



Iceland - On Your Own (more or less)

8, 11 and 15 day itineraries

2012



Drive Around the Island

There's a lot to see on this special island - sweeping green fields and waterfalls galore in the south, seaside villages and soaring bird cliffs in the west, snow capped peaks that plunge into sea-deep fjords in the north, and the twisty sea coast of the east. With Iceland Adventure you can take in as much of Iceland as your calendar allows.

We're offering easy ways to experience a lot of Iceland - all the way around, 1881 km. (1250 miles) of open landscape, vast wildness, glaciers, waterfalls, villages, mountain passes, black sands and heath. Here we offer descriptions for tours that are 8, 11 or 15 days long. Your choice - you can make it a relaxed drive with time to wander about anywhere that catches your fancy; a more organized drive to spots that might prove special to you, or on a shorter tour - a quick zip from city to fjord to glacier to sands and back to Reykjavik.

These tours are designed for travelers who want to make their own choices about how to spend their Iceland time with more choices spelled out on the itineraries than you have time to do in any depth. But that allows you a chance to consider your options and make your choices based on your interests and our guidance.

The 8 day version shows you an awful lot of the variety on this fairly small island. You can take in some shorter day tours, like whale watching, riding, rafting and hiking, either on your own or as a guided tour. The 11 day version gives you more time to head up those enticing little roads into distant and isolated valleys. Longer tours let you do more full day explorations in an area, and enjoy heading out more days without checking out - as you spend more nights in some of your hotels. The Big One - the 15 day drive gives you free rein to plan lots into your time, or just be spontaneous and wander off when something grabs your attention. This is the one we always yearn to do!

All our driving tour adventures share some things - they're pretty complete packages with flights from the US, or they can be added to another tour if you're already in Iceland. There's a wide range of car sizes, a choice of accommodation all around the country from cozy guesthouses to 3 and 4 star hotels, all with private baths, and breakfast every day. From us, you'll get a great itinerary, knowledgeable advice and helpful information --at Iceland Adventure, we aim to make it easy to enjoy our favorite island nation. So take a look at the tours - and start getting ready to go on an Iceland Adventure!

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Great Values and Great Trips for the independent traveler!

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What's so special about an Iceland Adventure Driving Tour? Our driving tours go all over this marvelous land some long, some short, some focused, some designed to get as much Iceland past the windshield as possible in a short time. But they all share the Iceland Adventure, LLC operating philosophy- we offer you complete, well thought out tours, to make it easy for you to just relax and enjoy the wonders of Iceland.

There are a few ways we put this into action- we give you comprehensive prices, detailed itineraries and highlight some of the itinerary choices you can make to suit your particular interests. Prices include flights with taxes and surcharges, any needed transfers, a choice of cars, and a broad array of accommodations with breakfast, , detailed itineraries and lots of travel information.

We work with you to help you pick the tour that will suit your interests and travel schedule, and after it's all booked and we deliver your itinerary, we're happy to review that with you as well, to get you ready to see Iceland. We see our job as helping people enjoy Iceland as much as we do- so we're happy to share our knowledge and experience.

What to consider when picking a driving tour? -- check out our tour guidelines on page 4 of the flyer.



B Car Toyota Auris
fine for 2 people,
2WD, good for Rt 1



F Car
Toyota RAV4 small
4WD, fine for 2



I Car
Toyota Land Cruiser
for 5, can get you most anywhere!

Around Iceland - 8, 11, or 15 days

This is one of our most popular tours! Comes in three different lengths, so it suits many travel schedules.

The **8 Days** around Iceland Tour -- here's how your time could be spent. See the 11 and 15 day tours for more ideas.

Day 1: Upon arrival at Keflavik Airport, which will be early if you're coming from North America, you can pick up your car at the airport and head out on the mostly new road to Reykjavik for your first day and night. Check in at your hotel is early afternoon, so you could do a bit of exploring on the way. A few miles from the airport is the Blue Lagoon, which opens at 9 AM in the summer and is a great place to get over any jet lag. There are some interesting land and sea-scapes here on the Reykjanes peninsula, with bird cliffs, hot springs and lighthouses (or you could do this on your last day). We'll provide lots of ideas for ways to enjoy Reykjavik with its museums, waterfront, culture and great restaurant scene.

Days 2-7: You go west and north from here on the nicely paved Route 1--until you come back to Reykjavik from the other direction at the end of day 7. Plenty of side roads that will take you deeper into the not very populated countryside. You'll spend one night in each of 5 different locations along Iceland's Rt 1.

West Iceland - You'll go through the Saga lands of the west, with the historical sight at Reykholt, some great lava waterfalls, extinct volcanoes and glaciers to climb. You'll see Snaefellsnes off to the west.

North Iceland - You'll probably want to stop at Glumbaer, the turf manor house, as you drive towards Iceland's Second City Akureyri (population 17000). Akureyri has an unusual botanical garden, great hiking, a pleasant pedestrian town center with good restaurants, and cafes. Crossing Eyjafjordur going east, you'll explore a mighty waterfall that figured in Iceland's Christianization. You should spend some time near the rich sub Arctic Lake Myvatn, stop to see some active geothermal features, or check out Iceland's whale watching capital, Husavik. .

East Iceland - As you head across the highlands you'll go past Lake Lagarfljot at Egilstadir and to the in and-out-fjords of East Iceland. You'll soon be in sight of the huge glacier - Vatnajokull and it will stay with you for a while. The glacial lagoon, Jokulsarlon, may be your best chance in life to touch a genuine iceberg. Then a visit to the park at Skaftafell will give you a chance to hike up to a tongue of that glacier.

South Iceland - This coast offers more waterfalls than one should be able to see, some interesting historical sights, some glaciers, and of course the odd volcano or two. You can take in Iceland's Golden Circle Big 3, Gullfoss waterfall, Geysir hot springs and Pingvellir National Park, each worth seeing for one or more unique aspects. Then it's back to Reykjavik, with a chance for some exceptional food and (perhaps) a sample of the legendary night-life of the world's northernmost capital.

The **11 Day** tour Around Iceland

The 11 day tour gives you time to explore a few areas of Iceland in depth, which makes it perfect for those who want to hike, watch birds, or enjoy outdoor stuff around Iceland. You can travel at a rather leisurely pace, and if you schedule them, take in some day tours. You'll get to know a lot of the country - an ideal tour for vacation-starved Americans!

The 11 Day Around Iceland tour is shaped like the 8 day tour, but you'll stay extra nights in a few areas.

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Days 2-9: You'll go west and north from here on the nicely paved Route 1- and then come back to Reykjavik from the other direction at the end of day 9. Plenty of side roads from here which will take you deeper into the not very populated countryside.

In addition to the eight day itinerary you may have time for:

Snaefellsnes Peninsula with its maritime villages, bird cliffs, glaciers on volcanos, whales and sharks.

Riding (or rafting) in Skagafjordur in the north.

Asbyrgi National Park in North East Iceland, a bit remote, and home to Europe's highest waterfall, Dettifoss.

Spend a day hiking, exploring Vatnajokull glacier.

Then, of course, back to Reykjavik for a last night-- and the city will seem absolutely metropolitan after all the time in the countryside.

The **15 Day** tour Around Iceland

This is the tour we all want to do! You'll experience a lot of this fascinating country, as you make a broad circle along Ring Road (Route 1) and spend a night or two in each area of the country - Snaefellsnes in the west, Skagafjordur and Akureyri in the north, the East Fjords and Vatnajokull, and the south, before coasting back into Reykjavik. You can get out of the car a lot and add on day-tours for some of the action that makes Iceland so much fun. In addition to Reykjavik for the first and last nights, you'll spend 2 nights in West Iceland, 2 nights in Northwest Iceland, 2 near Husavik, Myvatn, 2 nights in East Iceland, one night near Skaftafell, 2 nights in South Iceland.

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Days 2-13:

You'll go west and north from here on the nicely paved Route 1- and then come back to Reykjavik from the other direction at the end of day 14 . Plenty of side roads that will take you deeper into the not very populated countryside. In addition to the 11 day itinerary you may have time for:

Historical sights, hot springs, even historic hot springs in West Iceland.

Horses, hiking, and the boat to Drangey Island off Saudakroku in the North.

The historic site at Hólar, home to Iceland's Equine University, visit the northern outpost of Siglufjordur.

Venture into the Eastern highlands, if you have 4WD, perhaps take a day tour to Askja.

Tjörnes Peninsula with its interesting birds and geology

Take a boat trip on Laugafllot, explore the forests at Hallormsstaður, in the East .

Take in the old farm homestead Stong in south Iceland, climb Mt Hekla.

Have lobster by the sea!

Then, of course, back to Reykjavik for a last night-- and the city will seem absolutely metropolitan after all the time in the countryside.

So, what's the right tour for me?? Here are a few things to consider

Duration: - how much time do you have for Iceland? Are you an active a traveler? Will you want time for organized or spontaneous excursions -hiking, riding,rafting along the way? We generally advise to drive less rather than more, as Iceland has a way of enticing you out of the car.

Cars: there are many choices, but picking a car that is big enough for passengers AND the luggage can be challenging! Two wheel drive cars are fine if you're sticking to Rt 1 and secondary roads. You'll need 4WD if you want to travel in the highlands or on the mountain roads, marked as F roads. Manual transmission is standard for rental cars, but some models are available with an automatic transmission if requested at time of booking -- this adds a bit to the price.

Accommodations: Our tours come with a nice choice of lodgings, all with private bath, and breakfast, most most with TV, telephone and computer access.

Standard accommodations are in simple hotels, farm houses and guesthouses

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

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

Itineraries. We design each itinerary so that your overnight stays are in places which will give you good access to the many ideas suggested. You may need to prioritize these - some days may offer more than can be done even in Iceland's long days of summer. We can advise on guided day tours, and we're also happy to work with you to include any special interests. Give us a call!

Prices here are **per person/double occupancy** -ask about other accupanices and seasons. Car prices are w/manual transmission-some available with automatic transmission if requested when booking. This may add a bit of the price. Models shown are typical for their class. You will get that model or an equivalent.

8 days/7 nights

Summer Standard	B car	\$2910	F car	\$3443	I car	\$ 3923
Summer Comfort	B car	\$2992	F car	\$3525	I car	\$ 4008
Summer Superior	B car	\$3755	F car	\$4287	I car	\$ 4770
May& Sept Standard	B car	\$2395	F car	\$2739	I car	\$ 3055
May & Sept Comfort	B car	\$2458	F car	\$2802	I car	\$ 3119
May & Sept Superior	B car	\$3066	F car	\$3411	I car	\$ 3727

11 days/10 nights

Summer Standard	B car	\$3569	F car	\$4302	I car	\$ 4966
Summer Comfort	B car	\$3688	F car	\$4419	I car	\$ 5083
Summer Superior	B car	\$4775	F car	\$5508	I car	\$ 6172

15 days/ 14 nights

Summer Standard	B car	\$4375	F car	\$5280	I car	\$ 6123
Summer Comfort	B car	\$4538	F car	\$5444	I car	\$ 6287
Summer Superior	B car	\$5064	F car	\$6969	I car	\$ 7812

Prices include flights from JFK, Boston, Minneapolis, and Dulles, (ask about other Icelandair gateways and Canada) with all taxes and fuel surcharges, car with all fees, basic CDW, unlimited kilometers, all nights in double rooms in a comfortable hotels with private bath, breakfast every day, most with TV, Internet, and a detailed itinerary that provides lots of guidance for how to spend your time. All you'll need to add is lunch, dinner, and gasoline. **Not** included is Travel Insurance, which we can help with, purchase, meals othr than breakfast, or day tours, or anything other than basic CDW, which has a fairly high deductible We urge you to check with your credit card company to see if they provide this for car rentals in Iceland. Otherwise, Super CDW can be purchased once in Iceland. **NOTE Prices aren't final until a deposit is paid - prices may increase with late bookings.**

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