

The Seven Wonders of Iceland

Tour highlights:

In this ten-day tour of the seven wonders of Iceland, we also visit many other beautiful sites each day of exploring. In the evenings, we stay at the best available hotels where there is exceptionally good food and service. The seven wonders of Iceland, according to us at **Season Tours**, are *Nauthúsagil* gorge, the *Elf Church* in Dimmuborgir, *Stuðlagil* basalt columns gorge, *Dynjandi* waterfall, *Strokkur* geyser, *Dettifoss* waterfall, and *Jökulsárlón* glacier lagoon. Other sites we visit that come close to our list are the *Fjaðrárgljúfur* gorge, *Gullfoss* waterfall, *Goðafoss* waterfall, *Látrabjarg* for its bird life, and *Gatklettur* by Arnarstapi. This tour can be available from the end of April through August.

Day one—Golden Circle sites

- **Mosfellsbakarí:** The best bakery in Iceland.
- We drive the scenic roads by **Lake Hafravatn**, **Nesjavallaleið**, and **Grafningur**.
- **Þingvellir**, the Fields of Parliament, was founded in 930 AD at the boundaries of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates.
- Geysir hot spring area, with the erupting geyser **Strokkur***
- **Gullfoss**** is one of Iceland's most iconic tourist attractions.
- **Brúarhlöð**, a tranquil place where the massive river runs through a narrow ravine.
- Drive to our hotel on the south coast for dinner and a good night's sleep.



Day two—South Coast

- **Nauthúsagil*** gorge. We tip toea on rocks into a gorge where we come to a small waterfall; we climb over to reach the larger waterfall at the end of the gorge.
- **Skógafoss**, a majestic waterfall with 430 steps for our active guests.
- **Dyrhólaey**, the Door Hill drive on the island, has an amazing view of the south coast
- **Reynisfjara**, an ever-changing black sand beach with basalt columns.
- **Vík** town, church, and cemetery for the view over the area.
- **Fjaðrárgljúfur**** gorge.
- Drive through the mossy lava field of democracy!
- We will be staying and dining in the southeast.



Day three—Vatnajökull National Park

- **Jökulsárlón***, the Glacier Lagoon, with its majestic icebergs.
- **Fellsfjara**, called the Diamond Beach, where the icebergs have washed ashore on the black sand beach.
- By **Mt. Vestrahorn** we dance or walk on water in front of the picturesque mountain. Short walk to the “Viking village” from season three in the TV series **The Witcher**.
- At **Djúpivogur** we visit **Auðun's** stone museum and see the artwork **Eggin í Gleðivík**.
- Driving the mountain road **Öxi** gives a spectacular view over the bay and the lava layers that form the steps in the valley below.
- Staying and dining in the area of **Egilsstaðir**.



Day four—Heading north

- **Rjúkandi** waterfall
- The recently famous **Stuðlagil***. Choose between a two-hour hike or the view from the other side.
- At **Fjallakaffi**, where we will have lunch this day, you have the option to taste the healing **Fjallagrasasúpa** moss soup.
- Iceland's largest waterfall, **Dettifoss***, and his neighbor, **Selfoss**.
- A one-hour hike in **Jökulsárgljúfur**. It is a gorge with basalt columns facing all directions.
- We will be staying and dining in the area of **Lake Mývatn** two nights.



Day five—Lake Mývatn

- Hike up to the rim of the **Hverfell** crater. It looks high from a distance but is only about 25 minutes hike up.
- **Dimmuborgir** are lava formations unlike anything else. We hike in the area for an hour and a half, visiting, among other things, the **Hallarflöt** and the **Elf Church***.
- Here I recommend the steam-baked **rúgbrauð** with **arctic char** from the lake for lunch.
- **Hverir** is a colorful geothermal area. Short hike between the boiling mud pits and steam vents.
- **Víti** (Hell) is a crater by the volcano **Krafla** formed in one single blast in 1724.
- **Höfði** is a forested area by the lake. We hike in the area for half an hour.
- **Grjótagjá** is a former bathing place for the locals, but now only for viewing.
- It is nice to end the day by enjoying the **Nature Baths** by Mývatn.
- Staying and dining again in the area.



Day six—The North

- **Skútustaðagígar** are pseudocraters.
- Homemade **ice cream** made from the local dairy farm is available.
- **Goðafoss**** is an iconic waterfall with beautiful nature-sculpted artwork by the side.
- Now it is time for shopping in the **Christmas village** and the **farmers market** on our way to **Akureyri** town.
- **Akureyri** has one of the best geothermal swimming pools in Iceland.
- We drive the **Öxnadalshéiði** to **Skagafjörður**, stopping for the picturesque view of the mountain **Hraun í Öxnadal**.
- Staying and dining in **Skagafjörður**.

Day seven—Going West

- To see how people used to live in Iceland in the past centuries, we visit **Glaumbær**, a turf house complex where people lived until the year 1946.
- **Þrístapar** is a monument to the last death penalty in Iceland. Not to be missed.
- **Kolugljúfur** gorge and waterfall.
- Whale watching from **Hólmavík**.
- Stay and dine in Hólmavík.

Day eight—The West

- We enjoy the many places we can stop on the top of the mountains and by the beach for the spectacular view of the untouched nature.
- Hike from **Flókalundur** to **Helluvatn** Lake.
- **Dynjandi*** waterfall.
- Bathing in the natural spring water in **Reykjafjarðarlaug**.
- Staying and dining in the area of **Patreksfjörður**.



Dynjandi

Day nine—Snæfellsnes

- Early morning drive to **Látrabjarg****. 99.9% chance of seeing puffins.
- **Rauðisandur** red sand beach.
- Now we take the ferry from **Brjánslækur** to **Stykkishólmur** and have lunch on board.
- **Súgindisey** is a small island, now attached to the town. We walk up to the lighthouse to enjoy the view over the town.
- We visit **Hákarlasafnið** in **Bjarnarhöfn**, the shark museum about the Greenland shark.
- The picturesque **Mt. Kirkjufell** and **Kirkjufellsfoss** waterfall.
- Drive through the fishing villages Ólafsvík, Rif, and Hellissandur to **Hellnar**, where we dine and stay.

Day ten—Snæfellsnes to Reykjavík

- The day starts with a short hike from **Hellnar** to **Arnarstapi**.
- At Arnarstapi we walk between the beautiful formations sculpted by the ocean. One of them is **Gatklettur****, an iconic arch rock with a perfect circle-shaped hole in it.
- **Ölkelda** is a natural sparkling water spring.
- In **Borgarnes** we stop by the ancient Viking grave of Skallagrímur and Böðvar and learn about their story.
- Soaking in the **Hvammsvík Hot Springs** is our last stop before going back to Reykjavík.

In our multiday tours we stay out in the countryside and have the opportunity to enjoy more beautiful sights because we don't spend time driving to Reykjavík every evening. The accommodation, breakfast, and two-course gourmet dinner are included. On our tours you will get to know everything about the nature, locals, their interesting food, and folklore.

* marks one of the seven wonders of Iceland.

** marks places that were hard not to include in the list.

Season Tours

- **Gunnsi** and **Tyffi** are both guides and owners of **Season Tours**, and they have over five hundred five-star reviews on TripAdvisor, Facebook, and Google.
- Since they started this company in 2010, they have taken people to attractions all over Iceland, telling them stories about the Vikings, the history, geology, the flora and fauna, elves, and trolls.
- Group sizes from 1 to 18 people on our multi-day tours.
- On the tours, the guides take pictures of the guests and what they are enjoying, sharing the photos after the tour on Google Photos, where they can be downloaded and used any way they like.
- Season Tours motto: **#HaveFunNow**.