



**Day 1 (10 FEBRUARY) - Wonders of the Golden Circle**



Begin your journey on the classic “Golden Circle” route, starting with the fascinating Pingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where you can walk on a path in the rift valley between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates. Next is the Haukadalur geothermal area, home of Geysir—the original “geyser”—and the more active Strokkur, which spouts water every few minutes. End the circle with visits to the majestic Gullfoss waterfall and the implosion crater of Kerio.

**Day 2 (11 FEBRUARY) - Waterfalls and Volcanic Beaches**

Visit the fairytale-like Seljalandsfoss waterfall, where you can walk right behind the misty cascade, then head to the equally gorgeous Skogafoss waterfall just a short drive down the road. South of the village of Vik, make a stop at the volcanic black sand beach for dramatic views of the Dyrholaeey and Reynisdrangar rock formations rising above the crashing waves. You can even take part in an optional guided excursion by foot or snowmobile on a glacier today.

**Day 3 (12 FEBRUARY) - Glaciers and Floating Icebergs**

Spend some time exploring Skaftafell, part of the immense Vatnajokull National Park and a place of great natural beauty. Here you’ll find many interesting hiking trails, including a short path leading to the Svartifoss waterfall and its unique basalt columns that resemble organ pipes. Then head to the famous Jokulsarlon glacier lagoon and enjoy the view of floating icebergs under the glow of the setting sun.

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### Day 4 (13 FEBRUARY) - Fjords and Fishing Villages

Your drive along East Iceland today is characterized by long and narrow fjords with steep mountainsides and rugged tundra. Each fjord has its own unique qualities, with small fishing villages in postcard-perfect settings and friendly locals. Other notable sights on the route today include Mt. Bulandstindur and the Lagarfljot River, which according to folklore is inhabited by a Loch Ness-like monster.



### Day 5 (14 FEBRUARY) - Lunar Landscapes of Lake Myvatn

Continue towards north towards today's destination: the otherworldly Lake Myvatn area. This part of North Iceland boasts an abundance of unusual natural wonders to explore, like the Krafla volcano, the curiously-coloured Namaskaro pass, the massive crater of Hverfell and the lunar-like pseudo-craters at Skutustaoir. If you're up for seeing more natural wonders today, make an optional detour (weather and road conditions permitting) to Dettifoss, the most powerful waterfall in Europe. Later in the evening, if the skies are clear, you may even see another natural wonder—the northern lights.



### Day 6 (15 FEBRUARY) - Natural Charms of the North

Spend the first half of the day exploring more of Lake Myvatn. We recommend visiting Goafoss "The Waterfall of the Gods" on your way to the charming town of Akureyri, where you can take a stroll through the town centre and enjoy the variety of little shops, cafes and museums.

On your way towards Skagafjorour, an area known for its abundance of Icelandic horses, you may choose to take a detour around Trollaskagi "The Peninsula of the Trolls" for beautiful scenery of mountains, cliffs and fjords. Other interesting stops along your drive include the village of Siglufjorour, which was once the centre of Iceland's herring fleet, and the Hofsos town thermal pool (this is optional).

### Day 7 (16 FEBRUARY) - Journey to Snaefellsnes Peninsula

Drive to the beautiful peninsula of Snaefellsnes today. On the way you'll see the countless mounds of Vatnsdalsholar and the beautiful Pingeyrarkirkja church. Another great place for a break is in Stykkisholmur, a picture-perfect fishing village overlooking Breioafjorour Bay. Here we recommend taking a walk up to the small hill overlooking the harbour, Sugandisey, for a wonderful panoramic view over the town, sea and surrounding mountains.

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### **Day 8 (17 FEBRUARY) - Snæfellsjökull National Park and Glacier**

Enjoy the natural beauty of Snæfellsjökull National Park—named after the glacier-topped volcano that stands prominently at the end of the peninsula. Highlights of your driving route today include the Dritvik Cove, the dramatic bird cliffs of Londrangar, Hellnar and Arnarstapi as well as idyllic seaside villages. And if you think you have what it takes to be an Icelandic fisherman, you can test your strength with the “lifting stones” on beach at Djupalonssandur like in the old days. We will return to Reykjavik for the evening.

### **Day 9 (18 FEBRUARY) - Departure**

After breakfast, drive to Reykjavik Airport and return your car.

*\* This Itinerary subject to change due to weather and road conditions.*

**Price per person AU\$ 3,850.00**

*Includes:*

*3 -4 Star Accommodation*

*Daily Breakfast*

*Escorted by Thane Nguyen*

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