

Iceland

Day 1 An evening departure from the US and we arrive in Iceland the next morning.

Day 2 Today we will meet our tour guide and head west and north on our clockwise circle tour of Iceland. We'll visit the Grabrok volcano crater and a natural history and seal museum. We will stop in at a turf church to learn about traditional Icelandic architecture, then cross the fjords and several mountain passes to reach Akureyri, our overnight location.

Day 3 This morning we'll explore Akureyri and visit their lovely botanical gardens which are sure to surprise you! In the afternoon we will drive eastward to see thundering Godafoss, the 'Waterfall of the Gods' and Lake Myvatn, known for its geological wonders and active bird life. The day ends with a relaxing soak in the Nature Baths hot springs and a night spent at nearby Lake Myvatn.

Day 4 This morning we'll enjoy a short hike through the lava labyrinth at Dimmuborgir and look for the famous trolls that are said to lurk among the rocks. We'll visit geothermal area that features bubbling mud pots and steaming sulfur vents. We will not want to miss Dettifoss, Europe's most powerful waterfall in the northern part of Vatnajokull National Park. We'll overnight in East Iceland.

Day 5

Today we visit Vatnajokull, the largest glacier in Europe. It is the showpiece of the Skaftafell National Park. Afterward, we will stop at Lake Jokulsarlon, where we will take a boat ride to view the icebergs drifting in the azure glacial waters.

Day 6

It is a day to marvel at the landscape, as we follow the twisting shoreline over fjords and pass through immense lava fields and huge glacial valleys. We will stop at Lake Jokulsarlon, a glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs. We'll spend some time exploring the glacier at Vatnajokull National Park. We will stay overnight nearby.



Lake Jökulsarlon

Day 7

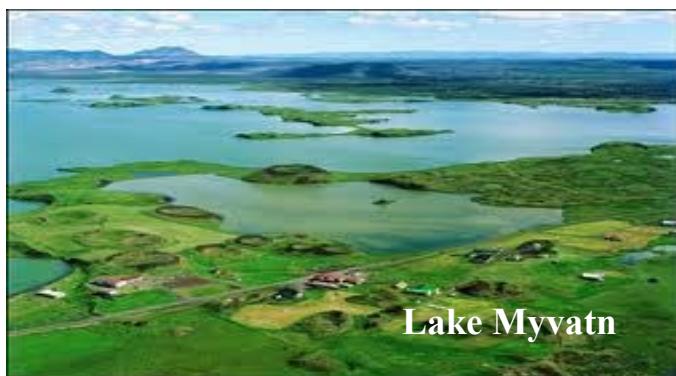
Today we will head for Vik, South Iceland's beautiful coastal town. We will walk the black sand beaches and look for puffin nests in the cliff walls. The Eldhraun lava field makes for some great photos. We'll visit Skogar, the village that is home to Skogafoss, one of the most impressive waterfalls in the country. We'll visit the Lava Center and make a final stop at Seljalandsfoss - a waterfall that literally plunges over the side of a mountain. We will overnight in Hekla.

Day 8

After breakfast we will travel the Golden Circle to tour Thingvellir, the town where the first meeting of the Icelandic Parliament was held in AD 903. From there we'll continue to the hot springs at Geysir. After lunch, we'll travel on to view the spectacular Gullfoss waterfall and then return to Reykjavik for our final night in Iceland.

Day 9

A private coach takes us to the airport for our flight home. Globe Treks will return you to your door.



Lake Myvatn