

Iceland

July 11 An evening departure from the US and we arrive in Iceland the next morning.

July 12 We will be met by our driver and taken into Reykjavik where we have the day to explore, rest and get acquainted with this modern capital city. Overnight in Reykjavik.

July 13 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.

July 14 This morning we will 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. We will end the day with a relaxing soak in the Nature Baths hot springs and spend the night at nearby Lake Myvatn.

July 15 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 go next to a 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.



Lake Myvatn

July 16

It is a day to marvel at the landscape, 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 Jokulsarlon

July 17

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.

July 18

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 will travel on to view the spectacular Gullfoss waterfall and then return to Reykjavik for our final night in Iceland.

July 19

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