

ICELAND - BLACK EDITION



Gravel tracks, sandy tracks, rocky tracks. It will all come by.

Ten years after we did our very first tour (on Iceland) we decided to make a special one; the *Iceland - Black Edition*. Like the colours on ski pistes (blue, red, black), this tour has tougher routes, more difficult rivers to cross and is for *experienced* and *skilled* off-road riders.

Tour package.

Duration:	11 days (9 riding days).
Participants:	Min. 6 riders, no pillions.
Type motorcycle:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- ADV-bikes like a Yamaha T700, Honda Africa Twin, BMW GS, Triumph Tiger, KTM 690/790/890/1090, Husqvarna 701, etc.With knobby tires and protection for an occasional fall.- 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 for luggage, food, tools, spare-parts and extra gasoline

Shipping motorcycle.

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

Riding abilities.

Am I good enough to join this tour?

This tour is designed for *experienced* riders. The tracks we plan to ride daily are longer, more difficult and the average speed will be higher than during the normal '*Fire & Ice*' tour.

We have different levels and the Black Edition tour is a level 3/4 tour (out of five). You'll need to be comfortable with travelling on a motorcycle for several days in a row, and with riding on gravel almost all day. Preferably you have experience with riding sand, loose rocks and crossing rivers.

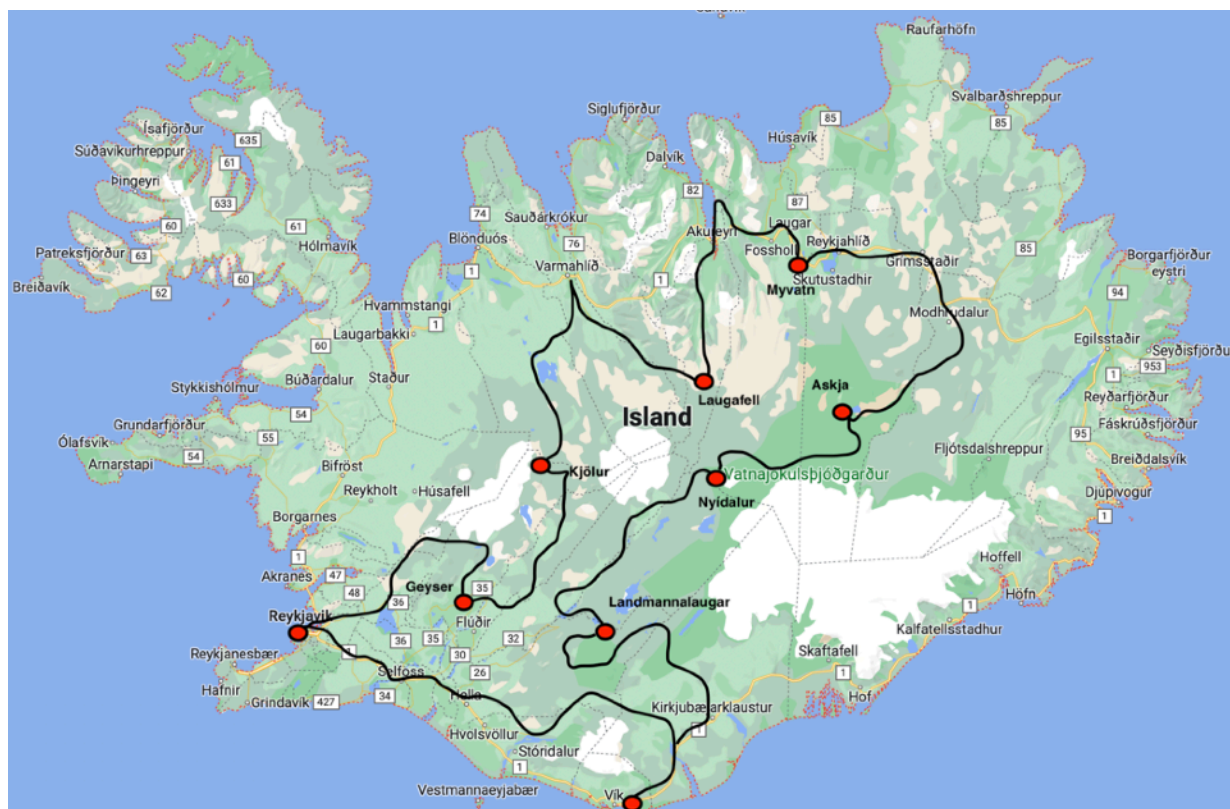
Either experienced in enduro/MX/ADV riding, or you should have joined a two-day off-road course like [Off Road Skills](#) in Wales on level 3 / *advanced* level. The days can be long, depending on many factors, so you have to be comfortable in most situations in order not to suffer fatigue.

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



Many rivers to cross

ITINERARY:



Itinerary / routes can be changes due to weather, availability, etc.

Day:	From - to:	Accommodation:	Off-road:
1	Home - Reykjavik	Hostel	-
2	Reykjavik – Vik	Small cabins	50%
3	Vik - Landmannalaugar	Mountain hut	80%
4	Landmannalaugar - Nýdalur	Mountain hut	90%
5	Nýdalur - Askja	Mountain hut	100%
6	Askja - Myvatn	Guesthouse	80%
7	Myvatn - Laugafell	Mountain hut	60 %
8	Laugafell - Kjölur	Mountain hut	90%
9	Kjölur - Geyser	Cabin	90%
10	Geyser—Reykjavik	Hostel	50 %
11	Keflavik airport - home	-	-

PRICE TOUR PACKAGE *

Price rider (on own bike):	€ 4650
Rental motorcycle (9 days BMW 1250 GS):	€ 3060
Single room supplement (only at KEX and Stöng):	€ 300

** 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?

- ✓ 11 days holiday with 9 riding days
- ✓ Transport of your motorbike by sea-container (only from pre-assigned harbours).
- ✓ Accommodation in guesthouses, hostel, cabins and mountain huts
- ✓ 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-cans with extra fuel (for smaller bikes like KTM 690 and Husqvarna 701)
- ✓ Explore360 welcome gift.
- ✓ Memories for a life-time. Guaranteed!

What's not included?

- Flight tickets to and from Iceland.
- Meals and (alcoholic) drinks.
- 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 "the 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.

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.



Gear/clothes:

- **Sleeping bag (and inflatable pillow)** Please bring a sleeping bag and (inflatable) pillow for the nights in cabins. The cabins are heated, so a thick 4-season sleeping bag is not needed, a 2-season will do.
- **Waterproof soft-bag.** You'll leave your big hard suit-case in the storage at KEX and bring a soft-bag (like 60 litre) for bringing your personal clothes during the tour. It might be transported on the roof-rack or trailer, so that's why it needs to be water-proof.
- **Protective riding gear** (suit, helmet, gloves, etc.). The temperature can fluctuate between 5 Celsius and 25 C° (that's a heat wave in Iceland!). Prepare for cold and wet weather.
- **Boots.** Bring hard (enduro)boots with ankle protection. It will save your leg/ankle! (and your holiday). In combination with *Sealskinz* socks (see below) this works very well to keep your feet dry and warm.
- **Warm/long woollen socks.** *Sealskinz* socks are waterproof. Woollen socks keep your feet warm. Crossing rivers will make your boots wet. Changing socks often (in combination with a plastic bag) will do the trick and keep your feet warm.
- **Rain gear /rain jacket.** Staying dry is key to keep your body temperature stable. Gore-Tex gear is recommended.

- **Warm/woollen underwear.** Merino is great material to keep you warm when cold and cooler when hot (and it doesn't smell bad after using some days!)
- **Casual wear** for evenings in the cabins and non-riding days. You don't need much as we're staying mostly up in cabins in the Highlands.
- **Warm fleece and woollen beanie.** Dress in layers, when riding and after during those cooler days/evenings.
- **Hydration back-pack.** Necessary very handy to prevent dehydration (even when it's cold). **Highly recommended!**
- **Camera.** These magnificent views you want to capture!
- **Headlight** (like Petzl). Some of the cabins have no electricity.
- **Power pack.** Electricity is not always available in the cabins so bring a power-bank as a back-up for charging you electronic equipment/phone. We can charge also in the car.
- **Travel towel.** Please bring a quick drying travel towel
- **Swimming trousers/bathing suit** You don't want to miss having a beer in the hot-springs!
- **Tank- or small (waterproof)tail-bag (when renting a bike).** If you'd like to bring some stuff on your bike (camera, rain-gear), please bring a small bag which you can strap on the back, or you can bring your own small tank-bag.
- **ROK-straps/bungee cords.** If you'd like to strap something on the back of your bike, please bring (16 mm) ROK-straps. They are the best!
- **Your spirit for adventure!**



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!

Medical / vaccinations.

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

COVID-19

The latest regulations and restrictions you can read on the following website:
www.covid.is

Medicines. Don't forget to bring your personal medicines (when applicable).

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 are only passable by 4WD, horses, bicycles 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.

With this we mean off the prepared F-roads and tracks. Riding off these tracks is strictly FORBIDDEN in Iceland! It damages nature in such a way that tracks can be seen for many years after causing, so off-road riding (is strictly forbidden and can lead to high fines! 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 see many cars.

The risk hitting a sheep is so much higher..

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

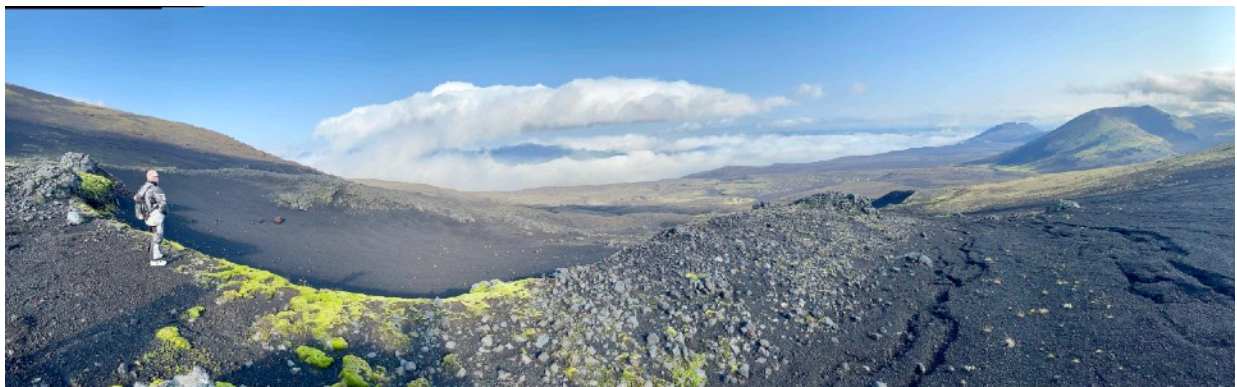
Driver's license: You should bring a valid driver's license issued in your own country.

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 332,529 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 (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 2021)

ATM.

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

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.

We will stay mainly in (basic) mountain huts/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 hot-tub ☺.



Sleeping is often in bunk beds in one big room, so bring enough ear-plugs. We'll bring our own food and drinks, there are no restaurants up in the Highlands, and we'll cook for ourselves. Your help is 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 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.

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

To call/roam from Iceland can be expensive.

Bring an extra phone and buy a pre-paid sim-card (including internet) for € 20 to call, send a message or use internet (3/4 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 star BSI, the Reykjavík bus station. From there you take a small mini-bus to your final destination.

Websites:

www.flybus.is and www.re.is

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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