

## The Charm of the Seasons Iceland Summer-Autumn Ring Road Trip

[10 DAYS 9 NIGHTS]



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#### Land of Ice and Fire

ICELAND, the world's most uniquely-shaped country, known as natural geological museum.

Situated at the junction of the North Atlantic and Arctic Oceans, it's one of the five Nordic countries, covering an area of 103,000 square kilometers. While Iceland is part of Europe, geographically, it's not on the European mainland; instead, it's a remote island in the North Atlantic, closest to Greenland, the Faroe Islands, and the United Kingdom. Due to its location at the meeting point of the Eurasian and North American tectonic plates, Iceland boasts active volcanoes, earning it the nickname 'Land of Ice and Fire.' Erupting geysers, magnificent glaciers, and waterfalls, making it a haven for photographers and nature enthusiasts.

Iceland lies entirely within the auroral zone, making it the only country globally where the Northern Lights can be witnessed throughout. In the summer, the land enjoys cool breezes and endless daylight, with a sea of lupines and puffin sightings.

Here, you're about to embark on one of the most unforgettable geography lessons of your life!



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## OUR UNIQUENESS

Why choose us?



## TOUR LEADER DOCUMENTING THE ENTIRE JOURNEY

Tour leader (photographer) capturing every precious moment of the journey through the lens, without additional charges.

## COMFORTABLE MINIBUS

The journey will use a 20seaters car, allowing to go at your own pace & enjoy freedom. Drive, stop and take pictures as you like.



#### AURORA WATCHING

Observing the Northern Light throughout the whole trip Witnessing them depends on luck and having a positive attitude, and it's only possible when the weather is clear. (Autumn)



Accommodation will be changed almost everyday, so tour members can have a more complete Icelandic stay experience.



## 05

DINING

Explore the destination freely and try local cuisine.

#### ADORABLE AND CHARMING PUFFINS

Every summer (May to August) is the season when puffins return to land to reproduce. Let's get up close with these adorable puffins together! (Subject to weather conditions) (Summer)





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DAY 1

#### KEF Airport - Grundarfjörður

- Arrive early at Iceland's airport. Afterward, tour leader and driver will meet everyone at the airport.
- After lunch, drive to the Snæfellsnes peninsula. Here we start exploring the sights of the peninsula, including the black church of Búðir, the beautiful fishing port town of Arnarstapi



Accommodation: Nordic style cottage/ hotel

Distance: about 289km Duration: approx 4.5hours

#### Grundarfjörður - Hvammstangi

- After breakfast, we'll explore the peninsula's most famous attraction, Kirkjufell, also known as Church Mountain, which is famous for its unique shape. This is one of Iceland's must-see destinations and is said to be the most photographed mountain in Iceland.
- In the afternoon, we enter the small town of Stykkishólmur in Snæfellsnes. This is where the movie "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" was filmed.



Accommodation: Nordic style cottage/ hotel

Distance: about 182km Duration: approx 3hours

DAY 2

DAY 3

#### Blonduos - Akureyri

- After breakfast, continue to the east to Blonduos.
- After arriving in Akureyri, we proceed to the supermarket and see the heart-shaped traffic light.
- Visit the fairy-tale-like town of Akureyri. Akureyri is less of a city and more of a charming seaside town. Many people choose it as a resting place during their circumnavigation journey. If you're just passing through the town, Akureyri's great cathedral and botanical garden are destinations worth experiencing.

Accommodation: Nordic style cottage/ hotel

Distance: about 202km
Duration: approx 2.5hours

#### Myvatn - Egilsstadir

- After breakfast, on our way to Egilsstadir, we will stop at another great northern waterfall Godafoss.
- Then we head to Mývatn. The northern Mývatn is famous for its unique geothermal scenery and is the second most famous hot spring in Iceland.
- Continue our journey to the large waterfall in the north Dettifoss, to experience the most explosive waterfall in Europe. The surging waterfall rolls into the Jökulsárgljúfur gorge with great impact.
- Today we are staying in the center of the eastern region-Egilsstaðir or the surrounding area.

Accommodation: Nordic style cottage/ hotel

Distance: about 300km Duration: approx 4.5hours

DAY 4

rounding area.

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#### Seyðisfjörður - Hofn - Jokulsarlon

- After breakfast, we head to the famous Seyðisfjörður in the Eastfjords region. This is one of the more bustling towns in the East and is home to Rainbow Road and the Blue Church. The villages in the Eastfjords are some of the least developed areas in Iceland, allowing you to delve into Iceland's ancient history and culture.
- Continue our journey towards the famous Vestrahorn, a stunning mountain. We will head south along the Eastfjords region, passing through the charming fjord towns along the way.
- The Eastfjords offer winding and picturesque landscapes, with stunning coastlines at every turn. Each corner reveals another piece of heaven.
   Along the way, you'll pass several small fishing villages where you can choose to stop and explore according to your preferences.





Accommodation: Nordic style cottage/ hotel

Distance: about 320km
Duration: approx 5hours

#### Jokursarlon - Diamond Beach - Skaftafell - Kirkjubæjarklaustur

- After breakfast, we will continue along Highway No. 1 to Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon and Diamond Beach on the opposite bank. Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon is the most famous ice lagoon in Iceland, and Diamond Beach is another popular natural attractions. Here you can see the story of how snow drifting down became ice and melted, then flowed to the sea after a thousand years.
- Proceed to the Vatnajökull National Park to see the largest glacier in Europe up close.
- After lunch, we will visit the Fjaðrárgljúfur Canyon.



Accommodation: Nordic style cottage/ hotel

Distance: about 131km Duration: approx 2hours

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#### Vik - Solheimasandur - Vik

- After breakfast, visit the church of Vik town, where you can see the most charming panoramic scenery of Vik town.
- Proceed to the nearby black sand beach of Reynisfjara and basalt rocks.
  - Continue heading to Solheimasandur Plane Wreck, a famous check-in spot in Iceland, Rainbow Falls (Skogafoss), as well as the Seljalandfoss.

Accommodation: Nordic style cottage/ hotel

Distance: about 241km Duration: approx 3hours

DAY 7





#### **Golden Circle - Laugarvatn**

- After breakfast, drive to the Gullfoss (Waterfall) and Strokkur (Geyser).
- Then we proceed to the Thingvellir National Park. Here you can walk in the rift valley of the mid-Atlantic ridge of the two major continents of Europe and America.

Accommodation: Nordic style cottage/ hotel

Distance: about 268km Duration: approx 4hours

DAY 8

#### Reykjavik City Tour - Blue Lagoon - Keflavik

- After breakfast, we will visit Reykjavik, the beautiful Nordic capital, and take pictures in the alleys.
- Then proceed to Hallgrimskirkja, the beautiful cathedral.
- We will have local snacks (hot dog / lobster soup) for lunch.
- After lunch, we head for a hot spring. Relax before the end of the journey.

Accommodation: Nordic style cottage/ hotel

Distance: about 168km Duration: approx 3hours

DAY 9

#### **KEF Airport - Home**

**DAY 10** 

• After breakfast, leave the accommodation and go to the airport. Here's the end of this unforgettable trip to Iceland.

## TOUR FEES INCLUDE

- 9 nights Iceland Nordic style homes / hotels (two persons/room)
- Full Comfortable private transportation with professional chauffer
- Full car insurance & car petrol & parking fee & toll
- Tour leader accompany throughout the trip with photoshoot
- Full 4G high-speed Unlimited Wifi Router
- Hot spring ticket
- Hallgrimskirkja ticket
- Icelandic traditional Geothermal Bakery experience ticket and tasting
- All soft copies of photos will be given for the entire trip



Free Photograph
Service throughout the whole journey



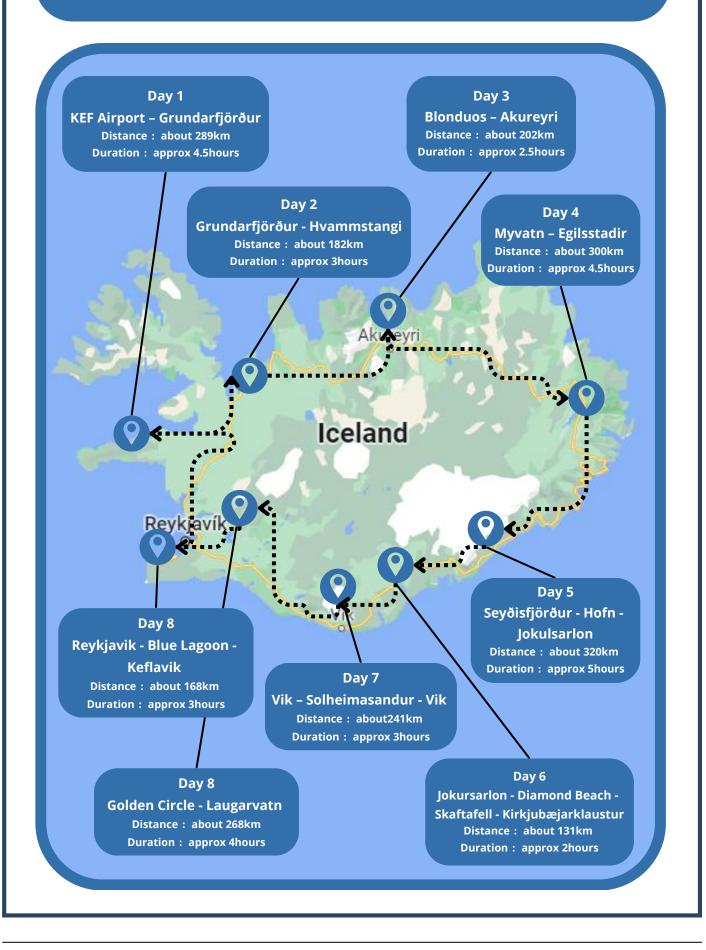
## TOUR FEES DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Round-trip international flight ticket
- Ingredients for breakfast, lunch and dinner purchased at the supermarket / Meals outside (tour members can decide by themselves according to their preferences)
- Additional activities (subject to weather conditions): airplane wreckage truck bus ticket (RM100-150/pax)
- Travel insurance

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Tour members are responsible for any economic losses and additional expenses caused by weather, natural disasters, visa issues, flights, transportation, road conditions, politics, and other uncontrollable factors

## **OVERVIEW OF ROUTES**



## STAYS & TRANSPORT







Nordic Style Accommodation/ Hotels





Standard Minibus 20-Seaters

## THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE COMING TO ICELAND

- Iceland's weather is unpredictable. We may have to meet road closure when the weather is bad, and face unexpected situations at any time, and then change the itinerary / accommodation.
- Some attractions require a short walk to reach.
- Tour members need to have strong physical fitness, no underlying diseases (asthma, high blood pressure, heart disease) and enough equipment to withstand the cold temperature.
- Summer: Iceland offers not only the midnight sun but also the opportunity to observe adorable puffins. Many places in Iceland are habitats for puffins, and we will explore them together (subject to weather conditions). Due to Iceland's high latitude, summer sunlight lasts almost all day, UV radiation can be strong, sun protection measures are necessary. Summer temperature is pleasant, but it's important to stay warm. Typically between 10-15°C.
- Autumn: The aurora will be tracked throughout the journey, but the aurora is a peculiar natural phenomenon that requires luck and a positive mindset, and can only be seen when the weather is clear.
- This tour will travel throughout Iceland in a private transport driven by a professional Icelandic driver (accompanied by a tour leader photoshoot throughout the journey). Each day, there will be a change of accommodation location to provide tour members with a comprehensive experience of Iceland. We will primarily choose hotels for accommodation. If staying in a hotel, dinner will be provided externally, and the hotel will include breakfast for the following day. If staying in guesthouses, we can also take the group to supermarkets to purchase ingredients for everyone to prepare breakfast and dinner together.
- This trip is suitable for those who love to make friends and nature. The tour members need to cooperate and help each other.
- Due to the limited space in the carriage, the luggage of the tour members are: a medium suitcase (27inch) + a hand luggage bag + a small backpack.

## DETAILS

- Departure: Late May Early October (The date will be published on our FB and website)
- Group size: 14-16 members per group with 1-2 tour leaders
- Private group: Contact us for arrangement and special discounts
- Tour fee: refer to the website

#### Remark:

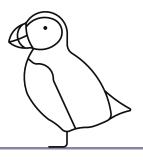
- For solo travellers, we will do our best to find a roommate for you. Otherwise, a single-room supplement will apply.
- Once the group is formed, the tour leader will provide details regarding flight tickets. Participants are responsible for purchasing their own flight tickets and following up on the status of their tickets.
- Registration is confirmed upon receipt of the deposit payment. Limited spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### **Term & Condition**

- 1.A deposit is required for reservation. The full balance must be paid within the specified time frame, no later than 45 days before departure. Failure to comply may lead to reservation cancellation and deposit forfeiture.
- 2. Cancellation policy:
  - a. Cancellation of reservation must be made in writing to avoid any misunderstanding.
  - b. If no replacement is found, cancellation charges apply based on when we receive notice:
    - i.45 days or more before the date of departure Forfeiture of tour deposit
    - ii. 22 44 days before the date of departure 70% of tour fare non-refundable
    - iii. Within 21 days before the date of departure 100% of tour fare non-refundable
    - iv. No refund for fees already incurred and non-refundable from other relevant authorities, e.g., flight or train tickets
- 3. If there are any unforeseen circumstances or uncontrollable/force majeure (weather, tide, nature factor, traffic delays/cancellations, illness, pandemic, strikes, war or other causes), the company reserve the right to make changes to/cancel itinerary or postpone the tour at any time, no refunds are available.
- 4. Travel Document:
  - a. A tour member must have: An international passport or other recognized travel documents which should be valid for at least 6 months from the date of return to the country of origin; The necessary visa and vaccination and health certificates as required by the various authorities of the countries to be visited.
  - b. The company is not responsible for expenses, reimbursement, or tour price refund if a member is denied entry or deported due to improper documents or other reasons.
- 5. No refund or reduction will be made to any member in respect of airfare, accommodation, meals, sightseeing tours, transport or any other services which are included in the tour fare out not utilized by the tour member due to personal reasons.
- 6. The company reserves the right to cancel or withdraw any itinerary, or any reservation made for a client or decline to accept or retain any person from being a tour member if he is likely to endanger the health or safety, or impair the comfort or enjoyment of others on the tour.
- 7.All members are advised to purchase travel insurance for added protection against various unforeseen events.

 $For the complete \ Terms \ and \ Conditions, \ please \ visit \ the \ Bucket List Ticked \ website.$ 

## **TOUR'S BUCKET LIST**









#### **Aurora**

Watch the stunning Aurora Borealis, depending on the weather. If we are lucky, we can see it by looking up outside the accommodation!

#### **Waterfalls**

Appreciate the breathtaking view of magnificent; waterfalls; and unlimited viewing of picturesque Icelandic rainbows (subject to weather condition)











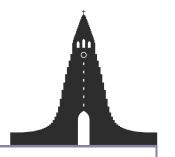
**Puffins** 

Iceland is known as the world's largest puffin colony. (Weather permitting)





## **TOUR'S BUCKET LIST**



#### **Cathedrals**

Check out the various famous churches in Iceland











#### DC-3 <u>Plane</u> Wreck

Witness the wreckage of this aircraft from the United States Navy

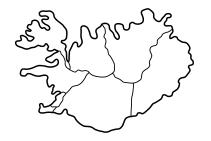


## Largest glacier in Europe

Visit Vatnajökull National Park



## **TOUR'S BUCKET LIST**





#### Black Sand Beach

Feel the color contrast between the white waves of the Atlantic Ocean and the dark volcanic sand









## Blue Lagoon

Enjoying a hot spring bath in the cold weather

#### Geothermal bakery

Experience authentic
Geothermal Bakery and
taste the bread







#### 1. What months can you see the Northern Lights in Iceland?

You can typically see the Northern Lights in Iceland between September and March. However, it's not guaranteed every day, and they are most spectacular when the sky is clear and visibility is high.

#### 2. When is the best time to visit Iceland?

Iceland is a great destination to visit year-round. In the winter, you can witness the mysterious Northern Lights, while in the summer, there's the romantic midnight sun. It's definitely a travel destination you don't want to miss in your lifetime.

### 3. Is summer a suitable time to visit Iceland? What are the attractions?

Summer in Iceland is relatively warm, with average temperatures ranging from 10-20°C, making it a great season for a refreshing escape. During this time, daylight hours are incredibly long, making it ideal for sightseeing and exploration.

Summer is the peak tourist season in Iceland. You can enjoy the phenomenon of the midnight sun, vast fields of blooming lupines along the roadsides, excellent opportunities to observe puffins, and witness astonishing natural wonders.

#### 4. What is the largest glacier in Iceland?

Vatnajökull Glacier is the largest glacier in Iceland and even in Europe! Our Bucket List itinerary will take you up close to admire this extensive glacier in a national park.

## 5. What is the best month to visit the Ice Cave? Can children participate?

Ice caves are only available end of autumn to winter season (end of September to March), depending on the weather conditions. If the temperatures are too high, it's not safe to enter the ice caves.

Children as young as 8 years old can participate, and there's no significant difficulty involved. As long as they meet the age requirement, most children can join. Walking inside the ice cave requires caution, and carrying or piggybacking a child is not advisable.



## 6. Are helmets and crampons provided for the Ice Caves hiking? What clothing should I prepare?

When participating in the Ice Caves hiking in Iceland, professional guides will lead the tours, and you should never attempt these activities on your own, as it can be dangerous. Guides will provide essential safety equipment, including crampons. It is recommended that group members wear waterproof and warm clothing, sturdy waterproof hiking boots with high ankle support to protect your ankles (If you don't have suitable footwear, you can usually rent them on-site).

#### 7. How should I prepare clothing for a trip to Iceland?

Iceland's weather is notoriously changeable year-round, and you might even experience a romantic encounter with sun, rain, wind, and snow all in one day. It's advisable to use the "onion layering" technique and prioritize staying warm. Bring waterproof and windproof down jackets, warm clothing, and more.

#### 8. Is Iceland expensive?

Iceland is one of the most expensive countries in the world in terms of the cost of living. Many items have to be imported into the country, which contributes to the relatively high prices.

#### 9. What is the currency in Iceland?

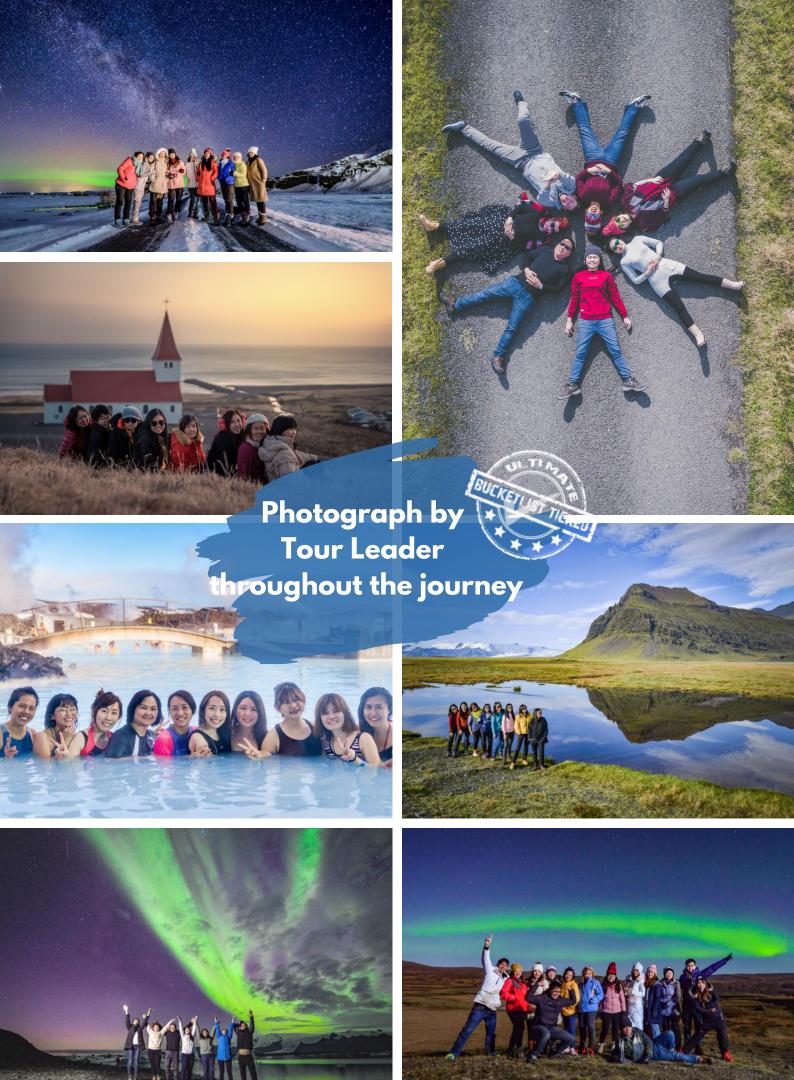
The primary currency in Iceland is the Icelandic Króna (ISK)/EURO. However, it's advisable to use credit cards, as they are widely accepted throughout Iceland.

#### 10. What is Icelandic food like?

Iceland is surrounded by the sea, so fish and seafood are essential components of Icelandic cuisine. Traditional Icelandic dishes typically revolve around fish, dairy products, bread, potatoes, and lamb. Some Icelandic specialties include Skyr yogurt, lamb, seafood, dried fish, and more. An average meal in Iceland costs between EUR 23-30.









## BUCKET LIST TICKED

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