses*, 4-Star accommodation in Reykjavík
- ▶ 7 day Car rental – Toyota Auris or similar, Automatic transmission including CDW, theft protection, unlimited mileage with GPS system + Extra driver included
- ▶ Electronic travel package
- ▶ Blue Lagoon Geothermal Bath entrance with towel service
- ▶ SIM card* with 50 mins of local calls + 300MB of data
- ▶ Icelandic breakfast daily
- ▶ Hotel taxes and service charges**

International airfare not included.
Minimum 2 passengers travelling.

Itinerary available from May 2 – Sept 30, 2018. Entrance fees except the **Blue Lagoon** are not included and are to be paid locally. Many other itineraries available upon request.

*Standard, micro and nano SIM cards available only for unlocked phones.
**Accommodation confirmed at time of booking.

Price as indicated valid May 2, 2018, subject to availability at time of booking. For alternative dates, inquire for pricing. Itineraries are fully customizable. Not valid during trade shows, bank holidays and other special events. Blackout periods may apply.

**European city/tourist taxes collected locally unless otherwise indicated.

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