

SMALL-SHIP EXPEDITION

# Iceland Circumnavigation

July 3–12, 2025

**Starts:** Reykjavík, Iceland

**Ends:** Reykjavík, Iceland

From **\$6,395** to **\$15,995** USD

Solo cabins based on availability



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(Westman Islands)

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## Highlights

- Visit Grímsey on the Arctic Circle, home to over a million seabirds and a hundred people
- Seek whales off the coast of Húsavík, Iceland's whale capital
- Visit the Vestmannaeyjar islands, home to Eldfell, the youngest volcano in Iceland
- Cruise Iceland's extraordinary fjords and sea cliffs
- View spectacular volcanoes, waterfalls, and glaciers

## Itinerary

Day 1: Reykjavík, Iceland

### Begin Your Adventure

After a day of independent exploration in Reykjavík, you'll embark for an evening departure.

Iceland's cosmopolitan capital, Reykjavík was established in the year 874 CE. Powered by geothermal energy, Reykjavík is widely considered one of the cleanest, greenest cities on Earth.

Day 2: Snæfellsnes Peninsula

### Meander Dramatic Landscapes

Discover one of Iceland's most amazing coastlines, the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, a region known for its dramatic beauty and fascinating geological history.

The Snæfellsnes Peninsula is often referred to as "Iceland in Miniature" due to its diverse range of natural wonders. From black sand beaches to a volcano, a glacier, lava fields, mountains, waterfalls, caves, and craters, the peninsula encapsulates many of Iceland's unique landscapes in one area.

Delight in the many opportunities to observe seabirds and marine life as you explore this spectacular destination.

Day 3: The Westfjords

### Explore Remote Coastlines

Be among the lucky few to explore the Westfjords, a region known for its jagged bird cliffs and multi-hued beaches—only about ten per cent of the rest of Iceland's visitors ever make it here!

Soak up the breathtaking beauty of the coastal fjords and marvel at the immense mountains that loom overhead. Here, nature's splendour awaits at every turn.

Day 4: Siglufjörður and Grímsey

### Cross the Arctic Circle and Learn about Icelandic History

Travel to far-flung Grímsey, which lies upon the Arctic Circle (66° 33' North) and earns Iceland its title as one of the world's eight Arctic nations—just barely!

Take a Zodiac cruise around the island, brimming with a million seabirds, including puffins, guillemots, and gulls, that far outnumber its small human population.

Visit resurgent Siglufjörður that, in its heyday, bustled with activity as the centre of the herring fishing industry.

Enjoy a wonderful re-enactment at the Herring Era Museum and make some time to pop into the bakery, chocolate factory, brewery, and Icelandic folk music centre, too.

Day 5: Akureyri

## Visit Museums and Botanical Gardens

Immerse yourself in the charm of Akureyri, Iceland's second-largest urban area! Opt to walk up the steps of Akureyri's monumental Lutheran church for a stunning panoramic view—it will be well worth it!

Explore the city's shops, cafés, and restaurants and enjoy the variety of ten museums for you to choose from.

Stroll through Akureyri's botanical gardens which are among the northernmost in the world and miraculously grow several thousand plant species.

Enhance your journey with **an optional excursion** to Forest Lagoon. This captivating oasis is nestled in the Valaskógur forest and offers inviting pools, rejuvenating saunas, and a cozy bistro area, overlooking Eyjafjörður, one of Iceland's longest fjords.

Day 6: Húsavík

## Go Whale Watching

Tour Húsavík's Skjálfandi Bay, known as the whale capital of Iceland.

Be sure to bring your binoculars to spot the fifteen different whale species that frequent the area, as well as dolphins and dozens of varieties of birds.

Take advantage of Húsavík's diverse museum offerings, including the Whale Museum, the Húsavík Museum, and the Exploration Museum, which houses artefacts from Apollo astronaut training in the area.

Day 7: Seyðisfjörður

## Wander a Picturesque Community and Visit the Skálanes Nature Reserve

Enjoy the chance to explore Seyðisfjörður, nestled at the tip of its namesake fjord.

Stroll the picturesque town of 700, known for its flourishing art scene, cobbled rainbow road, and excellent handicrafts, or take one of the numerous opportunities for hiking, including a walk up to Tvísöngur sound sculpture on a nearby hill.

Visit nearby Skálanes Nature Reserve, which is family-owned and operated. Learn about the centre's research and interpretation of Iceland's environment and cultural history that's a model for sustainable tourism.

Opt to enhance your journey with **an optional excursion** to Vallanes Organic Farm, where Eymundur Magnússon and Eygló Björk Ólafsdóttir have been organic farming since 1985. Explore their premises with a guided tour, learn about their focus on developing Icelandic grains and vegetables, and savour local products during a tasting.

Day 8: Southeast Iceland

## Witness Beautiful Glaciers and Lagoons

Soak in the sights of south Iceland, home to some of the country's most beautiful natural attractions.

Explore a unique mix of volcanoes, lagoons, and glaciers—as well as hot springs, geysers, and spectacular waterfalls—either ashore on foot or by Zodiac cruise.

Day 9: Heimaey, Vestmannaeyjar (Westman Islands)

## Marvel at Volcanic Landscapes

Learn about the compelling history of this volcanically active area that has experienced two major eruptions in recent times.

1963 saw the formation of the island of Surtsey and the Eldfell eruption ten years later destroyed much of Heimaey, the largest of the Vestmannaeyjars and the only island here that is inhabited.

Enjoy a beautiful Zodiac cruise searching for the numerous species of seabirds, including the famous puffin, that nest in the steep rock faces along the ocean cliffs here.

Day 10: Reykjavík, Iceland

## Wave a Fond Farewell

Complete your journey back in Reykjavík, disembarking in the morning.

Take one last chance to explore this special city where food, culture, and nightlife abound.

If you have the time, be sure to visit the National Culture House, which preserves treasures like the Poetic Edda and the Norse Sagas in their original manuscripts.