

Iceland by Region

Focusing in on Iceland's Regions



2010

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 in 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 driving adventures share some things - complete package prices with flights from the US, (ask for prices from Toronto, Halifax, and Europe). Add \$110 per person from Seattle. Also includes choice of car size, level of accommodations with breakfast in comfortable friendly rooms all around the country. You'll get knowledgeable helpful information from Iceland Adventure, LLC, who makes it easy to book these driving tours (and plenty of other Iceland Fun!). So take a look - and start getting ready to go on an Iceland Adventure!

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Roads less traveled - Iceland by region

There's so much to see in Iceland that sometimes it makes sense to concentrate your time on getting to know a region or two in some depth - there's a particular kind of satisfaction to be gained from moving slowly into an area, to really savor it - rather than taking a quick peek as you motor on. We can't recommend a regional tour - there's so much to take in many areas that an in depth visit will give you a view of Iceland that you may not see if you're moving too quickly. Why not take the time to stop and smell the lava?

The hard part is choosing which of the regional tours is best for you? We offer here some of the options to take you north, east and west. You can even make many of these into a Half Circle Tour -- drive from one region and the fly back to Reykjavik at the end. The ideas listed here can take you through remotest Iceland, or keep you calmly on the big roads. Some of our driving tours are outlined here - there's more, and we can adjust, and shape most tours to fit your interests and your travel schedule. So take a look at some of our ideas for Slow Travel

Our Driving Adventures allow you to be flexible, creative but secure - you decide how you'll spend your day, but also know where you'll lay your head each night. We work with you to pick the right tour, with the level of accommodations you chose, a car that will work for you and your stuff, and any day tours or activities that you want to add. Tours can start any day of the week, and you'll need to leave the US the day before the tour starts in Iceland.

New for 2010, our driving tours come with a choice of accommodations. Your driving adventure can include nights, and breakfast, in hotels, cottages, farm and guesthouses in 3 different categories - standard, comfort or superior. All rooms include private bath, and a Scandinavian style breakfast buffet, and adhere to typical Icelandic qualities of being clean and warm. Here's how they differ.

Standard accommodations are in simple hotels, farm houses and guesthouses
Comfort level rooms tend to be larger, more amenities, in best Tourist class (3+stars) hotels
Superior rooms are at the best available hotels or the best available rooms

Tour prices also include flights with all fuel surcharges and taxes, a nice choice of cars with unlimited km, and VAT, services of our local representative in Iceland and a great itinerary (we say modestly) with clear driving directions to the most interesting parts of Iceland! We'll help plan the trip with tours, activities and travel tips to suit your interests, so you can set your own pace. Prices are on the back page and are **per person, double occupancy**. Other seasons, occupancies and cars are available, and sometimes we can also find deals on flights, to lower prices. Flights are from Icelandair gateways at Boston, Minneapolis, or NY. Seattle is about \$110 more - and ask about prices from Toronto, Halifax or Europe.

Each of our brochures include some typical touring outlines with general routes for each tour. Overnight stops may vary somewhat, depending on availability but will always stick to the price category chosen. See back page for pricing.

South West Slow Travel - 8 days/7 nights

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!

Day 0: Leave the US on Icelandair. We suggest heading right to sleep - as it's a short night flight!

Day 1: Welcome to Iceland! Grab your luggage and your car and hit the road! Head for a 4 night stay in **West Iceland**.

Day 2: Spend a day at the saga valley of Borgarfjörður with hot springs, waterfalls and nice hiking options.

Day 3: Explore Bifröst area with volcanos, mountains, lakes, forest and waterfalls.

Day 4: Visit the Snaefellsnes peninsula, with bird cliffs, seaside villages, a glacier on a volcano - Iceland in a nutshell!

Day 5: Spend plenty of time at Thingvellir National Park and Nesjavellir hot spring area. Stay 2 nights in **South Iceland**.

Day 6: Thjórsárdalur valley with Hekla volcano, Stöng viking ruins and Hjólpárfoss and Háifoss waterfall.

Day 7: You can hike in Reykjadalur, explore seaside villages, take in Geysir and Gullfoss, overnight in **Reykjavik**.

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

West by North - Half Circle -11 days/10 nights

Some relaxing days in the west, then make your way north. Make a half circle at the end by hopping on a flight for Reykjavik before heading home. For any of these tours, it's easy to add a couple more days in Reykjavik at the end!

- Day 0:** Leave the US on Icelandair. We suggest heading right to sleep - as it's a short night flight!
- Day 1:** You can explore the lava fields and bird cliffs of Reykjanes Peninsula, and the Blue Lagoon. Overnight in **Reykjavik**.
- Day 2:** North to the saga valley of Borgarfjörður with hot springs, waterfalls and nice hiking options. 3 nights in **West Iceland**.
- Day 3:** Explore Bifröst area with volcanos, mountains, lakes, forest and waterfalls.
- Day 4:** Birds and seals await you, as do seaside villages, and a glacier on a volcano on the Snaefellsnes peninsula.
- Day 5:** Over the mountains to the fjords of North Iceland with nice stops en route. Stay 3 nights in **Eyjafjörður** area.
- Day 6:** Explore Akureyri - Iceland's second city with 16000 people! It has a nice garden, fun shops, and excellent restaurants.
- Day 7:** Head north towards Dalvík, where there's excellent hiking, and the boat to Hrísey Island in the fjord.
- Day 8:** Enjoy a day in Husavík - the whale watching capital. Two nights in **Husavík/Lake Myvatn** area.
- Day 9:** A day to explore the Tjornes peninsula, and the dramatic U shaped canyon of Asbyrgi National Park.
- Day 10:** Lake Myvatn will offer you birds, geothermal fields, and a soak in a hot pool, then fly to **Reykjavik** for overnight.
- Day 11:** A long morning to relax, take another swim, before heading back to the airport late afternoon.

South by East -Waterfalls, Hot Springs and Vatnajökull 11 days / 10 nights

A fun combination of the capital, the nicely accessible sights of South Iceland, and Vatnajökull, Europe's largest glacier. Also works well for active families with kids.

- Day 0:** Leave the US on Icelandair. We suggest heading right to sleep - as it's a short night flight!
- Day 1:** Explore the lava fields and bird cliffs of Reykjanes Peninsula, and the Blue Lagoon. Overnight in **Reykjavik**
- Day 2:** Visit Gullfoss and hot spring Geysir. go rafting or riding - spend 3 nights in **South Iceland**.
- Day 3:** Seaside villages, the Northern Lights museum in Stokkseyri, plus kayaking on quiet water
- Day 4:** Explore Thingvellir National Park, hike near Mt Hengill or go swimming at one of many nice pools in the area.
- Day 5:** Waterfalls, beaches, bird cliffs and glaciers in South Iceland. Across glacial sands for three nights in Skaftafell area
- Day 6:** Explore and hike on Vatnajökull at Skaftafell national park, guided and self guided hiking options.
- Day 7:** bird watching tour by tractor to Ingólfshöfði, optional boat tour at Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon.
- Day 8:** Plenty to see on your long drive back to Reykjavik - great out restaurants, clubs and nightlife. Three nights in **Reykjavik**
- Day 9:** Enjoy Reykjavik. Optional whale watching tours, hiking, biking, swimming in the capital.
- Day 10:** Light houses, hot springs, mountains and Blue Lagoon at Reykjanes peninsula.
- Day 11:** A long morning to relax, take another swim, before heading back to the airport late afternoon.

Also available in shorter version -- **Quick Stop South Iceland, Vatnajökull & Reykjavik – 6 days / 5 nights**

- Day 0:** Leave the US on Icelandair. We suggest heading right to sleep - as it's a short night flight!
- Day 1:** Explore the lava fields and bird cliffs of Reykjanes Peninsula, and the Blue Lagoon. Overnight in Reykjavik.
- Day 2:** Golden Circle Tour, hiking, swimming, rafting, riding and the overnight in South Iceland
- Day 3:** Waterfalls, beaches, bird cliffs and glaciers in South Iceland. Across glacial sands for two nights in Skaftafell area
- Day 4:** Full day exploring Vatnajökull/Skaftafell National Park and Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon
- Day 5:** Plenty to see on your long drive back to Reykjavik. Check out restaurants, clubs and nightlife in **Reykjavik**.
- Day 6:** A long morning to relax, shop, swim, before heading back to the airport late afternoon.

Prices At Iceland Adventure and Horses North, we make our prices as complete and clear as possible. Our packages include flights with all fuel surcharges, and departure taxes, any necessary airport transfers or international flights for your tour, , a choice of car of a chosen size with unlimited miles, and VAT, hotels with private bath for all nights of your tour, breakfast every day, a good road map and detailed itinerary with lots of information on what to see and do, as well as the services of our local representative in Iceland, should any need arise. **Not** included are travel insurance, meals other than breakfast, gasoline, tolls, or any day tours or activities - although we're happy to work with you to choose and book these - or we can make it easy for you to book them once you're in Iceland. **Also**, not included is Collision Damage Waiver Insurance (CDW) - we urge you to check with your credit card company to see if they provide this for car rentals in Iceland. Otherwise, it can be purchased once in Iceland.

Most of our driving tours can have days added and can be customized if you have particular interests - there may be an extra charge for this service.

For **2010**, our driving tours offer a broader array of options in accommodations. Now you can choose between accommodations in rooms categorized as Standard, Comfort or Superior. All rooms are clean and warm, have private baths, and most have TV and telephone. The rooms vary in things like size, amenities, and view.

Standard accommodations are in simple hotels, farm houses and guesthouses

Comfort level rooms tend to be larger, more amenities, in best Tourist class (3+stars) hotels

Superior rooms are at the best available hotels or the best available rooms

Prices here are **per person/double occupancy** - ask about other occupancy, cars and tour length. Cars prices are w/manual transmission. Many models are available in automatic for a bit more.

6 days/ 5 nights

Summer Standard	B car \$2321	F Car 4WD \$2676	J Car 4WD \$3356
Summer Comfort	B car \$2417	F Car 4WD \$2773	J Car 4WD \$3453
Summer Superior	B car \$2852	F Car 4WD \$3207	J Car 4WD \$3887
May & Sept Standard	B car \$2007	F Car 4WD \$2254	J Car 4WD \$2733
May & Sept Comfort	B car \$2104	F Car 4WD \$2351	J Car 4WD \$2830
May & Sept Superior	B car \$2490	F Car 4WD \$2737	J Car 4WD \$3216

8 days/7 nights

Summer Standard	B car \$2665	F Car 4WD \$3073	J Car 4WD \$3880
Summer Comfort	B car \$2800	F Car 4WD \$3212	J Car 4WD \$4014
Summer Superior	B car \$3414	F Car 4WD \$3815	J Car 4WD \$4614
May and Sept Standard	B car \$2299	F Car 4WD \$2583	J Car 4WD \$3139
May and Sept Comfort	B car \$2435	F Car 4WD \$2718	J Car 4WD \$3274
May and Sept Superior	B car \$2975	F Car 4WD \$3259	J Car 4WD \$3815

11 days/10 nights

Summer Standard	B car \$3274	F Car 4WD \$3833	J Car 4WD \$4931
Summer Comfort	B car \$3467	F Car 4WD \$4026	J Car 4WD \$5124
Summer Superior	B car \$4336	F Car 4WD \$4895	J Car 4WD \$5993
May & Sept. Standard	B car \$2812	F Car 4WD \$3191	J Car 4WD \$3956
May & Sept. Comfort	B car \$2995	F Car 4WD \$3385	J Car 4WD \$4151
May & Sept. Superior	B car \$3768	F Car 4WD \$4157	J Car 4WD \$4922

ADD \$125 PER PERSON TO make any tour into a HALF CIRCLE TOUR- driving one direction and flying back to Reykjavik for your last night.

More information on car choices and travel details can be found at - www.icelanddrivingadventure.com or by emailing us.

When you book a tour with Iceland Adventure, you get our full attention, service, and experience of Iceland.

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