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ICELAND'S RING ROAD

ROAD TRIPS

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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Reviews

In the Destinations section:

All reviews are ordered in our authors' preference, starting with their most preferred option. Additionally:

Sights are arranged in the geographic order that we suggest you visit them and, within this order, by author preference.

Eating and Sleeping reviews are ordered by price range (budget, midrange, top end) and, within these ranges, by author preference.

Map Legend

Routes

- Trip Route
- Trip Detour
- Linked Trip
- Walk Route
- Tollway
- Freeway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary
- Lane
- Unsealed Road
- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian Overpass
- Walk Track/Path

Boundaries

- International
- State/Province
- Cliff

Hydrography

- River/Creek
- Intermittent River
- Swamp/Mangrove
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
- Glacier

Highway Markers

- (A20) Highway marker

Trips

- 1 Trip Numbers
- 9 Trip Stop
- Walking tour
- Trip Detour

Population

- Capital (National)
- Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
- Town/Village

Areas

- Beach
- Glacier
- Cemetery (Christian)
- Cemetery (Other)
- Park
- Forest
- Reservation
- Urban Area
- Sportsground

Transport

- Airport
- Cable Car/Funicular
- Metro station
- Parking
- Train/Railway
- Tram

Symbols In This Book

- Top Tips
- Link Your Trips
- Tips from Locals
- Trip Detour
- History & Culture
- Family
- Food & Drink
- Outdoors
- Essential Photo
- Walking Tour
- Eating
- Sleeping

- Sights
- Beaches
- Activities
- Courses
- Tours
- Festivals & Events
- Sleeping
- Eating
- Drinking
- Entertainment
- Shopping
- Information & Transport

These symbols and abbreviations give vital information for each listing:

- Telephone number
- Opening hours
- Parking
- Nonsmoking
- Air-conditioning
- Internet access
- Wi-fi access
- Swimming pool
- Vegetarian selection
- English-language menu
- Family-friendly
- Pet-friendly
- Bus
- Ferry
- Tram
- Train
- apt apartments
- d double rooms
- dm dorm beds
- q quad rooms
- r rooms
- s single rooms
- ste suites
- tr triple rooms
- tw twin rooms

Note: Not all symbols displayed above appear on the maps in this book

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Road Trips

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)





Destinations

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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