

Iceland Group Trip

July 6-13, 2025 | 8 Days + 7 Nights

The Ring Road



OVERVIEW OF THE TRIP



LOCATION

The Ring Road from Reykjavík

Including overnight stays in Borgarnes, Akureyri, Egilsstaði, Kirkjubæjarklaustur, Hveragerði, and Grindavík



DURATION

8 days + 7 nights
(9 days with travel)



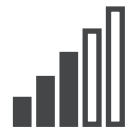
GROUP SIZE

11-16 spots available



MEALS

8 breakfasts at hotels
7 group lunches



ACTIVITY LEVEL

Easy to Medium

TRIP INCLUSIONS

- Double occupancy hotel accommodation
- Local guide throughout the trip
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- All group activity transportation
- Breakfast each morning at the hotel
- Group lunch every day
- Parking fees
- All activities listed in this brochure
- All entry fees with the included activities

TRIP EXCLUSIONS

- International flights
- Dinner and snacks in between meals
- Additional beverages including alcohol
- Optional activities noted
- Airport transfers outside of designated times
- Tips for local guides, restaurants, etc.
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses and souvenirs



DAY 1: ARRIVAL + CITY TOUR

- Pick up in the arrival hall by driver guide
- Hotel check in will be in the afternoon, so come prepared to explore upon arrival!

We will set off on a tour around Reykjavik, a city full of life and culture. We'll see the vibrant city centre, wonderful monuments and the popular waterfront area that offers amazing view of Mt. Esja.

- Hallgrímskirkja Church
- City Hall
- Fríkirkja
- Harbour Area: Harpa, Old Harbour, Sun Voyager, Höfði House
- The Icelandic Lava Show



DAY 2: THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

The Golden Circle is the perfect day trip for visitors who want to experience the power and beauty of Icelandic nature up close and personal. Taking us to the UNESCO world heritage site Þingvellir National Park and Rift Valley where the Eurasian and the North American tectonic plates drift apart and the vikings held their High Counsel Althingi in the middle of a lava field. Then visiting the Geysir Hot Spring area, which erupts every 8-10 minutes. Then on to Gullfoss, Iceland's biggest two-stepped waterfall.

- Friðheimar Greenhouse and Farm
- Gullfoss Waterfall
- Geysir Hot Spring
- Þingvellir National Park and Rift Valley
- Borgarnes via Hvalfjörður
- Fontana Geothermal Baths Geothermal Bakery



DAY 3: THE NORTH

Embarking on a drive from Borgarnes to Akureyri offers a stunning journey through Iceland's breathtaking landscapes. After crossing Holtavörðurheiði Mountain Pass we stop at Kólugljúfur Canyon, a hidden gem in the North. Continuing to Akureyri, we'll encounter rolling hills, with opportunities to spot grazing sheep and wild horses.

- Grábrók Volcanic Crater with a 1 hour hike
- Kólugljúfur Canyon
- Skagafjörður and Glaumbær Folk Museum
- Ending in the town of Akureyri



DAY 4: GODAFOOS + MYVATN

Lake Mývatn is known for its unique geological formations and vibrant ecosystems. We'll explore the surreal pseudocraters at Skútustaðagígar, hike the trails or soak in the rejuvenating waters of the Mývatn Nature Baths, often less crowded than the Blue Lagoon. Nearby, the geothermal area of Hverir offers bubbling mud pots and steaming fumaroles. Then to Dimmuborgir, the home of the Icelandic Yule Lads for a short hike. A stop at Goðafoss waterfall followed by Möðrudalur, the highest working farm in Iceland.

- Lake Mývatn
- Goðafoss Waterfall
- Skútustaðargígar
- Dimmuborgir Lava Field
- Hverir Geothermal Area
- Dettifoss Waterfall
- Möðrudalur Farm



DAY 5: THE FJORDS + SOUTH-EAST

Enjoy a scenic drive along the impressive Fjords of the East, visiting Breiðdalsvík and Djúpivogur - typical Icelandic Fishing towns. Take the amphibian boat trip (optional) out among the white and blue icebergs spotting new shapes at every turn and the heads of seals chasing fish into the sweet water. The Glacier Lagoon is an amazing place and an absolutely mind-blowing experience. Diamond Beach is where we'll see crumbling bits of transparent ice sparkle in the black volcanic sand.

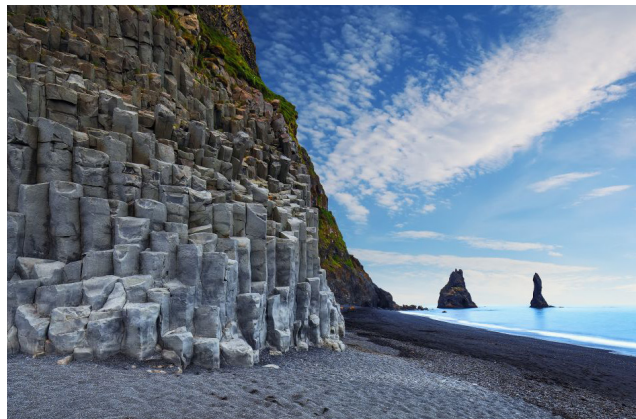
- East Fjords: Breiðdalsvík and Djúpivogur
- Jökulsárlón Glacial Lake
- Diamond Beach
- Skaftafell National Park



DAY 6: THE SOUTH COAST + RING ROAD

Traveling on the Ring Road towards Reykjavik we go through some of the most scenic areas on the south coast of Iceland. Visiting Seljalandsfoss Waterfall and Skógafoss Waterfall in the foothills of the great and infamous Eyjafjallajökull Volcano and moving east through the volcanic sands that dominate large portions of the South Coast of Iceland. The tour goes along the Ring Road next to Mýrdalsjökull Glacier and on clear days it is possible to see the ice caps and outlet glaciers of both Eyjafjallajökull and Mýrdalsjökull. Reynisfjara Beach is a black sand beach at the southernmost tip of Iceland. Rock formations of Reynisdrangar rising from the sea and basalt columns in the hillside next to the beach providing an amazing background.

- Fjaðrárgljúfur Canyon
- Eldhraun Lava Field
- Reynisfjara Beach
- Dyrhólaey Arch
- Skógafoss Waterfall
- Seljalandsfoss Waterfall



DAY 7: REYKJANES PENINSULA + BLUE LAGOON

The Reykjanes Peninsula, a UNESCO Global Geopark, is slightly less explored than many other areas, but is an absolute gem. We will discover many boiling mud pools at the Seltún Geothermal Field, the Bridge Between Continents, and Lake Kleifarvatn. Going out to Reykjanesviti Lighthouse we can see the lava emerging from the surf. The ridge system can be traced here along the low mountain range and long fissures cutting through the landscape, as well as craters that can be found scattered in the lava, fortunately there have not been any eruptions here for over 700 years. Out here we can also find the Bridge Between Continents, a bridge built as a symbol for the connection between Europe and America. We will visit the world-famous Blue Lagoon and experience the radiant powers of geothermal seawater.

- Kleifarvatn Lake
- Seltún Geothermal Area
- Reykjanesvíti and Gunnuhver Hot Springs
- Bridge Between Continents
- Blue Lagoon



DAY 8: DEPARTURE

- Airport transfer from hotel



Double Occupancy Hotel Room

\$3,700 / person

Single Occupancy Hotel Room

\$4,550 / person

Deposit To Secure Your Spot: **\$1,000**

Deposit Due: **April 1, 2025**

Remaining Balance Due: **May 15, 2025**

PAYMENT METHODS ACCEPTED:

- Credit Card (3% will be added)
- Venmo @DotTheMap
- Check made out to 'Beth Ott'

*Monthly payment plans are available
upon request*



FAQ

IS THERE AN AGE RESTRICTIONS FOR THIS TRIP?

Yes, all travelers must be 18+ to join this group trip.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL THIS TRIP INCLUDE IN TOTAL?

For this trip to be confirmed, there must be 11 signed up + trip host, for a minimum total of 12. This trip will be capped at 16 + trip host, for a maximum total of 17.

IS MY DEPOSIT REFUNDABLE?

The trip host will be collecting the first 11 deposits, once those are received the trip can officially be confirmed. For the first initial 11 signed up, your deposit is fully refundable if not enough spots are sold and the trip cannot be fulfilled.

For the remaining 6 spots, the trip host will submit these immediately upon receipt. Therefore, this deposit is non-refundable. If you can find a replacement for your spot, then your deposit is refundable.

WHY ARE THESE DEPOSITS NON-REFUNDABLE?

These deposits are to ensure our hotel rooms are booked well ahead of time. The trip host is also working closely with the local tour operator to ensure all activities are well-thought out and booked accordingly in advance.

ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL VISAS NEEDED FOR THIS TRIP?

No visas are needed for US citizens, traveling from the US.

WHAT HOTELS WILL WE BE STAYING IN?

Once the first 11 spots are confirmed and the deposits are paid, the hotel can be confirmed. Hotels will be, or similar to, Klettur Hótel, Vesturland Hótel, Hótel Akureyri, and Örk Hótel.

DO I NEED TRIP INSURANCE?

It's highly recommend since we are out of the country and there will be lots of activities. The trip host can set this up for you.

ROAD CONDITIONS

The weather and road conditions in Iceland are different from what we are used to and can change fast. All activities are subject to change dependent on weather, volcanic activities, and road closures.

Keep in mind, this is a road trip, so there will be significant time spent in a van or bus, depending on the size of the group. To see this much of such a beautiful country, it's a requirement. But there are many stops along each day and route.