

6 Days - Golden Circle, Snæfellsnes and South coast to Jökulsárlón

Product Details

Brand: Multi-day tours,

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 Reykjavik in the evening. We carefully pick our hotels, where there is good food and atmosphere. The accommodation, breakfast, and two-course gourmet dinner are included. For Northern Lights hunters staying in the countryside away from the light pollution, we often have a good opportunity to see them. On our tours you will get to know everything about the nature, locals, their interesting food and folklore

Tour highlights:

Day one—Snæfellsnes peninsula

- We stop by **Mosfellsbakarí**—the best bakery in Iceland—on our way out of town.
- The road takes us in a tunnel under **Hvalfjörður** Bay.
- **Gerðuberg** is a great wall of basalt columns.
- At **Arnarstapi** we see the monument of the big troll **Bárður Snæfellsás** and walk along the ocean to see all the rock formations, including **Gatklettur** and **Músagjá**.
- A half-hour hike alongside the cliffs to **Hellnar**.
- Pebble Beach at **Dritvík** and **Djúpalónssandur**.
- At the brown sand beach at **Skarðsvík** we see the contrasts to the black lava rock.
- Driving through the fishing villages of **Rif** and **Ólafsvík** to **Grundarfjörður**, where we stop by the picturesque **Mt. Kirkjufell** and **Kirkjufellsfoss** waterfall.
- The shark museum in **Bjarnarhöfn** is a not-to-miss place on the peninsula.
- We stay and dine in the town of **Stykkishólmur** or in the southern part of the peninsula.

Day two - Borgarfjörður

- **Grábrók** crater for the view over **Borgarfjörður**.
- **Glanni** waterfall in the Salmon River **Norðurá**.
- **Deildartunguhver** is the largest hot spring in Europe.
- **Hraunfossar** and **Barnafoss** are unique waterfalls.
- **Snorrastofa** museum about the writer **Snorri Sturluson** (1181-1241)
- Staying and dining in the area.

Day three - Golden Circle

- Depending on season and weather, we drive the road **Kaldidalur, Uxahriggir**, or **Kjósarvegur** toward the **Pingvellir** UNESCO site.
- **Pingvellir**, the Fields of Parliament, was founded in 930 AD and was established at the boundaries of the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates.
- At **Laugarvatn** Lake, we visit the historical site **Vígða Laug**.
- **Brúarfoss**, the blue waterfall.
- **Geysir** hot spring area, with the erupting geyser Strokkur
- **Gullfoss** 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 four - South coast toward the east

- **Skógarfoss**, a majestic waterfall with the 430 steps for our active guests
- **Dyrhólaey** the Door Hill drive on the island, has an amazing view of the south coast
- **Reynisfjara's** basalt column beach reminds us to tell you about the seals' cave.
- **Vík** town, church and cemetery
- **Fjaðrárgljúfur** gorge
- Drive through the lava field of democracy!
- We will be staying and dining in the area two nights.

Day five - Vatnajökull national park

- **Jökulsárlón**, called the Glacier Lagoon, with its majestic icebergs.
- **Fellsfjara**, called the diamond beach, where the icebergs have washed ashore on the black sand beach.
- **Kerhólakambur** moraine. Here we often find obsidian rocks. (called dragon glass in GOT)
- Short hike to **Svínafellsjökull** outlet glacier or to **Svartifoss** waterfall.
- Optional amphibian or Zodiac boat tour on **Jökulsárlón** glacial lagoon.

Day six - South coast toward the west

- **Dverghamrar** cliffs.
- **Hamrafoss** waterfall.
- **Seljalandsfoss**, a possible walk-behind waterfall.
- **Urriðafoss** waterfall.
- The road takes us back to Reykjavik.

We are usually back in Reykjavík around 18.00 in the evening

Depending on weather and season, we may change the order of places visited.

Possible add-ons:

Zodiac tour on Jökulsárlón or Fellslón. Available from April to September.

Amphibian boat tour on Jökulsárlón. Available from April to September.

Ice cave in Vatnajökull. Available from mid-October to March.

Ice cave in Kötlujökull.

Hike to Elborg Crater. Only in summer.



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Iceland with Gunnsi

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We were a group of four (two couples) who met Gunnsi on our first day in Iceland-not long after we got off the plane. We were exhausted but managed to take a walking tour of Reykjavik with Gunnsi leading the way and keeping us all interested and (somewhat) dry as it was pouring. He picked us up the next day at our hotel and we began a 5 day driving tour. He was a delight! Lots of history, folklore and snippets from his childhood and personal experience. Unfortunately, it rained almost every day and yet we got to all the sites and enjoyed the waterfalls, glaciers, hiking, ocean. It was terrific. Lots of fish and hot soup with loads of bread. The accommodations were perfectly comfortable and clean. I cannot say enough about Gunnsi. We've used private tour guides elsewhere and he ranks among the best.

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Enjoy the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, Borgarfjörður, the sights of the Golden Circle, the South Coast, and Jökulsárlón, the glacier lagoon, all in six days. On the tour you will see glaciers, black and brown sand beaches, waterfalls, ravines, capes, and beautiful rock formations. You will learn about the history, folklore, geology, Viking sagas, flora, and fauna. Staying out in the countryside in a relaxed environment, far from the light pollution of the towns, gives a great opportunity to see the Northern Lights in wintertime.