



## ICELAND WEST: SELF-DRIVE

REYKJAVIK | WESTFJORDS

7 DAYS  
from  
**\$1,999**

CAD\$, PP, DBL, OCC.

On this self-drive itinerary, travel along West Iceland and the varied landscapes of the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, a showcase of lava formations, geothermal activity and Viking Saga history. The remote Westfjords are the least populated area in Iceland and ideal for off-the-beaten-path encounters with extraordinary nature. The Westfjords specialize in extremes: steep mountains plunge into deep fjords, rugged seabird cliffs hang over delicate beaches, and steamy thermal pools that hide among flowering vegetation.

### TOUR OVERVIEW

- ▶ Total 6 nights accommodation in quality hotels and guesthouses, 4-Star accommodation in Reykjavik
- ▶ 6 day Car rental – Toyota Auris or similar, Automatic transmission including CDW, theft protection, unlimited mileage with GPS system
- ▶ Electronic travel package
- ▶ Icelandic breakfast daily
- ▶ Hotel taxes and service charges

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Snæfellsnes Peninsula rich Viking history
- Ferry ride across Breiðafjörður Bay
- Spectacular wildlife at Latrabjarg cliffs
- Eiríksstadir, the Viking Age home of Erik the Red
- Visit the therapeutic Blue Lagoon Geothermal Spa



**International airfare not included.**  
Minimum 2 passengers travelling.

Itinerary available from May - October 2016.  
Many other itineraries available.

Not valid during trade shows, Bank holidays and other special events. Blackout periods may apply.  
Pricing for other dates available upon request.

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**TOUR CODE: EU3116**

### Day 1

**REYKJAVIK – HVERAGERDI** Arrival in **Reykjavik**. Pick up your car at the airport and start your Iceland experience. Your travel package will contain everything you need to navigate this beautiful country. Head to the small town of **Hveragerdi**, located in the southern region of the country along Iceland's Ring Road. Hveragerdi is known for its horticulture and greenhouses which use volcanic hot springs to heat them.  
*Approximate distance: 128 km*

### Day 2

**MASSIVE CRATER – PEBBLE BEACHES – GLACIER-CAPPED VOLCANO** Travel along the western coast towards the **Snæfellsnes** peninsula. On the way, pass the perfectly formed lunar-like **Eldborg crater**. Explore the extraordinary variety of natural wonders along the peninsula from the rich birdlife at **Amarstapi sea cliffs** to pleasant hiking along the shiny pebble beach at **Djupalónssandur**. Throughout the day, get glimpse views of Snæfellsjökull glacier, the icy cone-shaped peak which covers a dormant volcano that last erupted in 250 AD.  
*Approximate distance: 250 km*

### Day 3

**STYKKISHOLMUR – BREIÐAFJÖRDUR – WESTFJORDS** Sail across **Breiðafjörður Bay**, home to more than 3,000 tiny islands inhabited with nesting seabirds and playful seals. Upon reaching the remote **Westfjords**, explore the area's main attraction, **Latrabjarg cliffs**. The remarkable 441m high sea cliffs are alive with millions of playful puffins, gannets, guillemots and razorbills, recognized as one of the greatest wildlife spectacles in the world. The cliffs make a stunning viewpoint to the beautiful beaches below during the Midnight Sun of summer. *Approximate distance: 155 km*

### Day 4

**PATREKSFJÖRDUR – BILDUDALUR – THINGEYRI – ISAFJÖRDUR** Travel across the spectacular Westfjords, keeping an eye out for thermal bathing springs hidden among the rugged heaths. At the **Dynjandi waterfall**, the thunderous power of the main cascade drops 100m off the edge of a mountain. En route, enjoy provincial charms in the fishing villages of **Thingeyri** before arriving in **Isafjörður**. Explore this honorary capital of the Westfjords, which has a real vibrancy and an endearing micro-culture created from years of isolation. *Approximate distance: 220 km*

### Day 5

**ISAFJÖRDUR – HOLMAVIK – STRANDIR – LAUGAR SÆLINGSDALUR** Navigate the numerous uninhabited inlets of **Isafjardardjup Fjord** with a beautiful coastline teeming with seals and bird life, towards **Holmavik village**. We recommend an excursion to the **Strandir coast**, one of the least visited corners of Iceland. This remote and desolate wilderness has an air of mystery, where you can hike the breathtaking moorlands, soak in natural geothermal pools and learn about ancient sorcery and witchcraft. End your day in the fertile green valleys of **Laugar Saelingsdalur**, an area rich in ancient Saga folklore and history.  
*Approximate distance: 360 km*

### Day 6

**LAUGAR SÆLINGSDALUR – BORGARFJÖRDUR – REYKJAVIK** Drive to **Eiríksstadir**, the Viking Age home of Erik the Red and birthplace of his son Leif Eiriksson who discovered North America. See the turf-covered replica of his longhouse and the adjacent excavation site where you can stand on Leif's doorstep and enjoy his same magnificent view overlooking **Haukadalur** valley. Heading through **Borgarfjörður**, visit **Hraunfoss waterfall** where the water shimmers from moss-covered lava into cerulean waters below, and **Barnafoss Falls** which have a mysterious secret to reveal. Be sure to stop at **Deildartunguhver**, Europe's most powerful hot spring where you can buy organic tomatoes grown using geothermal heat. Continue via **Hvalfjörður** (Whale) Fjord to Reykjavik. Return your car rental and check into your hotel. *Approximate distance: 290 km*

### Day 7

**REYKJAVIK – HOME** After breakfast at your hotel, check out. On the way to the airport, stop at the **Blue Lagoon**, one of Iceland's most popular attractions. This geothermal pool lies in the middle of a large and dramatic lava field. Stop for a swim in the inviting, rejuvenating and pleasantly warm mineral-rich water, reputed for its healing properties. An indoor pool and geothermal sauna are also on site. The Blue Lagoon's warm water and natural active ingredients like mineral salts, silica and blue green algae are the key to ending your magnificent journey relaxed. After your visit, transfer to the airport for your homebound flight.