

Iceland: The great circumnavigation (M-ID: 4641)

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from €4,669.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

19 days

06/04/2024 - 06/22/2024 19 days

06/23/2024 - 07/11/2024 19 days

07/12/2024 - 07/30/2024 19 days

07/31/2024 - 08/18/2024 19 days

08/13/2024 - 08/31/2024 19 days

19-day motorcycle tour from/to Seyðisfjörður (incl. ferry from/to Hirtshals).

This island tour presents the highlights of Iceland! The route of this motorcycle tour starts in the east and leads to the west via the lonely Arctic Coast Way. Waterfalls, rugged coastlines, whales, seals, and funny puffins await you, as well as the wild and romantic Snæfellsnes peninsula, charming fishing towns, and the lively capital Reykjavík. One of the many highlights is the Golden Circle with the Gullfoss waterfall, the Strokkur hot spring, and the Þingvellir National Park. Here you have plenty of time to explore! Below the large glaciers, you return to the East Fjords. An island tour with an adventurous character!

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Tour character:

The stages of the island tour are manageable and variable on some days. A good mix of asphalt routes and gravel roads offers variety and fun on this motorcycle tour. There are optional detours here and there: on lonely gravel roads or challenging routes in the highlands of Iceland, but these should only be undertaken if you are an experienced rider and have a suitable bike.

You ride your own bike, which you can take with you thanks to the ferry journey.

Included: A dip in the turquoise waters of the Mývatn Nature Baths, a whale watching tour, and a Zodiac trip on a glacial lake.

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Highlights:

- Iceland with your own motorcycle
- Unique routes - fantastic panorama
- variable: some alternative route suggestions
- incl. ferry from/to Hirtshals
- with whale watching tour & Zodiac trip

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Tour itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival

Individual arrival in Hirtshals (Denmark), embarkation, and departure for Iceland (approx. 11.30 am). Overnight stay on

board.

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Day 2: At sea

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea. Overnight stay on board.

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Day 3: Seyðisfjörður - Reykjavíð (approx. 200 km)

Arrival by ferry in the morning (approx. 8.30 am). Then the adventure trip can begin! Ride along the ring road towards Lake Mývatn. Here you will have the opportunity to visit many of the most beautiful and famous natural wonders of the north-east: The pseudocraters at Skútustaðir, the bizarre lava formations Dimmuborgir, the bubbling mud springs at Námaskarð and the enormous tuff ring Hverfjall. Enjoy a dip in the turquoise waters of the Mývatn Nature Baths (included). After so many great impressions of nature, head for your first accommodation. Overnight stay in/near Reykjavíð.

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Day 4: Reykjavíð - Akureyri (approx. 80 or 130 km)

Pass the Goðafoss waterfall on the way to the capital of the north, Akureyri. A wide range of cultural attractions await you here, including museums and exhibitions and the beautiful botanical gardens. The Forest Lagoon can be visited on the way. If you want to ride a little further, take a detour via the small harbor town of Húsavík. Then comes a highlight: in Akureyri you can go whale-watching trip (included). Overnight stay in/near Akureyri.

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Day 5: Akureyri - Hvammstangi (approx. 215 km)

Today we head west - through the lonely Öxnadalur valley and over the Öxnadalshéiði Pass. In Varmahlíð there is an opportunity to get to know the Icelandic horses on a horseback ride or to swap the motorcycle for an inflatable raft for a rafting tour. Behind Varmahlíð is the historic Glaumbær peat bog farm, which invites you to step back in time. Overnight stay in/near Blönduós/Hvammstangi.

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Day 6: Hvammstangi - Stykkishólmur (approx. 170-200 km)
From Hvammstangi, the route continues over lonely plateaus and rugged coastal stretches to the enchanting harbor town of Stykkishólmur with one of the most beautiful marinas on the island. You will explore the Snæfellsnes peninsula thoroughly today and tomorrow because here we find all of Iceland's landscapes combined: glaciers, volcanoes, bird cliffs, seal banks, and lush green meadows. If you like mussels or seafood, Stykkishólmur is the place for you! Overnight stay in/near Stykkishólmur.

Day 7: Snæfellsnes peninsula (approx. 200 km)
The day is dedicated to the Snæfellsnes peninsula. If you wish, you can start the day with a boat tour to the bird cliffs on the offshore archipelago. Afterward, you will travel around the island to the black lava beach Djúparlónssandur, the fishing villages Arnarstapi and Hellnar and the lava cave Vatnshellir. Overnight stay in/near Stykkishólmur.

Day 8: Stykkishólmur - Reykjavík (approx. 170-270 km)
Today you continue from the solitude to the lively capital Reykjavík. A delightful contrast! On the way, you will visit the coastal town of Borgarnes with its Viking grave and the Settlement Museum. In Reykjavík, the Harpa Opera House and the old harbor with restaurants, cafés, and many excellent exhibitions await you. If you wish, you can also visit the Reykjanes peninsula with the Blue Lagoon in the afternoon. Overnight stay in Reykjavík.

Day 9: Reykjavík - Golden Circle (approx. 130-200 km)
Via the volcanic area of Hengill with its exciting hairpin bends, the route takes you around Lake Þingvallavatn and through Thingvellir National Park (Þingvellir). You will spend the night in the famous Golden Circle. If you wish, you can make a detour from Þingvellir into the highlands via the lonely Kaldidalur gravel road (then approx. 200 km). Overnight stay in the Golden Circle region.

Day 10: Golden Circle (approx. 20-170 km)
Today you have plenty of time to visit the main attractions in South Iceland, the Gullfoss waterfall and the bubbling hot springs in the Haukadalur geyser area. If you wish, you can also visit one of the geothermal bathing springs and/or take a detour to the highland resort of Kerlingarfjöll (then approx. 170 km). Overnight stay in the Golden Circle region.

Day 11: Golden Circle - Vík (approx. 170 km)
Through green farmland and beneath huge glaciers, you will travel along the south coast to the small town of Vík, situated on a wide black sand beach. On the way, the waterfalls Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss invite you to visit and at the glacier tongue Sólheimajökull you can go kayaking or take part in a guided glacier hike. Overnight stay in/near Vík.

Day 12: Vík - Skaftafell National Park (approx. 170-230 km)
We continue through the huge sand fields below the glaciers to the adventurous Skaftafell National Park. Protected by huge glacier tongues, a beautiful arctic birch forest has formed. A network of hiking trails, e.g. to the Svartifoss waterfall with its bizarre basalt columns, leads you to magnificent viewpoints. If you wish, you can make shorter or longer detours on lonely tracks into the highlands towards the Eldgjá volcanic fissure and/or the Laki volcanic crater (please note: highland route, gravel track, fords in places). Overnight stay in/near Skaftafell.

Day 13: Skaftafell National Park - Höfn (approx. 150 km)

Via a route below the Vatnajökull glacier, you head for Höfn, a small harbor town with a glacier panorama. Two glacier lagoons, each unique in its way, are the highlights of the trip today. On Diamond Beach, the icebergs are stranded and form shimmering works of art made of ice on the black lava beach. Another highlight: a Zodiac trip to the icebergs (included). Distance: 150 km Overnight stay in/near Höfn.

Day 14: Höfn - Fáskrúðsfjörður (approx. 210 km)
Today you travel through the lonely East Fjords. To the right lies the Atlantic Ocean, to the left lonely valleys open up with snow-capped mountains and countless waterfalls. In the village of Fáskrúðsfjörður, explore the fascinating history that connects this small town with France. Overnight stay in/near Fáskrúðsfjörður.

Day 15: Fáskrúðsfjörður - Egilsstaðir (approx. 110-180 km)
You ride across the country to the remote Wilderness Center, where you spend the night (almost) like in a museum. Horse riding, hiking, and the Wilderness Spa in the evening - that's how beautiful and lonely it is in Iceland! We invite you to visit the Wilderness Center (included)! If you want to ride more, you can take a detour to the small, remote fishing village of Neskaupsstaður. Overnight stay in the Egilsstaðir region.

Day 16: Egilsstaðir region (approx. 200-240 km)
There are two routes to choose from today: First via the basalt column gorge Stuðlagil and the museum farm Sæanautsel to Egilsstaðir (approx. 240 km, note: gravel roads on the way) by a more leisurely ride to the secluded coastal town of Borgarfjörður Eystri (approx. 200 km). A visit to the Vök geothermal baths should be included! Overnight stay in the Egilsstaðir region.

Day 17: Egilsstaðir - Seyðisfjörður (approx. 30 km)
A short ride from Egilsstaðir to Seyðisfjörður, where the ferry departs for home. Embarkation and departure (approx. 10.30 am). Overnight stay on board.

Day 18: Sea day
Spend a relaxing day at sea. Overnight stay on board.

Day 19: Arrival in Hirtshals
You reach the port of Hirtshals (approx. 12.30 p.m.), where your journey ends.

- Any times and dates mentioned are subject to change. -

Countries	Iceland
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Combo On-/Offroad
Vehicle	your own motorcycle
Tourguide / Coach	no (self-guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
	3 star hotel
	4 star hotel
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	yes, incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	no
Level of difficulty	medium
	difficult
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

Prices for bookings as of 01.02.2024:

Price per person in a double room and 2-bed inside cabin (rider)	€4,699.00
Price per person in a single room and 2-bed inside cabin (rider)	€7,469.00
Price per person in a double room and 2-bed inside cabin (pillion passenger)	€4,269.00

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Bookable options (surcharge):

Surcharge for outside cabin on the ferry/ferries	€330.00
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Early bird prices for bookings until 31.01.2024:

Price per person in a double room and 2-bed inside cabin (rider)	€4,669.00
Price per person in a single room and 2-bed inside cabin (rider)	€7,439.00
Price per person in a double room and 2-bed inside cabin (pillion passenger)	€4,239.00

Included

Ferry passages Hirtshals - Seyðisfjörður - Hirtshals in a 2-bed cabin inside with shower/WC (without on-board catering)

Motorcycle transport on the ferries

14 nights in hotels or guesthouses in a room with bath or shower/WC

Breakfast

Admission: Mývatn Nature Baths, Wilderness Exhibition

Whale watching tour

Zodiac trip on the glacial lake

Route description and GPS data (see more details)

Maps

one travel book per room

Not included

Everything not listed under services

Parking fees, toll if applicable, local tax if applicable (payable on-site)

More details

Arrival: Please note that the arrival and departure by ferry from/to Hirtshals (Denmark) and the motorcycle transportation on the ferry are already included in the price.

Catering on the ferries: On the ferries, meals are offered in the on-board restaurants - payable locally. For some ferry connections, we offer meal packages that can be booked in advance. These can be found under the optional services in the price section of the trip and can only be booked directly in connection with the trip; it is not possible to add them at a later date.

Route description and GPS data: The route description and GPS data correspond to the itinerary as described in the tour description. Individual changes and optional programs are not taken into account. The start and end points of our GPS data are usually the city/town centers of the day's destination, as the hotels we usually book may vary. You will not receive route descriptions or GPS data for customized trips.

Parking spaces: For this trip, we generally use hotels that have parking spaces available. We reserve a parking space for you when you book (where possible, no entitlement). Parking fees may apply, which you must pay on site. The amount of the parking fees can vary greatly depending on the location and hotel.

Tolls Iceland: Tolls may apply on some stages. Payment is made locally (online or by payment at service stations).

Weather conditions and route characteristics: Please note that the weather in Iceland can be unpredictable and can affect the route characteristics. We cannot guarantee that all the routes described (especially detours into the highlands) are passable at all times. We recommend that you check the weather conditions on site before setting off.

Credit card recommendation for Scandinavia: Electronic payment methods are more common in Scandinavia than here in Germany. Many petrol stations in Scandinavia are self-service stations, for example, which can usually only be operated with a credit card and PIN; EC cards are not always accepted. You should therefore take a credit card and the corresponding PIN with you on your trip. There are also some hotels, ferry or toll stations that may only accept electronic payment methods.

Health regulations: Please contact your family doctor for vaccination advice for the destination. Please read the travel advice of the Federal Foreign Office at www.auswaertiges-amt.de

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Start dates: On request