

# The Best of South Iceland

An innovative independent escorted tour  
With choices for independent travelers

**7 days Visiting the Best of South Iceland**  
**Choice of accommodations**  
**Free time or optional guided sight-seeing**



2016

South Iceland attractions range from the world famous Blue Lagoon with its hot water and its spa and restaurant, to the iceberg filled lagoon at Jokulsarlon, to Iceland's southeast corner with black lava sand beaches and sea stacks. The double waterfall at GullFoss, bubbling, steaming and spouting geothermal wonders at Geyser and the history and geology of Thingvellir comprise the trio of the Golden Circle. And there are more wonders you'll discover on this Best of South Tour.



**The Best of South Iceland lives up to its name!**

**Anyone with a sense of adventure and in reasonable health can enjoy this tour!**

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## Best of South Iceland

### Friday, Day 0:

leave N America on an Icelandair flight

### Saturday, Day 1:

#### Welcome to Iceland

Early arrival in Iceland. You'll take the flybus to your hotel in Reykjavik, and have the day to explore. Lots of great places to eat, enjoy, relax.)

### Sunday, Day 2:

#### ÞJÓRSÁRDALUR

Travelers on the Best of South Iceland, join the rest of the group for days 8-13.

You'll head a bit inland today, through lava-shaped landscape near the famous volcano Hekla. Traveling past farms and hills, you'll go to Hjalparfoss waterfall, and the Viking farm ruins of Stöng and hike through a lush rift zone to the waterfall Gjáin that appears like an oasis in this moon landscape.

### Monday Day 3:

#### South Shore

Lots to take in — visit the glaciers, waterfalls, bird cliffs and lava beaches of South Iceland. You will have free time for an optional glacier walk or visit Skogar together with the guide.

*Tour option: Glacial trek: if you've ever wanted to really experience a glacier, well, today's the day. There's an option for a 3 hour trek across the glacier Solheimajokul, with good guides, and all necessary equipment. Don't miss this! \$65*

### Tuesday, Day 4:

#### Westman Islands

Head offshore with a ferry trip to the volcanic Westman Islands. Here you can explore the village of Heimaey by foot, see lava from recent eruptions, perhaps see some of the millions of puffins that spend the summer here.

### Wednesday, Day 5:

#### Free day or Vatnajokull National Park option

There are hiking and riding options nearby and other tours as well or you can join your guide for a trip to the southern part of Vatnajokull National Park.

*Tour Option: Travel through Southern Iceland, across the glacial sands and outwash plain to Vatnajokull glacier. This is Europe's largest glacier, and there are lots of interesting activities. You can hike to where the basalt Svartifoss waterfall, travel alongside Iceland's highest mountains and to Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon with its floating icebergs. 12 hours \$190. Add about \$35 for boat ride.*

### Thursday, Day 6:

#### Golden Circle

Heading west, you'll take in the trio of wonders known as the Golden Circle — the original boiling water spout, Geysir, the double falls of Gullfoss and the historical and geological sights of Thingvellir National Park.

### Friday, Day 7:

#### Reykjanes, Blue Lagoon, Reykjavik

Lots to take in on this last day as you travel from South Iceland back to the capital. There' hot springs, impressive bird cliffs, a walk across the bridge between two continents, and lighthouses. There's also an optional visit to the world famous Blue Lagoon and a city tour of Reykjavik.

*Tour option: Blue Lagoon — Iceland's iconic hot water spot, it's a natural combo of hot mineral water and cold sea water. All natural if a bit tamed with comfy changing rooms, massages, and a nice café and great restaurant. \$60 for adults.*

### Saturday Day 8:

#### Time to say good bye ...

You'll have the morning to sleep, shop, swim, explore and then head back to Keflavik Airport for your flight home. It's hard to imagine that many others on your plane will have been able to see and experience as much as your Best of Iceland!

### More or Less

*In addition to the guided options offered on day 5 & 7 there are a nice array of short options that will be available for group members as they pass by. These are less involved than the guided options, but may add a lot to your enjoyment of the tour. We list a few options on the days they are available. Prices are approximate — but you'll be able to pay on the spot.*

**Nature fees:** There may be a new Nature Fee imposed by Iceland's government to support its many natural wonders. The fee will probably not be large but it will be an additional cost for travelers. Will know if/when details are settled!



**Important:** Good hiking boots, warm outdoor clothing, waterproof jacket and pants, hat, gloves and a towel are needed for this trip - we'll provide a gear list. All necessary specialized equipment for activities is provided..



This Blue Lagoon



Black sand and sea stacks



The icebergs and glacier at Jokulsarlon

### Best of Iceland Prices and Dates 2016

The Best of Iceland is available as a 14 day 13 night complete package with both North and South Iceland. It's also available as an 8 day /7 night Best of North Iceland or 8 day/7 night Best of South Iceland. Either option is good -- but of course the Complete package is the Best of the Best!

Price listed for single and per person double occupancy (pp/do)

**Ask about budget rooms with shared facilities**

### Best of South Iceland Many departures!!!

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Fri June 17      Sat Jun 25  
 Fri July 1        Sat July 9  
 Fri July 15      Sat July 23  
 Fri July 29      Sat Aug 6  
 Fri Aug 12      Sat Aug 20

Fri Aug 19      Sat Aug 27  
 Fri Aug 26      Sat Sept 3  
 Fri Sept 2       Sat Sept 10  
 Fri Sept 9      Sat Sept 17  
 Fri Sept 16     Sat Sept 24

#### Prices

per person double occupancy

3 star hotel **\$2,795**

4 star **\$3,820**

*ask about single occupancy*

**Print: Price includes** international airfare from the US east coast\*, airport transfers and any pre and post tour accommodations needed. The complete tour includes 13 nights in double rooms with breakfast in a choice of hotels, lots of guided touring, as well as some optional tours, some which can be pre booked while others are bookable during the tour. The Best of North and Best of South Iceland are the same as the Complete, except they include 7 nights in double rooms.

**\*Flights: Price includes** round trip airfare, including fuel surcharge and US departure taxes to Iceland, from Icelandair's east coast gateways - Boston, New York, Newark and Washington Dulles International. We can also book flights from Icelandair's other gateways: Minneapolis, Denver, Seattle, Portland, Anchorage, Toronto, Edmonton, and Halifax, which may add to the price. Not all gateways have daily departures but we can arrange additional nights' accommodations before or after your tour.

**\*Not included** are Travel Insurance, lunch – a stop will be made to purchase this every day. Dinners: not included but both towns offer an array of a la carte options, optional tours as mentioned in the itinerary

**Finest print.** Please note that our tour prices are subject to revision until you book your tour by making a deposit.

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