ICELAND’S RING ROAD

ROAD TRIPS

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Nonsmoking
Air-conditioning
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Wi-fi access
Swimming pool
Vegetarian selection
English-language menu
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1. **The Golden Circle & the Southwest 2–3 Days**
   A stunning region of iconic wonders, including Iceland’s historic parliament and the original geyser. (p24)

2. **Southeast Iceland 3–4 Days**
   A captivatingly vast and surreal landscape dominated by mighty Vatnajökull ice cap. (p34)

3. **East Iceland 2–3 Days**
   A quieter landscape of fishing villages, black-sand beaches, mountains and fjords. (p44)

4. **North Iceland 4–5 Days**
   An epic ride northeast across geologically spectacular landscapes packed full of highlights. (p52)

5. **West Iceland 1–2 Days**
   A compact tour through Saga country, from highland glaciers to ocean-fringed coastline near the capital. (p64)
Reykjavík (p74)

Iceland’s addictive capital is where everything’s at, and has a heady blend of fresh air, stylish design, artfully hip cafes and bars, fabulous and unusual museums plus a thriving restaurant scene.

The Golden Circle (p96)

In striking distance of the capital, this circuit comprises some standout natural attractions, including the world’s oldest parliament, shifting tectonic plates, the original geyser and a stunning waterfall.

Akureyri (p109)

Iceland’s second city packs a punch for a diminutive town and is worth getting to know. There’s a quality restaurant and art scene, and the only decent nightlife beyond Reykjavík.
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