

10-Day Iceland Northern Lights Road Trip

10 days · 6 stops · 2026-08-24

Embark on a **10-day Iceland Northern Lights Road Trip** with your friends, combining thrilling self-drive adventures and cozy stays in guesthouses and hotels, including a couple of luxurious nights. Experience the magic of the **Northern Lights**, explore iconic natural wonders like waterfalls, glaciers, and volcanic landscapes, and unwind in geothermal spas. This trip offers the perfect blend of **adventure, relaxation, and unforgettable memories** in the winter wonderland of Iceland.

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DAY 1–1

Reykjavik, Iceland

DAY 1–3

Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, is your gateway to an unforgettable winter adventure. Explore the vibrant city life, soak in the famous Blue Lagoon, and prepare for your Northern Lights chase. With cozy guesthouses and luxury hotels, Reykjavik offers the perfect blend of comfort and excitement for your trip.

ARRIVE · FLIGHT

YTO → KEF

10h 55m · 2 stops

\$1,642.04

STAY

Hotel Aska

29A Skipholt, 105 Reykjavík · 8.1

ITINERARY

Day 1 · Arrival and Relaxing Evening in Reykjavik · 2 experiences: Hallgrímskirkja, Messinn

Day 2 · Reykjavik City Exploration and Spa Relaxation · 5 experiences: National Museum of Iceland, Harpa (Reykjavik Concert Hall and Conference Centre), Kaffivagninn, Reykjavik: Sky Lagoon Entrance Pass With 7-Step Spa Ritual, Aurora Reykjavik (Northern Lights Center)

Day 3 · Cultural Morning and Departure to Golden Circle · 3 experiences: Sun Voyager, Kolaportid Flea Market, Reykjavik Roasters

Golden Circle, Iceland

DAY 3–5

The Golden Circle is a must-see route in Iceland, featuring stunning geysers, powerful waterfalls, and the historic Þingvellir National Park. It's a perfect day trip from Reykjavik and offers a great introduction to Iceland's unique landscapes. In January, the snowy scenery adds a magical touch, and it's also a good spot to try spotting the Northern Lights in the evening.

ARRIVE · CAR

Reykjavik → Golden Circle

44m

STAY

Torfhús Retreat

Dalsholt, 801 Selfoss · 9.4

ITINERARY

Day 3 · Explore Thingvellir and Snorkel Silfra · 3 experiences: Thingvellir National Park, Silfra: Fissure Snorkeling Tour with Underwater Photos, Friðheimar

Day 4 · Discover Glymur Waterfall and Local Flavors · 2 experiences: Glymur, The Settlement Center

Day 5 · Morning Leisure and Departure to South Coast

South Coast, Iceland

DAY 5–8

The South Coast of Iceland is a must-visit for your winter trip, especially for Northern Lights hunting and self-driving adventures. You'll be mesmerized by the stunning glaciers, black sand beaches, and powerful waterfalls like Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss. This region offers a perfect blend of natural wonders and cozy guesthouses, with opportunities to enjoy a night or two in luxury accommodatio

ARRIVE · CAR

Golden Circle → South Coast

1h 56m

STAY

Hótel Skógafoss by EJ Hotels

Skógar, 861 Skogar · 8.6

ITINERARY

Day 5 · Arrival and Exploring Skógafoss Area · 3 experiences: Skógafoss, Skogar Museum, The Soup Company

Day 6 · Private South Coast Ice Cave and Black Sands Tour · 2 experiences: Private South Coast, Ice Cave, & Black Sands Tour, Black Beach Restaurant

Day 7 · Eyjafjallajökull Volcano and Local Exploration · 3 experiences: Eyjafjallajökull Volcano, Skógar Bistro, Sudur Vik

Day 8 · Departure Day and Travel to Akureyri

Akureyri, Iceland

DAY 8–11

Akureyri is Iceland's second-largest city and a fantastic base for exploring the north. Known for its charming town center, proximity to stunning winter landscapes, and excellent opportunities to see the Northern Lights, it offers a perfect blend of urban comforts and natural beauty. Don't miss the chance to relax in nearby geothermal pools and enjoy local Icelandic cuisine.

ARRIVE · CAR

South Coast → Akureyri

5h 42m

STAY

North Apartments Suites

24 Tryggvabraut, 600 Akureyri · 7.8

ITINERARY

Day 8 · Arrival and Relaxation in Akureyri · 1 experiences: Bryggjan Cafe

Day 9 · Northern Lights and Forest Lagoon Experience · 3 experiences: Kaffi Ilmur, Akureyri Botanical Garden (Lystigardur Akureyrar), Akureyri: Forest Lagoon & Northern Lights Tour

Day 10 · Whale Watching and Cultural Exploration · 4 experiences: Bláa Kannan, Akureyri: 3-Hour Classic Whale Watching Tour by Ship, Hof Cultural and Conference Center, Rub 23

Day 11 · Departure Day

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DAY 11–11

ARRIVE · FLIGHT

KEF → YTO

5h 59m · Direct

\$1,463.72
