

## Iceland Road Trip

		Type	Dist	Est Time
			Km	Hours
<b>Day 1 - SNÆFELLSNES PENINSULA</b>				
	<b>The Settlement Center</b> is a great stop in Borgarnes if you want to learn more about the settlement in Iceland and Egilssaga which took place around this area. \$25/person. one exhibit good background on history of iceland, other, about sagas. not recommended	Museum		1.00
	<b>Gerðuberg Basalt Columns</b> A beautiful big wall of Basalt columns. Definitely worth checking out.	View		0.50
	<b>Hellnar to Arnarstapi</b> Along the coast is a hiking path called Nedstavatn. This hike is a beautiful path of lava fields and stunning rock formations. The hike is about 2.5 km long, point-to-point, which takes about 1h to complete in one direction. When you arrive to Hellenar, you can grab a bite to eat at the Fjöruhúsið café (closed), a popular place to enjoy the view.	Hike	6.1	2.00
	<b>Viewed in Search of Sunset - Not Visited</b>			
	<b>Lóndrangar</b> You can see these peculiar rock formations from the main road but you can also drive down to Malarrif and take a short hike from there to the rock formations and back.	View/Hike		1.00
	<b>Djúpalónssandur Beach / Dritvík cove</b> From the parking lot, take the trail to the left of the bathrooms. This trail will wind down past a unique rock feature with a hole in it and ends at the black sand beach. Sprawled out along the beach are remnants of a shipwreck. The British trawler Epine wrecked here in 1948 and many oxidized pieces of the ship still remain on the beach today. On the right side of Djúpalónssandur a trail breaks off and winds up the cliff and over the lava fields to a nice view of the black sand beach as well as the Dritvík cove. Simply return back to Djúpalónssandur and up the trail past the rock with the hole in it to complete the hike.	View/Hike		1.00

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<b>Day 2 - Golden Circle</b>				
	<b>Þingvellir (Thingvellir) National Park</b> that is very important to the Icelandic people. This is where the Icelandic Parliament Alþingi was founded in 930 where the republic of Iceland was founded in 1944. It's also a UNESCO world heritage site because of it's unique nature and historic value.	Hike		3.00
	<b>Öxarárfoss Waterfall</b> If you go to Þingvellir you shouldn't miss this gem of a waterfall. You go into the park and park close to the camping lot. Then you walk over and behind a little hill (there's a trail) which will bring you to the waterfall	inc		
	<b>Flosagjá</b> If you don't want to go snorkeling in Silfra but you still want to see the clear blue waters that Þingvellir is known for you can go to Flosagjá. It's said that if you throw a coin into the water and make a wish your wish will come true. This might be a spot where atlantic and European tetonic plates come together	inc		
	<b>Geysir (Strokkur)</b> is a small area named after the biggest geyser in the area. Geysir no longer erupts but it's smaller brother, Strokkur, goes off every 5-7 minutes. Did not meet expectations	View		1.00
	<b>Gullfoss Waterfall</b> When you get to Gullfoss there are two ways to see the waterfall - from the parking lot down by the waterfall (Gullfoss Parking) or from the observation deck by the Gullfoss café.	View		1.00
	<b>Not Visited; Should have went to Secret Lagoon end of day</b>			
	<b>Faxi waterfall</b> is maybe not the most beautiful waterfall in Iceland but it's still really pretty and you can get much closer to it than Gullfoss. Thinks it's a gravel road.	view		0.50
	<b>Secret Lagoon Hot Spring Spa</b> - We have kept it natural and unique for our guests so they can get the true Icelandic feeling. The pool's natural surroundings and steam rising into the air gives the place a magical feeling. The warm water stays at 38-40 Celsius all year. In the whole area there are several geothermal spots and a little Geysir which erupts every 5 minutes, showing off for the guests relaxing in the hot spring. During winter, the northern lights often give a great lightshow above Secret Lagoon. What better way to view the spectacular light show overhead than relaxing in the pool's warm water? estmated \$30	Hot Spring		2+

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<b>Day 3 - Heading South</b>				
	<b>Seljalandsfoss Water Falls:</b> Right off the 1 on the left hand side, just about 45 minutes out of Reykjavik - you can't miss it. This is an awesome place to get sunrise/sunset and aurora photos. Get close and you'll get soaked! You can get some awesome shots in the cave behind it too.	View		1.00
	<b>Gjulfrafoss Waterfalls:</b> At Seljalandsfoss, there is a pathway with a bridge that crosses over the stream that Seljalandsfoss drops into. Walk along the pathway for about 200 meters and the pathway will end. Keep going until you come to another stream. You have to walk down to the water and then walk into the small canyon slot in the mountain to see this waterfall. Again, to see this thing you gotta get soaked. FUN!	View		1.00
	<b>Skogafoss Water Falls</b> You can drive all the way up to the parking lot at the bottom. One of the most popular waterfalls on South Coast	View		0.25
	<b>Fjaðrárgljúfur Canyon</b> This canyon is one of those places in Iceland that you don't find in any of the brochures. There is a little grassy walking trail along the side of the canyon, with dramatic views to the floor that would make even the most experienced climbers dizzy. The canyon is 100m tall. If you are in the Ring Road (Route 1) heading east towards Skaftafell, make a left on 206 towards Lakagígar (there is also a small sign for the canyon). Continue on the gravel road for about 2km and you will reach the parking area for the canyon. The road is gravel. (was closed)	Hiking	4	2.00
	<b>SystraFoss</b> - in Kirkjubaejarklaustri small waterfall in largest planted forest in all of Iceland. Special Sign at beginning of trail	View		0.50
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	<b>Foss á Síðu &amp; Dverghamrar</b> The waterfall is 30m tall and surrounded by basalt cliffs and farmland. Foss a Sidu is located about 11km east of Kirkjubaejarklaustur on Route 1. It is clearly visible from the road and there is a small parking area directly below the waterfall. A short way from Foss á Síðu Dverghamrar lie, peculiar and beautiful formations of columnar basalt.	View		1.00

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<b>Day 4 - Skaftafell National Park</b>				
	<b>Skaftafellsjökull (Close to Glacier)</b> The trail starts next to Skaftafell Visitor Centre and is well indicated. It is paved half the way, while the latter half has a fairly comfortable gravel surface. The trail ends in close proximity of Skaftafellsjökull glacier and you will get a good view of this impressive glacier. When heading back to the visitor centre it is possible to take an alternative route by turning left on the crossroads that you arrived at some 300 m before the end point (well indicated with signs).	Hike - Easy	3.7	1.50
	<b>Svartifoss - Sjórnarsker – Sel (Waterfall)</b> The trail starts next to Skaftafell Visitor Centre and is well indicated. The first 250 meters go through the campground but the trail then turns right and uphill. Follow the signs until you arrive at a viewpoint above the waterfall (140 m ascent in 1.5 km). Continue down into the ravine, across the footbridge, and climb up the basalt column steps on the other side of the ravine. Continue on this trail to the viewpoint at Sjórnarnípa, then head back towards the old turf house at Sel and then back to the visitor centre via Lambhagi.	Hike - Easy	5.5	2.00
	<b>Jokulsaron &amp; Fjallsárlón Glacier Lagoon</b> It's just off both sides of the road and a bridge drives over it - you wont miss it. If facing east, the lake is on the left side of the road and the beach is on the right.	View		0.50
	<b>Reynisdrangar - Black Sand Beach</b> offers an expansive view of the ocean and nearby cliffs. It gets its name from the small black pebbles that make up whats known as the "black sand" of the beach. There is a small cafe down by the water with delicious treats. Be careful here, the wind is usually very strong and there are plenty of warning signs about not going into the water due to the powerful waves created by the wind. Personally, I enjoyed walking left along the cliffs toward the town of Vik, there are plenty of boulders to climb around on to get some pretty cool shots of the cliffs and rocks in the water. Spotted Puffins and other sea birds all over cliffs. Enjoy!	View		1.00

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<b>Day 5 - Back to Reykjavik</b>				
	<b>Dyrhólaey Beach &amp; Light House</b> means “the hill-island with the door-hole”, which refers both to the height of the area, and the geologic features in the area. At 120 meters (360 feet) Dyrhólaey is a peninsula that is the highest point on the southern mainland. Dyrhólaey is located off 218, a single lane road that crosses both the lower area and the upper areas of the region; and ends in a parking lot in the upper region.	View		1.00
	<b>Kvernufoss Water Falls</b> Just past the Skogar Museum on your left, you'll see a warehouse/hangar building with two large garages. You can park your car here. From this point, continue east on foot down the road you came, past the warehouse on the left. You'll come to a metal farmer's gate, as seen in the last photo above. From here, make a left and follow the fence. You'll reach some old construction machinery, and it is here that you can climb a short ladder to safely go over the barbed wire fence. From here, walk east for a few hundred feet along the hillside until you reach a small river. Simply turn left again and follow the river upstream until you see the waterfall. You can actually walk behind this one. You will want to bring a raincoat, especially on windy days, as Kvernufoss gives off a lot of mist. Waterfall coordinates: 63°31'41.4"N 19°28'51.4"W.	Hike easy	1.2	0.75
	Would have liked to hike but was pooring rain. Sorry we didn't hike			
	<b>Reykjadalur</b> The trailhead to start your journey to the Reykjadalur hot river is located at the Hot River cafe near the town of Hveragerði. At about three quarters of the way there you will be able to see the river, stay to the left side as you continue to hike. Throughout the hike you will see several geothermal water holes (it is not advised to touch the water as it can reaching boiling temperatures) and amazing views the entire way. Where most people swim at the end of this hike	Hike	7.8	3