



Southeast Iceland

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Why Go?

The 200km stretch of Ring Road from Kirkjubæjarklaustur to Höfn is truly mind-blowing, transporting you across vast deltas of grey glacial sand, past lost-looking farms, around the toes of craggy mountains, and by glacier tongues and ice-filled lagoons. The only thing you won't pass is a town.

The mighty Vatnajökull dominates the region, its huge rivers of frozen ice pouring down steep-sided valleys towards the sea. Jökulsárlón is a photographer's paradise, a glacial lagoon where wind and water sculpt icebergs into fantastical shapes.

The bleak coastal deserts of glacial sand are remnants of calamitous collisions between fire and ice. Further inland is the epicentre of Iceland's worst volcanic event, the Lakagígar fissures. With so much desolation on display, it's not surprising that Skaftafell is so popular. This sheltered enclave between the glaciers and the sands throbs with life and colour, and the footfall of hikers.

Road Distances (km)

Reykjavík	459			
Jökulsárlón	79	378		
Skaftafell	135	323	57	
Kirkjubæjarklaustur	200	257	122	69
	Höfn	Reykjavík	Jökulsárlón	Skaftafell



Southeast Iceland Highlights

1 Jökulsárlón (p327)

Admiring the ever-changing ice sculptures at this fascinating lagoon.

2 Skaftafell (p319)

Visiting Iceland's favourite

national-park pocket, an area of green amid icy masses and vast sand deltas.

3 Laki (p317)

Striding up Laki for views of three glaciers

and an incredible history lesson.

4 Heinabergslón (p330)

Joining the IceGuide team to paddle around icebergs on this silent glacier lagoon.