



First Class 10 Day Package

Iceland in Depth

Day 1: Depart USA

We depart today for an overnight flight to Iceland. Sit back, get some rest and enjoy the in-flight service.

Day 2: Welcome to Iceland!

We arrive at the Keflavik Airport and are met by our Pilgrim Tour guide who will welcome us to Iceland and take us to our awaiting motor coach. We'll drive to Reykjavik for your first night's stay in Iceland. After checking into our hotel we'll enjoy a visit to the famous Blue Lagoon for a swim in the geothermal warm water and time to enjoy the spa amenities. This evening we enjoy a welcome dinner together.

Day 3: Hallgrimskirkja Cathedral, National Museum of Iceland, & Whale Watching

After breakfast at our hotel we'll enjoy a morning tour of Reykjavik to include a visit to the Hallgrimskirkja Cathedral which is the tallest and most recognizable building in the country. The architecture was inspired by the Black Falls, another Icelandic natural wonder. Next we visit the National Museum of Iceland where we'll learn about Iceland's national history, cultural heritage and natural beauty. This afternoon we take part in a whale watching cruise.

Day 4: Waterfalls and Akureyri the capital of the north

After breakfast we depart Reykjavik and head towards Borgarfjörður. We'll visit Reykholt and the splendid waterfalls of Hraunfossar and Barnafoss. Next we stop at Deildartunguhver; Iceland's largest hot spring (in terms of water production per second). From Borgarnes we drive to the North of Iceland through the Skagafjör-

ður region, an area known for horse breeding and many Icelandic horses can be seen grazing in the fields of the Skagafjörður valley. As we approach the village of Varmahlíð we make a short detour and visit the Glaumbær museum, which is one of the best preserved turf farmhouses in Iceland, located just north of Varmahlíð. After our tour, we'll continue to Akureyri, the major town in North Iceland. We'll enjoy touring this unique town, its beautiful church and botanical gardens, or shop at leisure.

Day 5: Waterfall and Lake Mývatn

Today we visit Myvatn and stop en-route at the Godafoss waterfall known as the waterfall of the pagan gods. Continuing to Myvatn we'll spend the day exploring the wonders of the lake. Lake Myvatn is one of Iceland's most interesting regions offering fantastic volcanic formations, geothermal activity, teeming with bird life (particularly ducks). We'll enjoy a walk at the Dimmuborgir lava formations and also view the Skutustadir pseudo-craters. We'll visit the amazing boiling mud pools and steam vents of Námaskard, and then the Krafla area, where a series of volcanic eruptions took place from 1975-1984. We'll return to Akureyri for our dinner and overnight.

Day 6: Dettifoss Waterfall and Ásbyrgi

This morning we drive to the charming fishing village of Husavik and from there we follow the attractive stretch of coastline of the Tjörnes Peninsula. Arriving in Ásbyrgi, we'll view a horse-shoe-shaped gorge, as legend would believe was created to be the hoof print of Odin's eight-legged horse Sleipnir. Next we travel to the mighty Dettifoss, Iceland's and Europe's most powerful waterfall, which thunders 44 meters into a deep gorge. You will literally feel

the earth tremble beneath your feet. This afternoon we'll visit the desert highlands of Mödrudalur and see the village of Egilsstadir, on the banks of Lake Lögurinn, in the center of Eastern Iceland.

Day 7: The East Fjords

This morning we head south through the sheltered East Fjords offering small fishing villages. We pass the villages of Reydarfjörður and Fáskrúdsfjörður before we arrive in Stöðvarfjörður where we'll enjoy a visit to Petra's famous stone collection. Next we drive to Breiddalsvík and Djúpvogur, and finally head to Iceland's Southeast Region to the village of Höfn, also known as the lobster capital of Iceland.

Day 8: Skaftafell National Park, waterfalls and Icebergs

Today we enjoy views of some of the country's most spectacular landscapes. We start with a drive along the southern side of Vatnajökull, Europe's largest ice-cap, to the glacial lagoon Jökulsárlón, where we will sail out between the numerous icebergs that fill the lagoon. Next we explore Skaftafell National Park, a breathtaking area right under Vatnajökull Glacier and known for its unique natural features. Many wild flower species thrive in the shelter of the birch forest found on the lower slopes of the mountains. Here you can choose between many different hiking trails through the park and visit beautiful waterfalls like Svartifoss (approx. 1 1/2 hour hike – 4 km round trip). From Skaftafell we continue over the Skeidarársandur black sand plains to Kirkjubæjarklaustur village and then on towards the village of Vík. In Kirkjubæjarklaustur we'll stop at Dverghamrar, Dwarf Rocks, a peculiar and beautiful formations of columnar basalt thought to have been molded by the Flood. Enjoy viewing the black sand beaches of the south coast in the little village of Vík or in Reynishverfi. Late this afternoon we drive towards Dyrhóley, which offers a 120 meter high bird cliff from which you can enjoy a unique view over Iceland's south coast. Dyrhólaey is also one of Iceland's largest puffin colonies in the summer time.

Day 9: Waterfalls and the Golden Circle

We begin our day with a visit to the waterfall Skógarfoss, and the Skógar Folk Museum. The Skógar Folk Museum is one of Iceland's largest museums covering life in Iceland in past centuries. Next we stop at the waterfall Seljalandsfoss and then proceed to two of the country's most famous sites. The first of these is Geysir, where the hot spring Strokkur ejects its water column high into the air every 5–10 minutes and where numerous small springs boil and bubble. We continue to Gullfoss, surely the country's most famous waterfall, before we drive to Thingvellir National Park. This is a historical site where the Icelandic parliament was founded in the 10th century. Thingvellir is also one of the geological wonders of the world and there you will see astonishing fissures and lava fields. After visiting this remarkable site, we continue to Reykjavik which will be our home for our last night.

Day 10: Travel Home

We transfer to the Keflavik Airport and fly home today.

Price Includes: All motor coach and land transportation, sightseeing, admissions, services of tour director and driver, lodging, meals as specified in tour itinerary, taxes, gratuities to bellhops and waiters at included meals.

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Svartifoss Waterfall



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