



### Dear Traveler

### Greetings from Horizon Holidays

Thank you for choosing us for your travel needs. The travel plan is totally customizable. Please reach your tour planner and ask for changes that you would like to incorporate in your vacation.

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We at **Horizon Holidays** genuinely appreciate your business, and we're grateful for the trust you've placed in us.





# **Welcome to Iceland**

An underpopulated island marooned near the top of the globe, Iceland is, literally, a country in the making. It's a vast volcanic laboratory where mighty forces shape the earth: geysers gush, mudpots gloop, ice-covered volcanoes rumble and glaciers cut great pathways through the mountains. Its supercharged splendour seems designed to remind visitors of their utter insignificance in the greater scheme of things. And it works a treat: some crisp clean air, an eyeful of the cinematic landscapes,

and everyone is transfixed.

### **Inclusions**

- Accommodation in Hotels as customized.
- Airport Transfers as per customization.
- Meals: Breakfast Only
- All applicable Transfers & Sightseeing as per Customization.
- Vehicle Type: As per Pax Size or Customization.
- All Taxes.

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### **Exclusions**

- All International and Domestic Airfares.
- VISA.
- Travel Insurance.
- Any Entry Fees Applicable.
- Any Meals not specified in the itinerary above.
- Hotel mini-bar, snacks, beverages, laundry, telephone calls and all other similar incidentals.
- Any items or services not specified in the itinerary above.
- Pre-registration or late check-out of rooms.
- Personal items.
- Cost incurred due to mishaps, strikes, political unrest etc.
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## 7 Days in Iceland - Highlights

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Spend the night at **Selfoss** where there are plenty of Shops and Restaurants around. **Overnight in Selfoss**.  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ 

### **Day 3: More Waterfalls and Black Beach**

Today after breakfast, head to **Seljalandfoss** where the trail leads to the back of the waterfall. The waterfall named **Gljúfrafoss** is about 400 meters away. It is much less touristy and definitely worth the walk from Seljalandfoss. There is an opening in the rocks where you can walk into the waterfall itself.

Later head to the famous **Sólheimasandur** plane wreck to see the US airplane that crash-landed there in 1973. You would require taking the 8km round trip to the plane wreck by foot. End the day with the gorgeous sunset at **Reynisdrangar** which is famous for the basalt sea stacks and black sand beach. There is a nice spot in **Vik** where the church is located to catch a nice view of the town. **Overnight in Vik**.

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### Day 4: Skaftafell National Park and Glacier Lagoon

Today after breakfast, head to **Fjaðrárgljúfur Canyon**. It is one of the most beautiful places where both amateurs and expert hikers will love **Skaftafell National Park**. It is located at the southern part of the magnificent **Vatnajökull Glacier**. There are plenty of hiking routes available, ranging from 2 hours to over 10 hours.

Later, carry on to **Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon** where you can witness one of the most beautiful places in Iceland. **Hofn** is known as the lobster capital of Iceland and from there is a beautiful view of the **Vatnajökull Glacier**. **Overnight in Hofn**.



### Day 5: Eastern Fjords

Today after breakfast, you shall proceed for a fantastic driving scene through the **eastern fjords**, shortly after leaving Hofn. The amount of cars and people reduce drastically as you continue eastwards because most people would have u-turned back to Reykjavik. You will be weaving in and out of the dramatic coastline with black sandy beaches. There are chances of reindeer passing on the roads so look out for them.

Later, visit **Seydisfjordur** for its beautiful town; it is just located 30 minutes away by car from the capital of East Iceland, **Egilsstaðir**.

Spend the night in a Farm Cottage in Egilsstaðir Area. Overnight in Egilsstaoir.

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### Day 7: Akureyri

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Today after breakfast, head towards **Akureyri**, the capital of North Iceland. It is the second largest city after **Reykjavik** with plenty of things to do. There are many nice restaurants here that serve authentic Icelandic food.

Later visit **Bautin** for the beautiful botanical garden, especially in summer when everything is in full bloom. **Akureyrarkirkja** is the church designed by **Guðjón Samúelsson** which sits on top of a hill in the city. He is the same person who designed the famous **Hallgrímskirkja** church in **Reykjavik.** Then proceed on a <u>whale-watching</u> tour in Akureyki which guarantees more than 99% chance of whale sighting. **Overnight in Akureyri.** 



### Day 8: The Vatnsnes Peninsula

Today after breakfast, proceed on a long drive to the **Snaefellsnes Peninsula** with plenty to see along the way. The **Vatnsnes peninsula** has a few spots for seals watching and one of best is at **Osar**. Be prepared, as your car will get muddy because of the gravel mud roads for the most parts of this peninsula. **Overnight in Stykkishólmur**.

### Day 9: Snaefellsnes Peninsula

Today after breakfast, Visit **Kirkjufell**, the most photographed mountain in Iceland. Along the same road, you can get to **Kirkjufellsfoss** and take that trademark waterfall plus mountain postcard shot. Afterwards, proceed to **Snæfellsjökull National Park** where the magnificent **Snæfellsjökull Glacier** lies.

At the foot of Snæfellsjökull lies **Djúpalónssandur**, the sandy beach which was once home to fishing boats. **Hellnar** and **Arnarstapi** are both old fishing towns which have walking trails between them right beside the coast. Talk a walk and you will not be disappointed. For photographers, do not miss out the black church in **Budir** where you have the Snow Mountains as the backdrop. Head back to the lodging town and be prepared for the drive back to **Reykjavik**. **Overnight in Reykjavik**.

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