

Iceland



Affordable Iceland Photo Tour

How to Plan and Enjoy

Planning an Itinerary

- Resources:
- Internet Websites
 - A Guide to Camping in Iceland - www.AsHerWorldTurns.com
 - How to Go on a Photo Tour of Iceland Like a Pro – www.Skylum.com
 - Ring Road Itinerary – www.IcelandWithaView.com
 - A Photographer's Guide to Iceland – www.outdoorphotographer.com
 - 5 Tips for Landscape Photography in Iceland – www.capturelandscapes.com
 - Guide to Iceland – www.guidetoiceland.is

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- **Resources:**
- **E-Books:**
 - Ring Road Self Drive – www.IcelandWithaView.com
 - Photographing Iceland by Martin Schulz
 - Forever Light by Sarah Marino and Ron Coscorrosa
- **Book:**
 - Iceland by Rick Steves
- **Map:**
 - Iceland by International Travel Maps (waterproof and detailed)

Planning an Itinerary

- **Other Considerations:**
- **Trip Duration:**
 - 8 – 10 Days – Ring Road (perimeter of the entire island)
 - 4 – 7 Days – West side and South side of the island
 - 2 – 3 Days – Golden Triangle
- **Time of Year:**
 - **Summer**
 - Reasonable weather (possible wind and rain)
 - Very long days
 - Lupine Fields (spring)
 - Access to Interior Region (Mid June through September)
 - **Winter**
 - Cold weather and snow
 - Very short days
 - **Mid – September through Mid-April**
 - Night photography with Northern Lights

Planning an Itinerary

- **What to Bring**
- **Clothing:**
 - **Quick dry fabric pants and long sleeve shirts**
 - **Layers of fleece**
 - **Long underwear**
 - **Raincoat with a hood**
 - **Comfortable hiking shoes and hiking socks**
 - **Rubber boots or water socks with Teva type sandals**
 - **Heavier coat if visiting during cold weather seasons**

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- **What to Bring**
- **Photography Gear**
 - Primary camera and backup camera if available (or rent)
 - Extra batteries and battery charger
 - Plug-in charging device to charge batteries, computer, etc. while driving
 - Lenses – Wide angle, Mid-Range and Telephoto (consider a long lens to photograph puffins)
 - Sturdy tripod
 - Shutter release
 - Rain cover, towels, lens cloths, lens cleaner

Planning an Itinerary

- **What to Bring**
- **Camping & Travel Gear**
 - Consider renting some items to save on travel luggage
 - Iceland Camping Equipment in Reykjavik – www.Iceland-camping-equipment.com
 - **Tent (unless renting a camper van)**
 - **Sleeping Bag, mattress, pillow, blanket**
 - **Camping stove (fuel is purchased in Iceland)**
 - **Cooking pan, utensils**
 - **Towel, swimsuit**
 - **Ice chest**
 - **Flashlight / headlamp (not necessary in June)**
 - **Camping Permit (can be purchased daily for \$20 or unlimited card for \$180)**
 - Note that "wild" camping outside of designated campgrounds is not allowed
 - **Wifi Hotspot (can be rented)**

Transportation

- **Flight**
 - Icelandair – Direct from Denver to Keflavik Airport for approximately \$1,100
- **Rental Car**
 - 4-wheel drive car (about \$600 for 10 days)
 - Camper Van or Motor Home (camper van cost of approximately \$1,600 for 10 days)

Transportation



Volvo 4-Wheel Drive

Benefits of Camping

- **Cost**
 - Less than \$20 per night to camp
 - Hotels run \$250 and up; Hostels / B&Bs run \$150 and up
- **Flexibility**
 - Camping doesn't require advance reservations
 - Adjustable Itinerary
- **Amenities**
 - Well maintained
 - Restrooms & Showers
 - Internet Access
 - Some have beautiful views
 - Listen to the sounds of nature

Benefits of Camping



Campgrounds That I Visited



Grundarfjörður

Snaefellsnes Peninsula



Grundarfjörður

Snaefellsnes Peninsula



Tent Camping at Grundarfjörður Campground

Kirkjufell

Snaefellsnes Peninsula



Five minute drive from the campground



Kirkjufell

Snaefellsnes Peninsula



Five minute walk from the campground

Arnarstapi

Snaefellsnes Peninsula



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Budir

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Budir



The Black Church at Budir

Snæfellsnes Peninsula



One of many fields of Lupine

Geysir



Gullfoss

Golden Triangle



Just two cars in the parking lot.

Eystra Seljaland

Southern Coast



Seljalandsfoss

Southern Coast



Just me and one other person while taking this sunrise photo

Eystra Seljaland

Southern Coast



Seljaland

Southern Coast



A photo from the Eystra Seljaland Campground

Seljaland

Southern Coast



Pre-Sunrise at
Seljalandsfoss



Gljúfurarfoss (30 yards from the tent)

Seljalandsfoss

Southern Coast



Skogafoss

Southern Coast



Wedding Day



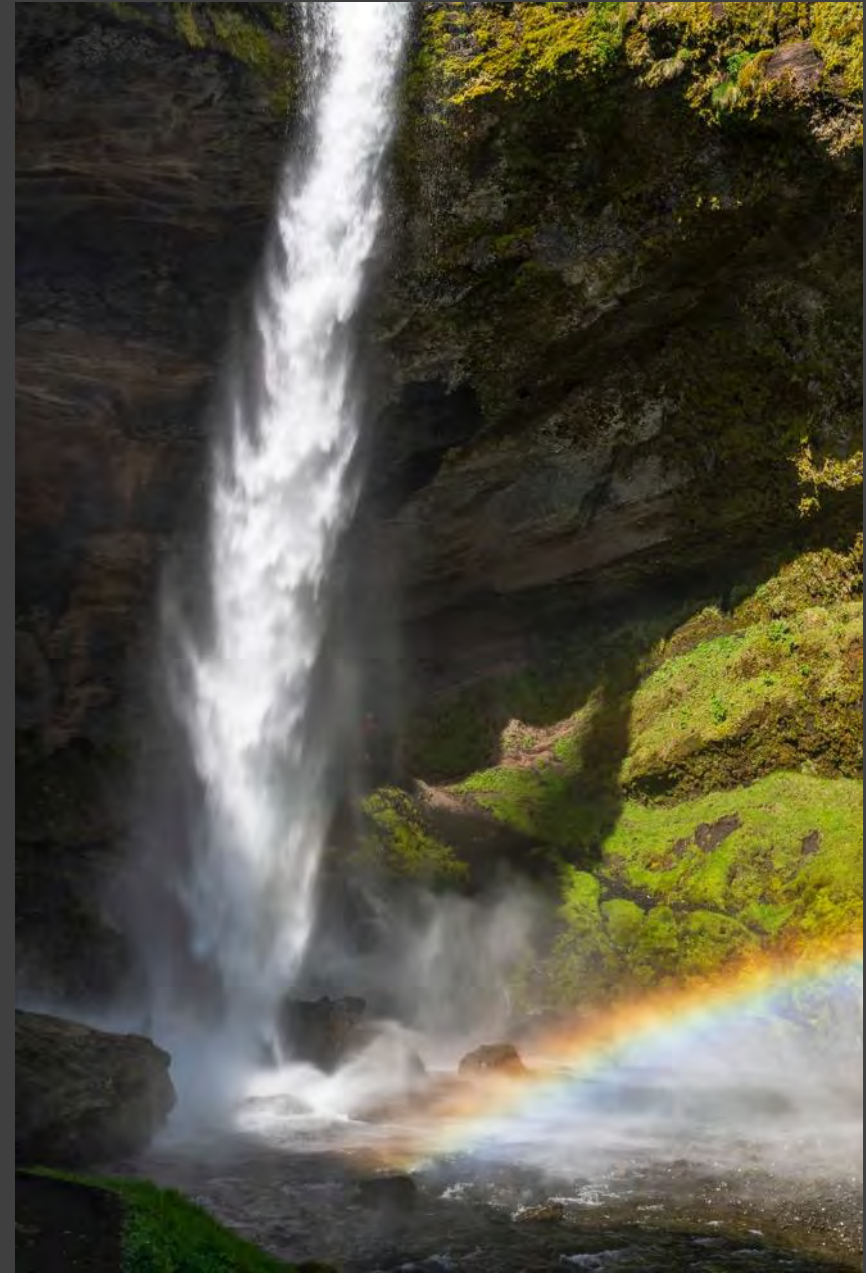
Kvernufoss

Southern Coast



Kvernufoss

Southern Coast



Vik

Southern Coast



Vik

Southern Coast



Vik

Southern Coast



Icelandic Horse

Vik

Southern Coast



A couple of photos taken late at night during a workshop



Vik

Southern Coast



Hofn

Southern Coast



Hofn

Southern Coast



A glacier along the drive from Vik to Hofn

Hofn

Southern Coast



Off the beaten path outside of Hofn (photo taken during a workshop)

Hofn

Southern Coast



A campground near Hofn with a view of Vestrahorn Mountain

Hofn

Southern Coast



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Glacial lagoon outside of Hofn (photo taken during a workshop)

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Jokulsarlon

Southern Coast near Hofn



Jokulsarlon

Southern Coast near Hofn



Sunset at Jokulsarlon Lagoon

Diamond Beach

Southern Coast near Hofn



Vestrahorn

Southern Coast near Hofn



Vestrahorn

Southern Coast near Hofn



Icelandic horses with Vestrahorn Mountain
in the background.

East Coast



Scenes while driving along the Eastern Coast

Hverir

North Island



Geothermal activity and mud pools at
Hverir

Husavik

North Coast



Husavik

North Coast



The northern port town of Husavik

Husavik

North Coast



A day of relaxing at the geothermal pool in
Husavik

Husavik

North Coast



A morning whale and puffin sightseeing tour

Husavik

North Coast



A foggy morning drive along the North Coast

Myvatn

North Island



Myvatn

North Island



A pair of sheep taking in the midnight sunset at Lake Myvatn

Godafoss

North Island



Only two people had the opportunity to watch the sunset over Godafoss on this particular night

Godafoss

North Island



A late night at Godafoss

Godafoss

North Island



Whereas plenty of tourists had the chance to see Godafoss at noon

Myvatn

North Island



Grindavik

Near Keflavik Airport



Grindavik

Near Keflavik Airport



The campground at Grindavik near Keflavik Airport

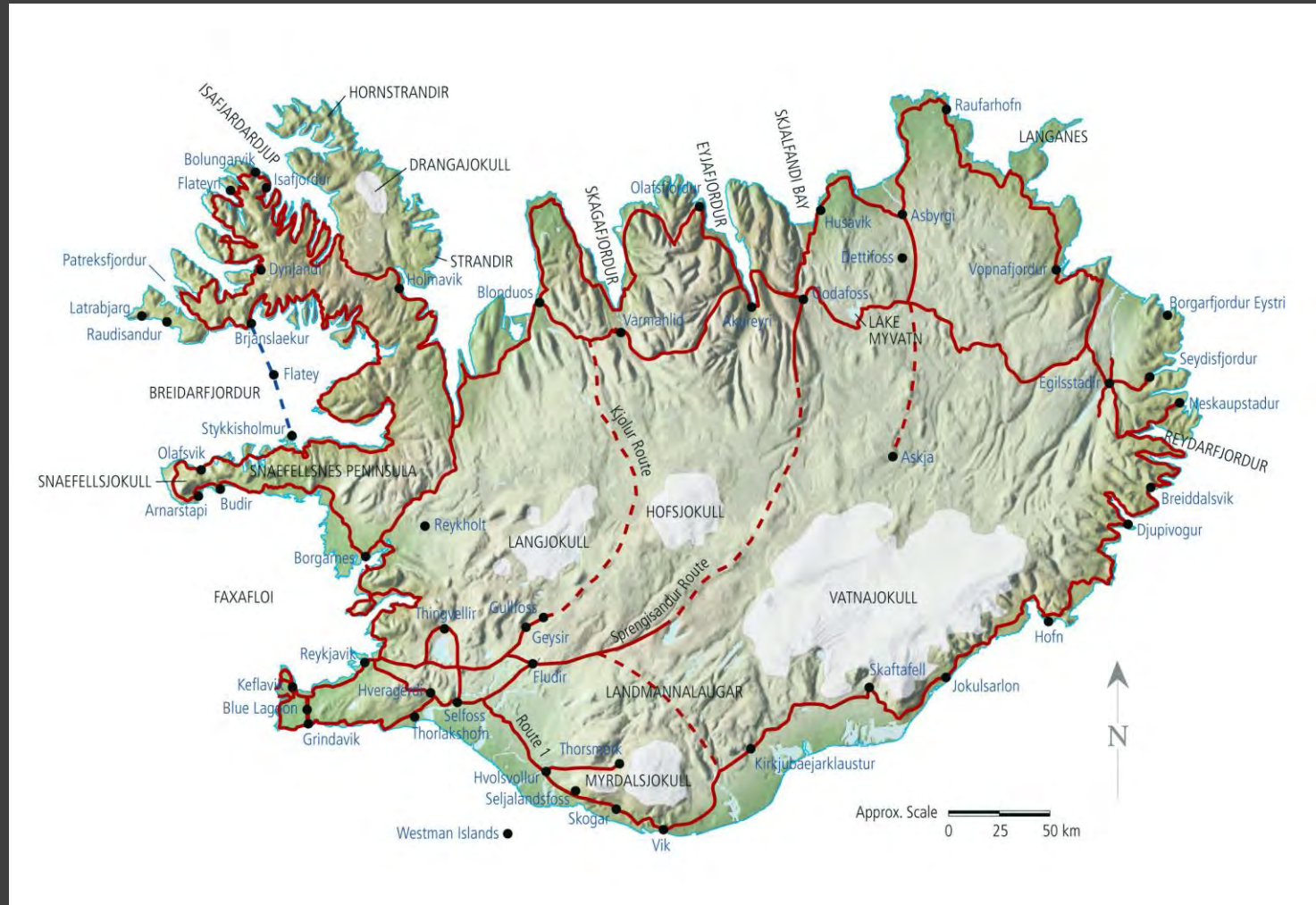
The Blue Lagoon

Near Keflavik Airport



Midnight at The Blue Lagoon, about five minutes from
Gindavik Campground

Next Trip – What Did I Miss?



Iceland is a beautiful country
with so many great opportunities
for photographers.

I am ready for a return visit.

Thank You