

FROM REYKJAVIK AROUND ICELAND'S GRAND RING ROAD

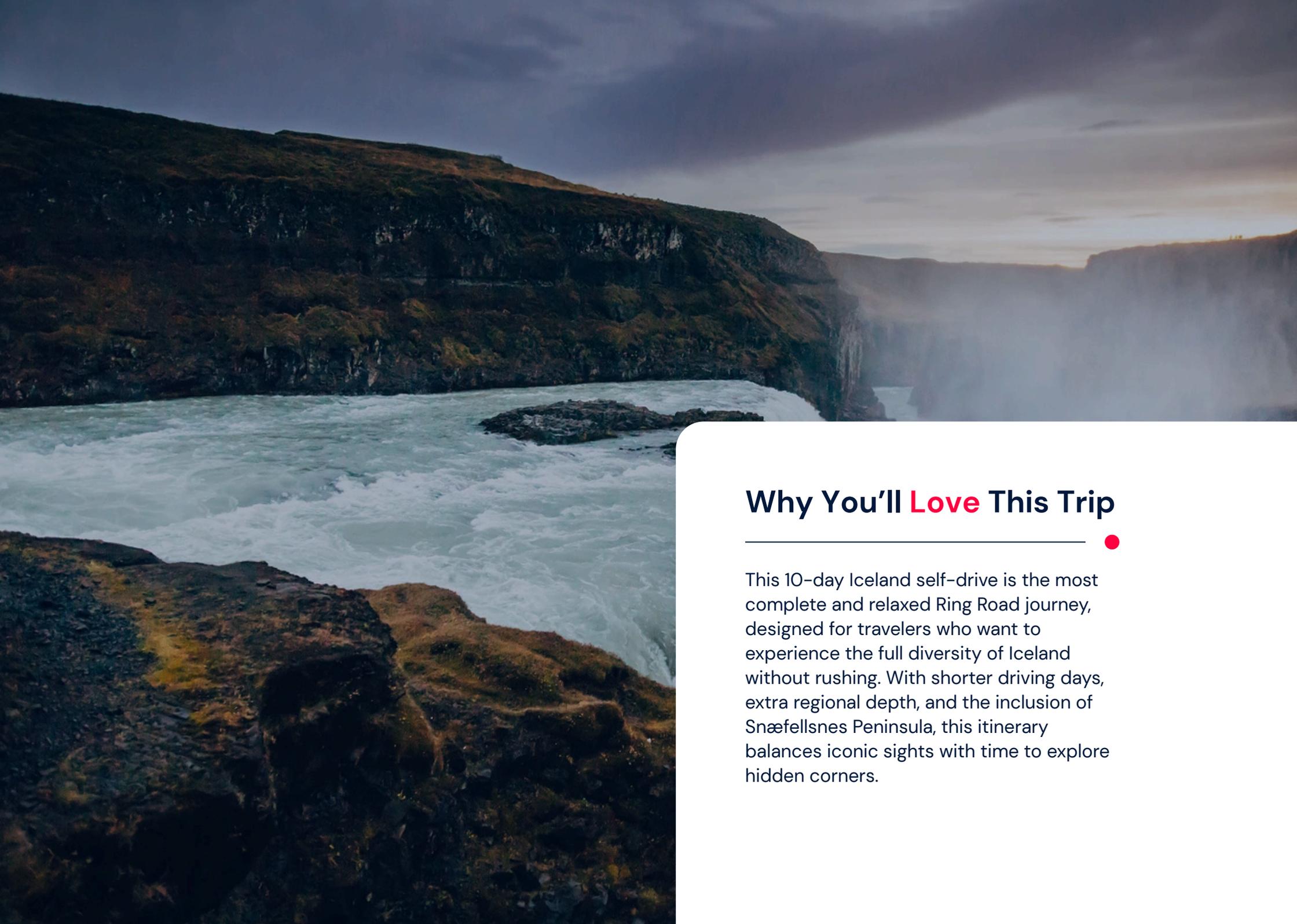
# Iceland Grand Ring Road Self-Drive

Keflavík | Reykjavík | Vík í Mýrdal | Höfn | Egilsstaðir | Mývatn | Akureyri  
Borgarnes | Snæfellsnes

10 Days | 9 Nights

**Travel style:**

Independent self-drive with scenic highlights and optional guided experiences



## Why You'll **Love** This Trip

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This 10-day Iceland self-drive is the most complete and relaxed Ring Road journey, designed for travelers who want to experience the full diversity of Iceland without rushing. With shorter driving days, extra regional depth, and the inclusion of Snæfellsnes Peninsula, this itinerary balances iconic sights with time to explore hidden corners.

# What You'll Experience

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Iceland's most complete and relaxed Ring Road journey, featuring glaciers, waterfalls, fjords, volcanic landscapes, and the Snæfellsnes Peninsula at an unhurried pace.

You will:

- Complete Ring Road journey at a comfortable, unhurried pace
- Golden Circle and South Coast highlights
- Glaciers, iceberg lagoons, and volcanic landscapes
- Eastfjords coastal scenery and mountain passes
- Diamond Circle and North Iceland wonders
- West Iceland valleys and waterfalls
- Snæfellsnes Peninsula, often called "Iceland in Miniature"



**Your Journey**  
(DAYS 1 - 10)



## DAY 1 – REYKJAVIK

Arrival in Iceland and your first scenic drive through volcanic landscapes toward the capital.

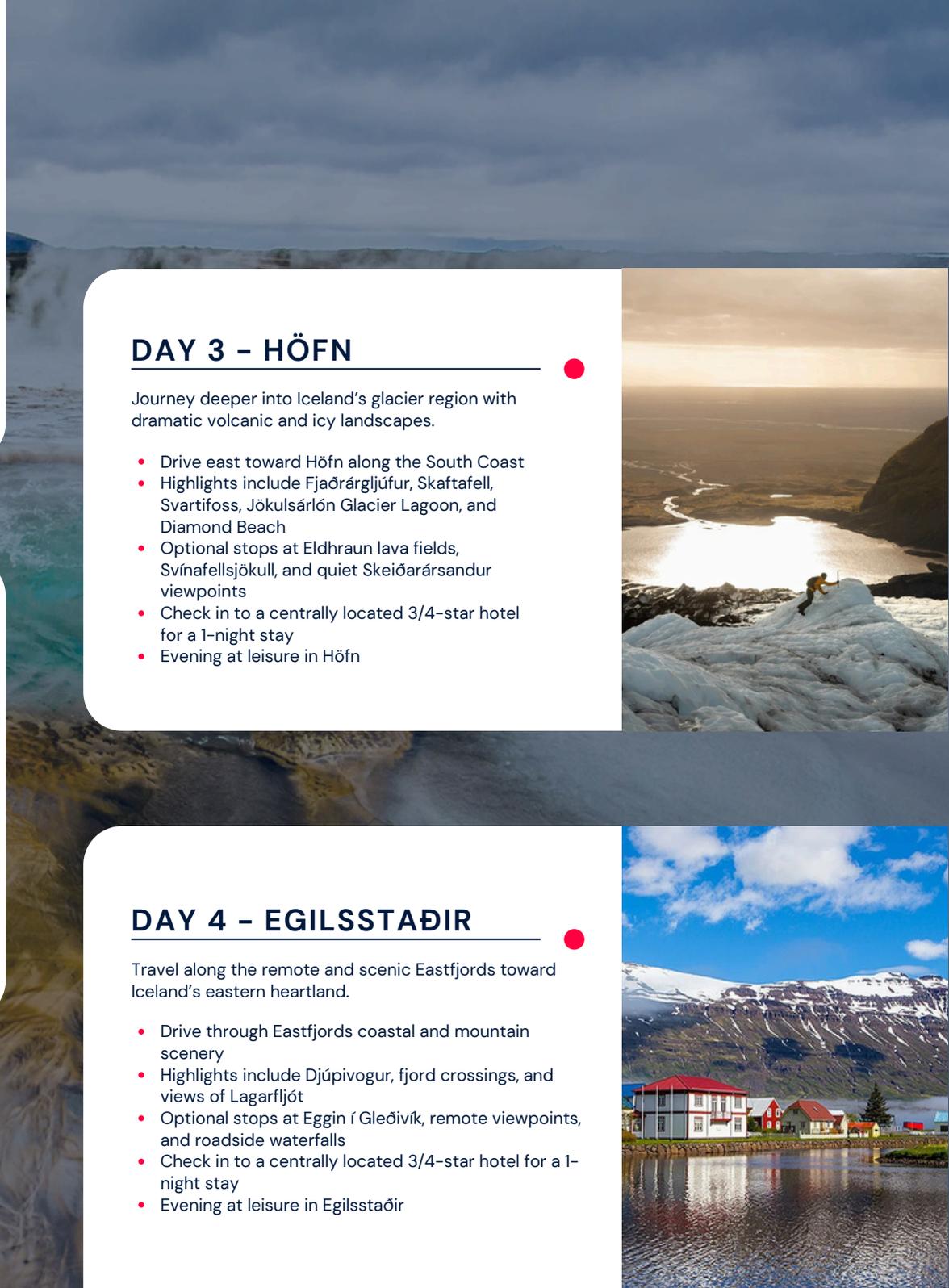
- Arrive at Keflavík International Airport
- Pick up your 4x4 rental car with basic insurance included
- Drive to Reykjavík with optional stops along the Reykjanes Peninsula
- Check in to a centrally located 3/4-star hotel for a 1-night stay
- Time at leisure in Reykjavík



## DAY 2 – VÍK Í MÝRDAL

A full day of iconic sights as you combine the Golden Circle with the dramatic South Coast.

- Drive via the Golden Circle toward Vík í Mýrdal
- Highlights include Þingvellir National Park, Geysir, Gullfoss, Seljalandsfoss, Skógafoss, and Reynisfjara
- Optional stops at Kerið, Gljúfrabúi, and Dyrhólaey viewpoints
- Check in to a centrally located 3/4-star hotel for a 1-night stay
- Evening at leisure in Vík



## DAY 3 – HÖFN

Journey deeper into Iceland's glacier region with dramatic volcanic and icy landscapes.

- Drive east toward Höfn along the South Coast
- Highlights include Fjaðrárgljúfur, Skaftafell, Svartifoss, Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon, and Diamond Beach
- Optional stops at Eldhraun lava fields, Svínafellsjökull, and quiet Skeiðarársandur viewpoints
- Check in to a centrally located 3/4-star hotel for a 1-night stay
- Evening at leisure in Höfn



## DAY 4 – EGILSSTAÐIR

Travel along the remote and scenic Eastfjords toward Iceland's eastern heartland.

- Drive through Eastfjords coastal and mountain scenery
- Highlights include Djúpivogur, fjord crossings, and views of Lagarfljót
- Optional stops at Eggin í Gleðivík, remote viewpoints, and roadside waterfalls
- Check in to a centrally located 3/4-star hotel for a 1-night stay
- Evening at leisure in Egilsstaðir





## DAY 5 – MYVATN

Cross Iceland's highland-edge landscapes toward the volcanic north.

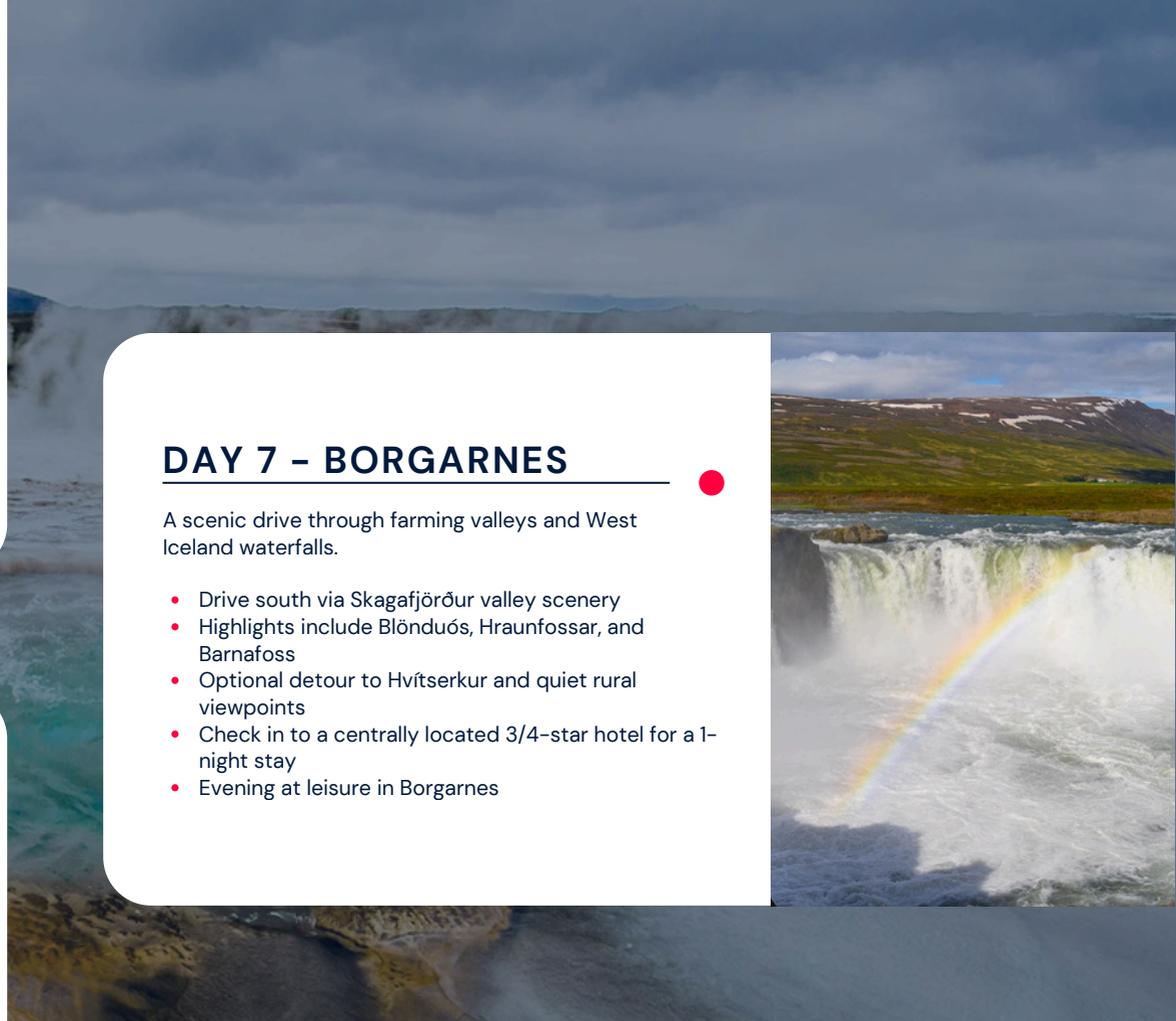
- Drive north via Möðrudalsöræfi
- Highlights include Dettifoss (west side recommended) and the Lake Mývatn area
- Optional stops at Stuðlagil Canyon, Grjótagjá, and Hverir geothermal area
- Check in to a centrally located 3/4-star hotel for a 1-night stay
- Evening at leisure in Mývatn



## DAY 6 – AKUREYRI

Explore the Diamond Circle before reaching Iceland's northern capital.

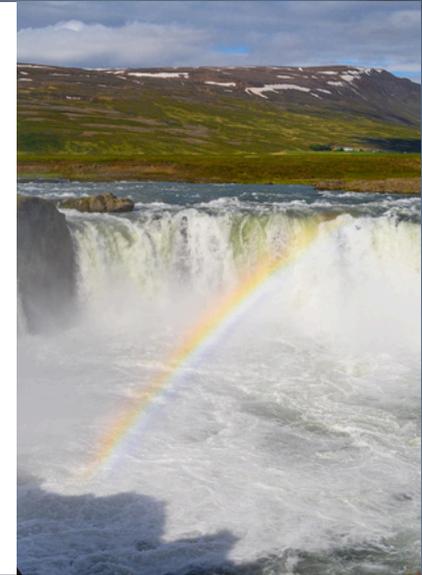
- Drive toward Akureyri via the Diamond Circle
- Highlights include Dettifoss, Ásbyrgi, Húsavík, and Goðafoss
- Optional stops at Krafla, Hljóðaklettur, and volcanic landscapes
- Check in to a centrally located 3/4-star hotel for a 1-night stay
- Evening at leisure in Akureyri



## DAY 7 – BORGARNES

A scenic drive through farming valleys and West Iceland waterfalls.

- Drive south via Skagafjörður valley scenery
- Highlights include Blönduós, Hraunfossar, and Barnafoss
- Optional detour to Hvítserkur and quiet rural viewpoints
- Check in to a centrally located 3/4-star hotel for a 1-night stay
- Evening at leisure in Borgarnes



## DAY 8 – SNÆFELLSNES

Discover the dramatic landscapes of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula.

- Drive west toward the Snæfellsnes Peninsula
- Highlights include Ytri Tunga, Búðir, Arnarstapi, and Kirkjufell
- Optional stops at Lónrangar and secluded coastal coves
- Check in to a centrally located 3/4-star hotel for a 1-night stay
- Evening at leisure on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula





## DAY 9 – REYKJAVIK

A scenic coastal return to the capital.

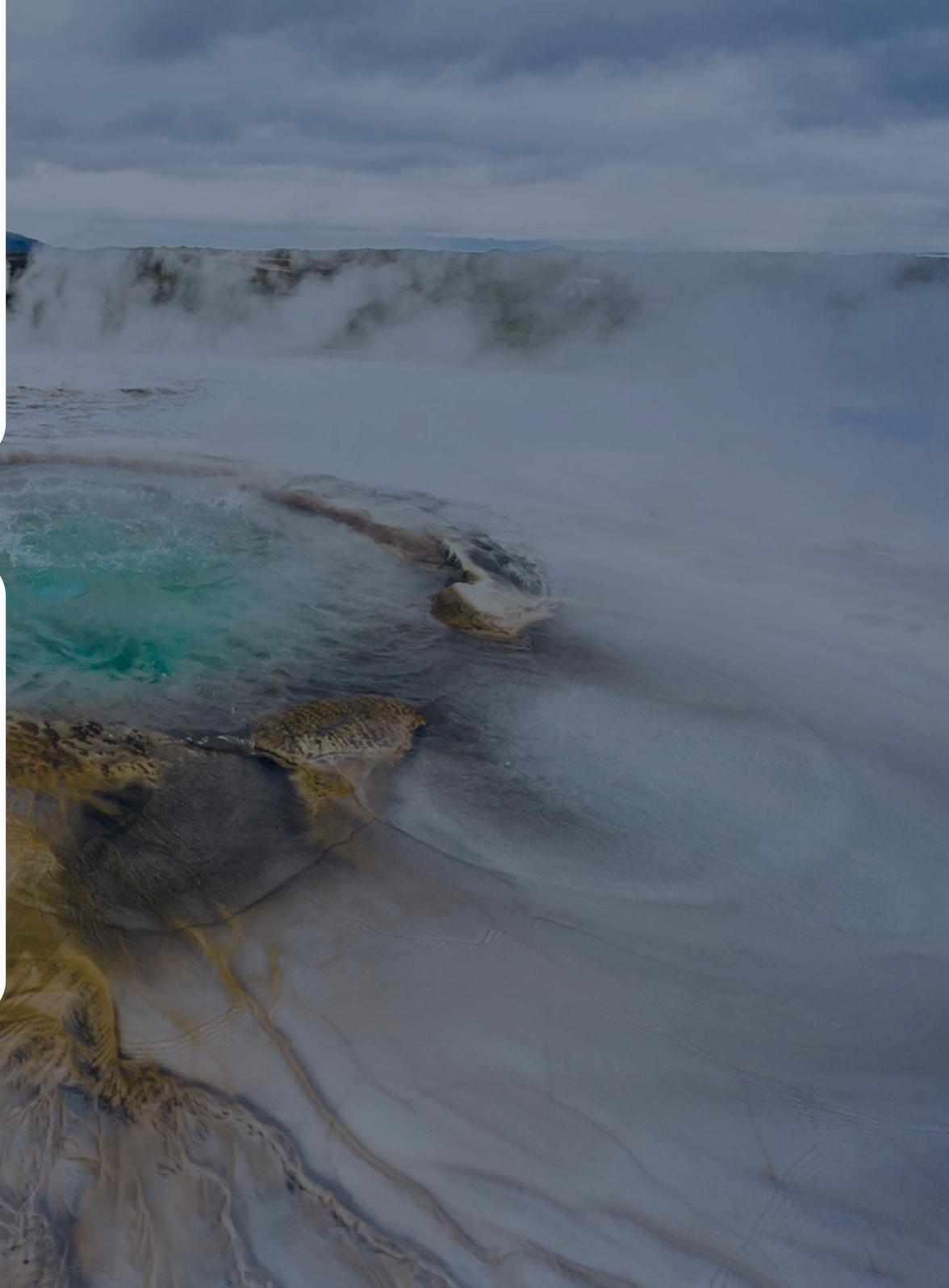
- Drive south toward Reykjavik
- Highlights include Kirkjufell, Arnarstapi, Snæfellsnes coastline, and Borgarnes
- Optional stops at Hvalfjörður viewpoints and West Iceland pull-offs
- Check in to a centrally located 3/4-star hotel for a 1-night stay
- Evening at leisure in Reykjavik



## DAY 10 – DEPARTURE

A short final drive through the Reykjanes Peninsula before departure.

- Drive to Keflavík Airport
- Optional stops along the Reykjanes Peninsula and coastal viewpoints
- Return your rental car at the airport
- Departure home



# What is Included

- **9 nights accommodation** in centrally located 3/4-star hotels
- **Daily breakfast**
- **10-day 4x4 rental car**
  - **Basic car insurance**
- **Suggested driving routes**
- **Suggested highlights**
- **Suggested hidden gems**
- **Self guided experience**



# Make it Even More Special

Make your journey even more special with optional add-ons such as:

- Reykjavík city walking tour
- Northern Lights/Midnight Sun small-group minibus tour
- Katla Ice Cave Super Jeep tour from Vík
- Whale watching tour in Akureyri or Húsavík
- Blue Lagoon Comfort Package
- Extra hotel night in Reykjavík (arrival or departure)



# Good to *Know* Before You Go

- Driving times depend on weather and road conditions
- Winter weather can impact road access and visibility
- Always check daily road and weather updates
- Northern Lights sightings are natural phenomena and cannot be guaranteed

# Is This Trip *Right* for You?

- Prefer independent travel with the freedom of a self-drive journey
- Enjoy road trips through scenic and varied landscapes
- Want to explore Iceland at your own pace
- Aim to cover the country's most iconic highlights

# General *Information*

## Best Time to Travel

- This itinerary operates year-round. Winter offers Northern Lights opportunities, while summer provides longer daylight hours for driving and sightseeing.

## Accommodation Style

- Centrally located 3/4-star hotels are used throughout the itinerary, offering comfort, convenience, and daily breakfast. Accommodation is selected to allow easy access to dining and sightseeing along the route.

## Pace & Physical Level

- This self-drive journey is designed at a comfortable pace with flexible driving days. Suitable for travelers comfortable with winter driving conditions when traveling between October and April.

# What is *Not Included*

- Flights, unless otherwise stated
- Airport taxes, city taxes, and local tourism fees payable on-site
- Optional activities and upgrades not listed as included
- Personal expenses such as fuel, tolls parking fees and meals, drinks, and souvenirs not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance and personal insurance
- Tips and gratuities, unless explicitly stated