

ICELAND - 'Fire & Ice'



Thank you for your interest in our Iceland adventure!

Our very first tour, when we just started up Explore360° in 2013, was on Iceland, and it's still our most favourite destination!

We have developed an awesome tour over the years that will lead you to places you normally wouldn't go quickly. The inner Highlands are only to be reached by 4WD, or an adventure motorcycle.

Iceland is an extraordinary country for riding your motorbike, on- and off-road, so adventure is guaranteed!

Below follows some information that you should know before we meet in Reykjavik.

Tour package.

Duration:	13 days (11 riding days)
Participants:	min 6 and max 12 riders
Pillion:	possible, depending on the riders skills

Type motorcycle:	your own ADV-bike* like: a Yamaha T700, Honda Africa Twin, BMW GS, Triumph Tiger, KTM 690/790/1090, Husqvarna 701, etc. with knobby tires and protection for an occasional fall.
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Or a rental bike (BMW GS) when you're not from Europe or don't have your own ADV-bike (see price section for more details).

support-vehicle:

We'll bring a 4WD car that will transport our luggage, food, tools, spare-parts and extra gasoline.

* your bike will be shipped by sea in a sealed container from UK (Immingham), Sweden (Helsingborg), The Netherlands (Rotterdam), Norway (Fredrikstad), Denmark (Aarhus), Germany (Bremerhaven) to Reykjavik in Iceland and back. You can ship your gear with the bike (strapped on it in a bag).

Riding abilities.

Am I good enough to join this tour?

First of all, you don't need to be a hard-core off-road/rally *expert* to join our tours. We have different levels and our Iceland tour is a level 2 tour (out of five).

You'll need experience with riding a motorcycle for at least 2 years and with riding on gravel. When a novice you need to join a (two) day off-road course on before hand (like [Off Road Skills](#) in Wales for example).

The days can be long, depending on many factors, so you have to be comfortable in most situations in order not to suffer fatigue too quickly.

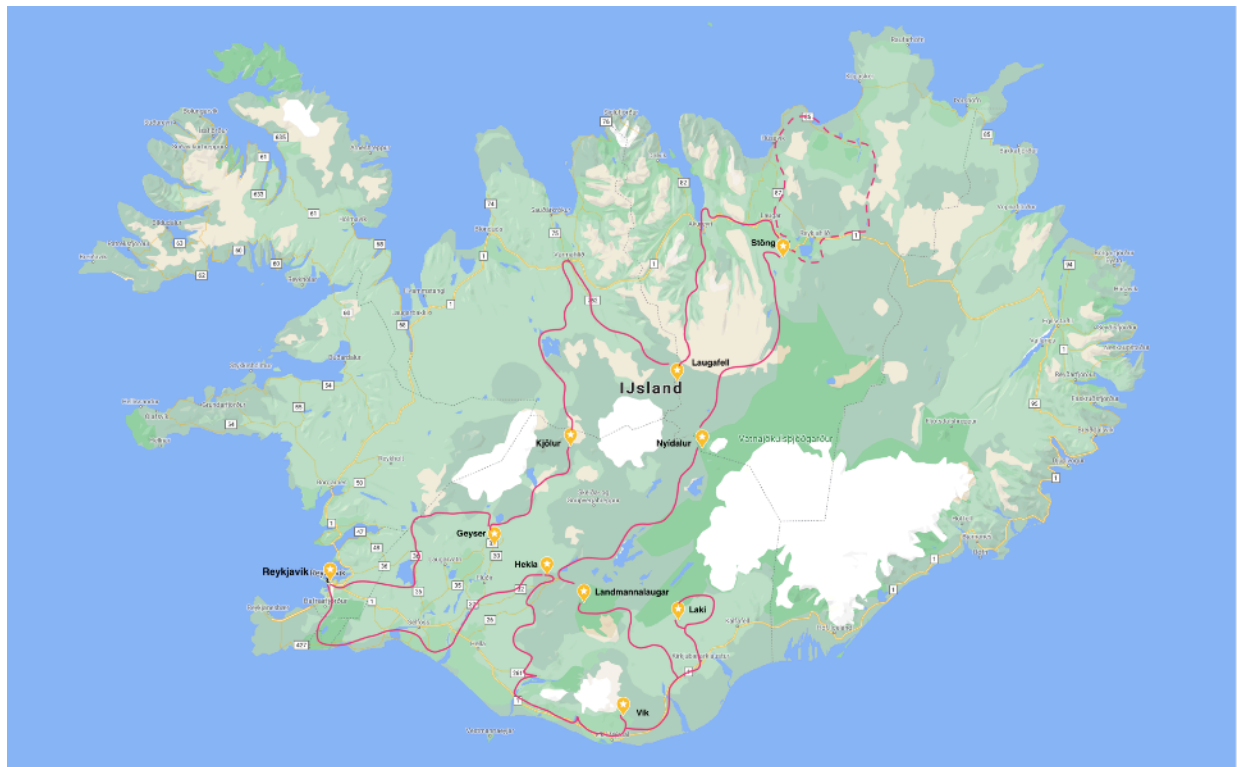
The pace is relaxed; it's not a competition. We are traveling and will take a break frequently. There will be time enough to take pictures, movies, rest etc.

On this tour we'll have a resting days (optional) to enjoy all the local cultural highlights and to refuel energy.

We do want to emphasise that you need to be healthy and in a good physical condition for our off-road tours. The riding, in combination with the weather can make it challenging en strenuous.



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Day	From - to:	Accommodation	Km.	Off-road:	Rivers
1	Home - Reykjavik	Hostel	-	-	-
2	Reykjavik – Hekla	Cabin	220	40%	0
3	Hekla - Vik	Small cabins	210	60%	2
4	Vik - Laki	Mountain hut	150	70%	4
5	Laki - Landmannahellir	Mountain hut	160	85%	8
6	Landmannahellir - Nýdalur	Mountain hut	185	100%	3
7	Nýdalur - Stöng	Guesthouse	170	100%	2
8	Stöng (resting day)	Guesthouse	TBD	(TBD)	0
9	Stöng - Laugafell	Mountain hut	175	70%	2
10	Laugafell - Kjölur	Mountain hut	200	100%	3
11	Kjölur - Geyser	Mountain cabin	120	75%	2
12	Geyser—Reykjavik	Hostel	165	40 %	0
13	Keflavik airport - home	-	-	-	-



PRICE TOUR PACKAGE *

Price rider (own bike):		€ 4695
Price pillion/passenger car:		€ 2695
Rental motorcycle (11 days):	BMW 750 GS	€ 2475
	BMW 1250 GS	€ 3575
Single room supplement:		€ 350 (only at KEX and Stöng)

** All prices are per person and are subject to change depending on accommodations, shipping costs, etc. and applicable taxes, currency changes or VAT, etc.*

What's included?

- ✓ 13 days holiday with 11 riding days
- ✓ Transport of your motorbike by sea-container (only from pre-assigned harbours).
- ✓ Accommodation in guesthouses, hostel, cabins and mountain huts
- ✓ Very experienced guide on Iceland
- ✓ Guided tour on a glacier
- ✓ 4-WD support-vehicle (for luggage, food, gasoline, spare-parts etc.)

- ✓ Emergency equipment: repair-kit for punctures, tools, 1st Aid kit.
- ✓ Garmin inReach (GPS) emergency system
- ✓ Jerry-can for extra fuel
- ✓ Welcome drink first evening and a Explore360 welcome gift.
- ✓ Memories for a life-time. Guaranteed!

What's not included?

- Flight tickets to and from Iceland.
- Meals and (alcoholic) drinks. Breakfast is included at KEX and Stöng.
- Travel-, Medical- and Cancellation-insurance. Make sure you have checked and arranged this yourself.
- Transport from Keflavik Airport to Reykjavik by airport coach.
- Gasoline.
- Additional excursions/entry fees like whale watching, visiting 'Blue lagoon', etc.
- Travel-insurance (mandatory), transport- and cancellation insurance (recommended).
- Transport to/from the harbour in country of origin (shipping your own motorcycle).



WHAT TO BRING?

Some weeks before shipping your motorcycle we will send a separate instruction and packing list.

Especially those who will ride with their own motorcycle need to bring some extra equipment (spare-parts etc.), which they can transport on the bike in the sea-container.

Below you'll find a list with the most important items.

Shipping your own motorcycle by sea-container.

We will send you a separate instruction when shipping your own motorbike to Iceland. It needs some forms to be filled in, but when the *red tape* is done, it's just a matter of handing in your *precious one* in the harbour. On Iceland we will take care of it and pick your bike up in the harbour.

DOCUMENTS:

- **PASSPORT** valid for 6 months upon arrival. Please check Visa requirements for your country of origin, prior to travel.
- **DRIVER'S LICENSE** (Must be in English with a photo). Alternatively an accompanying official.
- **INTERNATIONAL DRIVERS LICENSE**. Not mandatory, check your foreign department.
- **MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE DETAILS** (including helicopter medevac). Bring the contact info and policy number of your insurance.
- **CREDIT CARD**: there are ATM's in most of the small towns and at gas stations. Payment with card almost everywhere (Visa/Master).
- **CASH** You can withdraw cash (Icelandic Kroner) already on the airport.
- **VISA**: For EU-members not needed. Non-EU: please check with your Foreign Affair Authorities.



MEDICAL / VACCINATIONS.

Please contact your local health authority for which vaccinations are needed/mandatory. This varies per country.

COVID-19

Iceland dropped most restrictions when it comes to handling COVID-19. The latest regulations and restrictions you can read on the following website: www.covid.is

Medicines. Don't forget your personal medicines.

ROAD TRAVEL ON ICELAND

Iceland has not an extensive road infrastructure. The ring road (which is mostly tarmac) was only finished in 1973 and lots of roads are (well-prepared) gravel roads.

The Highlands have so called F-roads. F stands for *Fjäll* which means mountain in Scandinavian languages, and many are only passable by 4WD and dual-sport motorcycles. Most F-roads are in good condition, but there are a few exceptions, and we know some great other tracks – yeahhh!

Off-road riding.

Is strictly FORBIDDEN in Iceland! (With off-road wem mean off the gravel roads/tracks). It damages natures in such way that tracks can be seen for many years after causing. So off-road riding is strictly forbidden and can lead to high fines!

But don't worry. We have enough routes/tracks that will challenge you!



Traffic. In Iceland the traffic is on the right-hand side and very organised. Especially in the Highlands you will not meet many cars.

The risk hitting a sheep is much higher..

Speed limits. Keep an eye out for the designated speed limit (especially in villages) as these may vary depending on road conditions and law enforcement does take place next to the road.

Driver's license: You should bring a valid driver's license issued in your own country. No International drivers license is needed for most countries.

Fuel: Fuel is not included in the tour price and we will refuel with the whole group at gas stations. We'll bring an extra jerry can with fuel for emergency reason when up in the Highlands.



GENERAL USEFUL INFORMATION

Iceland.

Iceland is a Nordic island country between the North Atlantic and the Arctic Ocean. It has a population of 339,529 and an area of 103,000 km² (40,000 sq mi), giving the island the lowest population density of any country in Europe. The capital and largest city is Reykjavík. Reykjavík and the surrounding areas in the southwest of the country are home to over two-thirds of the population. Iceland is volcanically and geologically active. The interior consists of a plateau characterised by sand and lava fields, mountains and glaciers, while many glacial rivers flow to the sea through the lowlands. Iceland is warmed by the Gulf Stream and has a temperate climate, despite a high latitude just outside the Arctic Circle.

TIME: UTC/GMT +0

CLIMATE/WEATHER

In Iceland they say: *"Bad weather? Just wait 5 minutes!"*

Weather conditions can change swiftly on Iceland and it can be cold, rainy and windy or warm and sunny and everything in between, and all in one day!

The average temperature in the summer is around 12 C. Good waterproof (rain)gear is essential for keeping you dry & warm, so you can still have fun while riding even though the weather is not that good.



CURRENCY

Icelandic Kroner (ISK).

The value is 1000 ISK = 68,8 SEK / 6,8 € / 8.2 US\$ (May 2022)

ATM.

There are cash machines at the airport, in towns and gasoline stations available where you can withdraw Icelandic Kroners (ISK).

KITTY.

We will create a kitty, a common wallet, where we pay food and drinks from, which we bring with us in the support vehicle. We have to do grocery shopping several times during the tour. Be aware that Iceland is one of the most expensive countries when it comes to food and alcohol, so once the Kitty is empty we'll fill it up again.



ACCOMMODATION - FOOD

We will stay mainly in (basic) cabins when up in the Highlands, far away from the touristy ring-road and often on amazingly beautiful places.

Some of them are very basic and have no electricity (power pack!).

A hot shower is available in all of them to fresh up after a long day in the saddle. Some have a hot-spring or a hot-tub.

Sleeping is either on mattresses in bunk beds, often on one big space/room, so bring a set of ear-plugs! (besides a sleeping bag and inflatable pillow)

Because there are no restaurants up in the Highlands, we'll bring our own food and drinks for making dinner and breakfast ourselves. Your help is highly appreciated and contributes to the team-spirit!

WATER.

Water in Iceland is very clean and safe to drink. It's actually one of the cleanest in the world. You can even drink from (some) clear-water rivers and streams!



ELECTRICITY

In Iceland the power sockets are of type F.

The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

Again: not all cabins/huts do have electricity so bring a power-bank.

Wi-Fi/INTERNET. Wi-Fi is available in the hotels and guesthouses, but not in all the cabins up in the Highlands.

To call/roam from Iceland can be expensive (when coming out of EU).

Bring an extra phone and buy a pre-paid sim-card (including internet) for € 20 to call, send a message or use internet (4/5 G almost all over the island).



MISCELLANEOUS.

TRAVEL SUITCASE / SOFT-BAG.

When traveling with all your gear you can bring a big suitcase. This one you can leave in KEX (in a storage) where we stay upon arrival and when we come back to Reykjavik. For during the tour, please bring a **waterproof soft-bag** (50 litre maximum) which we bring on the trailer or flat-rack of the car.

GETTING FROM / AND TO THE AIRPORT:

Keflavík International Airport (KEF) is located about 50 kilometres southwest of the capital. It is a 45-minute drive from Reykjavík. Iceland has no train system so your only options are on four wheels.

Flybus+: The Flybus+ is operated every day, all year long, in connection with all incoming flights. Upon exiting customs there's a small ticket office to the right. There's also a ticket automat next to the terminal exit. The buses will be waiting just outside the exit. Credit and debit cards are accepted. The Flybus+ drops its passengers off at some of the major hotels and guest-houses in Reykjavík with a last stop at Reykjavík bus station.

The main stop is BSI Bus Terminal, in the centre of Reykjavik. Transfers are available from BSI Bus Terminal to most major hotels. The Flybus+ driver will ask you to board a smaller bus for these hotel transfers. Pick-up for the Flybus+ is available on request from KEX, and should be booked at the reception the evening before. Please check the correct pick-up times from the reception staff if your accommodation provides this service.

Websites:

www.flybus.is and www.re.is

Taxi: The taxis are parked outside the terminal but ordering beforehand is never a bad idea. Rates are high!

HOTEL ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE: We will stay in KEX hostel (in twin rooms) in the centre of Reykjavik. An eclectic place with a great bar and restaurant and they have often live music. We will also come back and stay here the last night before going home.

Contact info KEX:

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101 Reykjavík Iceland

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