

# ICELAND

## Natural History of Iceland

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Tentative Travel Dates: late May | Estimated Travel Fee \$3,800

### DAY 1 | Fly to Reykjavik, Iceland

Fly overnight from Boston to Reykjavik.

### DAY 2 | Explore Reykjavik

Early morning arrival; tour of city to include iconic performance center Harpa, shopping district Laugavegur, Hallgrimskirkja church, and the hot water reservoir Perlan with views of the city, lunch, and dinner.

### DAY 3 | Volcanoes and lava fields

Breakfast, drive south of Reykjavik to the Reykjanes Peninsula to hike in the most recent lava fields from ongoing volcanic eruptions in Iceland. Depending on volcanic activity, visit to either the nature preserve Reykjanesfólkvangur, or to Mount Keilir. Return to Reykjavik for dinner and overnight at hostel.

### DAY 4 | The Golden Circle

Breakfast, drive The Golden Circle route with stops at Thingvellir Nat'l Park, UNESCO World Heritage Site of Althing the historic national parliament of Iceland, Geyser Hot Springs, waterfall, Kerid Crater with lake, lunch on the road, return to Reykjavik for dinner and overnight at hostel.

### DAY 5 | Drive north to Akureyri

Breakfast, drive to Akureyri, along the way explore waterfalls, craters, and the most powerful hot water spring in Europe. Experience a tour of the ice caves of Langjökull, the second largest glacier in Iceland, dinner, overnight at hostel in Akureyri.

### DAY 6 | Myvatn

Breakfast, drive to Lake Myvatn region and explore: Godafoss—a large, popular waterfall, pseudocraters, Dimmuborgir lava fields, Namafjall with spectacular volcanic landscape, hot springs, boiling mud pools and fumaroles, Krafla—a volcano that erupted just 20 years ago, return to Akureyri for dinner and overnight at hostel.

## Sample Itinerary

### DAY 7 | Whale watch & snorkeling

Breakfast, board boat for whale watching and snorkeling, return to Akureyri for dinner and overnight at hostel.

### DAY 8 | Diamond Circle

Breakfast, Diamond Circle tour with Puffin cliffs, large waterfalls, Asbyrgi National Park, return to Akureyri for dinner and overnight at hostel.

### DAY 9 | Snorkeling in Nesgja & Litlaá

Breakfast, drive north to Husavik, snorkel between the European and the American tectonic plate, see hydrothermal springs under water, return to Akureyri for dinner and overnight at hostel.

### DAY 10 | Hólar

Breakfast, explore culture and history in Hólar including Episcopal See of Northern Iceland, Hólar Cathedral and the Nyibaer turf house, lunch, tour aquaculture facility, drive to Saudarkrofur marine lab, explore intertidal region, return to Akureyri for dinner, overnight at hostel.

### DAY 11 | University of Akureyri, Fisheries

Breakfast, University of Akureyri tour, and fisheries day, lunch, return to Akureyri for dinner, overnight at hostel.

### DAY 12 | Return to Reykjavik

Breakfast, pack, drive back to Reykjavik, lunch, visit Viking museum, late afternoon flight to Boston.

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