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# Iceland Explorer

14<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018

“Ice and fire” is commonly used to summarise Iceland - but in such a succinct phrase so much is lost. Its one of the most sparsely populated places in Europe, about the size of England, with only 320,00 people but on Iceland is Europe’s largest ice cap, its most powerful waterfall, the highest geyser, the largest puffin colonies, the newest islands, the biggest volcano ....., the list goes on. Iceland and its people will constantly surprise you, sometimes sombre and wild, sometimes hot and steamy but always so much more than just some of the most exciting off road driving in Europe. I’ve been to Iceland many times and it still fascinates me, it’s a young landscape, changing under natural forces that twist and batter the rocks constantly. Eruption’s form whole new landscapes, a lake that existed in 2009 was literally blown off the map in 2010 by the Eyjafjallajökull eruption. We will spend virtually the whole of our time in Iceland away from tarmac roads. On the interior gravel roads, only passable with 4x4 vehicles, we’ll ford deep glacial rivers, transect the great glacial plains of the interior, pass around the northern side of the Vatnajokull ice cap, the third largest mass of glacial ice in the world, to explore the icecaves at Kverkfjoll. We will drive up onto glaciers, search for volcanic glass blown from deep in the earth, watch for whales on the Arctic Ocean, bath in hot springs on a shore line crusted with ice, join in the famous *runtur*, super cool Reykjavik’s legendary pub run, walk on still steaming lava and see the famous Iceland Sagas come to life. Not to mention the waterfalls, the iceberg studded lagoons, the geysers, the active volcanoes, the midnight sun, the soaring seabird colonies, the lava tunnels plunging deep into the bowels of the earth - this is an expedition you’ll remember for a long time. We are offering two shipping options for this trip, a containerised option from Hull Immingham to Reykjavik and fly to collect your car, cleared and ready to go, perfect if you are tight on time.

Alternatively take the luxurious Smyril Line boat from Denmark via the Faroes and enjoy the journey.





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## Summary

<b>Start point</b>	Reykjavik Two options – (1) containerised option Hull Immingham and flight to Iceland (2) Ferry option from Denmark to Seydisfjordur, Iceland and then drive to Reykjavik Either option can be chosen including mixed leg/split options
<b>Finish point</b>	Reykjavik
<b>Number of days</b>	16 days, 16 nights on Iceland plus shipping/air transit time.
<b>Approx. distance</b>	2000 kilometres.
<b>Road conditions</b>	Mixture of sand, lava, pumice and gravel tracks, some graded and short sections of tarmac.
<b>No' of vehicles</b>	Maximum of 6 guest vehicles/12 adults plus support vehicles.
<b>Accommodation used</b>	Accommodation will be mainly in organised campsites with good toilet/shower facilities when available. Some sites will be wild sites set in the incomparable countryside. In bad weather then mountain huts can be used.
<b>Specialist equipment - vehicle</b>	A well maintained and serviced 4x4 vehicle fitted with underbody protection and a snorkel for deep fording. A CB radio must be fitted. Tyres of All Terrain tread patterns most suitable, MT's are OK and snow chains are not needed. A full set of recovery equipment (strops and shackles) is essential along with a spade. 2 additional fuel cans are needed to enable us to complete long periods away from filling stations. A winch is not essential.
<b>Specialist equipment - camping</b>	Either roof or ground tents are suitable; it can be very windy so ensure you have plenty of pegs for ground tents! We recommend a 'Thermorest' type thermal insulated mattress, if sleeping on the ground. Sleeping bags should be at least 3 season bags. Bring your own chairs, table, stove, pans, cutlery and utensils. As with the weather, clothing requirements vary – you will need a multi layered system with warm, windproof and waterproof clothing along with lighter clothing for warmer days.
<b>Passport</b>	Required.
<b>Visa</b>	Not needed for citizens of the EEU.
<b>Health</b>	No special requirements beyond small first aid kit and EHIC European Health Entitlement Card (available from UK Post Offices).
<b>Cost of living</b>	About the same as the UK, but stock up with snacks and alcoholic drinks before leaving the UK. The currency is the Kronar, the recent devaluation has made it far less expensive than previously – now is the time to go! Credit cards are widely accepted and most towns have an ATM.

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## Weather

Milder than you think but unpredictable and changeable. Inland near the main ice masses night temperatures can be several degrees lower than those shown for Reykjavik so we avoid camping near these. In the summer, day time temperatures can reach 20 ° C but days can be interspersed with wind, rain and misty spells when the temperature may fall to 10 ° C.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Average daily temp</b>												
Max ° C	2	3	4	6	10	15	16	17	11	7	4	2
Min ° C	-2	-2	-1	1	4	7	9	8	6	3	0	-2
<b>Rainfall mm</b>	89	64	62	56	42	42	50	56	67	94	78	79

## Food and Shopping

Food in Iceland is widely available and prices in supermarkets are only slightly higher than UK prices. Meals can be cooked individually or communally, the choice is yours. We can co-ordinate and assist you with food purchasing while in country.

## Schedule and Pace

The route and timings are not fixed, we will be free to break journey, stop and explore, as you desire. We may also be guided by weather, in particular ice and snow conditions. We aim to be in the campsite between 16:00 and 17.00 on most days to allow us to relax and enjoy the experiences of the day. The daily distances driven vary due to the terrain and ground conditions but a typical day will be 2-3 hours driving in the morning, 1 hour for lunch and then a further 2-3 hours driving. Some days will be longer than this due to the distances to be driven.

## Shipping

For either option we work with you and make all the bookings, with the exception of flights, on your behalf. We can customise either option to extend your stay on Iceland if desired. We'll be in Iceland when you arrive, having overseen the unloading and clearances so your vehicle is ready on arrival. The shipping options are more complicated than normal and we'll liaise closely with you at all stages. Contact us for more details but the following information should help you understand the options and plan accordingly. Do not book any flights without checking with us as the schedules may change.

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### **Option 1 Containerised sea freight**

This option is perfect for those who are short on time but can do without their vehicle while it's shipped to Iceland. Flights to Iceland are operated by [Iceland Air](#), [Easy Jet](#) and [WowAir](#) from a range of UK airports. You arrive in Keflavik airport and can then take either a taxi or a shuttle bus to the shipping depot in Reykjavik. We are on hand at all times during loading and collection and your vehicle is usually cleared and ready for you on arrival.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Immingham to Iceland - Comments</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Vehicle must be in Immingham depot by 12.00 (can be delivered earlier)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Boat leaves Immingham
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Boat arrives Reykjavik
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Vehicles unloaded, cleared and ready for collection.

Plan to arrive in Iceland by a flight arriving on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> at the latest

<b>Date</b>	<b>Iceland to Immingham - Comments</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Vehicle must be in Reykjavik depot by 12.00
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Boat leaves Reykjavik
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Boat arrives Immingham
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Vehicles unloaded, cleared and ready for collection.

### **Option 2 Smyril Line ferry**

This option is for people who have time or can't be without their vehicle for the period of containerised shipping. The Smyril Line boat depart from Hirtshals in Northern Denmark.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Denmark to Iceland outbound</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Depart Hirtshals 11.30
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Arrive Seydisfjordjur, Iceland 08.30
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Drive to Reykjavik to meet group in evening

<b>Date</b>	<b>Iceland to Denmark inbound</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Depart Seydisfjordjur, Iceland 20.00
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Arrive, Hirtshals 10.00

**NOTE** – 2018 shipping dates provisional, will be confirmed at booking

With either option we'll all meet in the Reykjavik campsite on the afternoon/evening of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July, ready to start our adventure on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>.

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## Cost

- £2650 per person - based on 2 adults sharing 1 vehicle, inclusive of containerised shipment from Immingham to Iceland return, loading, lashing, insurance and freight clearances.
- or
- £2950 per person - based on 2 adults sharing 1 vehicle, inclusive of ALL ferry crossings (Dover-Calais-Dover and Denmark-Iceland-Denmark), including a cabin for the Denmark-Iceland legs.
  - *If one adult and one under 16 only then the price is for 2 adults.*
  - *Under 16's - £750 each.*
  - *Adult single supplement, add £1800.*
  - *For each additional adult up to a maximum of 4 per vehicle, please contact us for pricing*

The expedition price includes all campsite/accommodation costs on Iceland during the period of the expedition, full backup and guiding from the support team. The Husavik whale safari is also included, along with all the entry costs to natural parks/sites, full backup and guiding from the support team.

Your flights, transfers to/from airport/ports, fuel, food, snacks, drinks and personal spending are not included.

## OneLife Adventure Expedition Rating System

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Note : amount of wild camping will be between 50% to 80%, however weather or environment does require some technical clothing/equipment, hence the above rating.

 Easy, short driving days, suitable for families and drivers with basic off road driving skills.

 Easy camping with occasional wild sites interspersed by sites with facilities, no technical needs, suitable for families and young children.

 Higher off road content, moderate driving days, suitable for families and medium off road driving skills.

 50% wild camping, some technical needs, suitable for families and young children used to camping.

 Longer days occasionally and high content of off road driving, recoveries likely and moderate levels of off road skills needed.

 80% wild camping +, weather or environment requires some technical clothing/equipment, suitable for experienced families with older children.

 Long days and long distances are the norm, likely to encounter severe hazards and will require teamwork to succeed, experienced drivers.

 Extreme weather (hot, wet or cold), will require extensive technical equipment, irregular meals and physical discomfort will be the norm! Success is achieving the destination – Camel Trophy style.

**NUMBERS ARE  
LIMITED  
maximum of 6 vehicles  
or 12 adults!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR  
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