

Topdeck

ICELAND EXPLORER

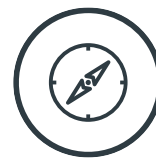


TOPDECKER, meet Europe

Is this trip for me? UNIQUE. MIND-BLOWING. QUIRKY.

As the completely unoriginal trip name suggests, this one is pretty straight forward. You've got four days, some sick inclusions, free time to explore and a bunch of people as stoked to be in Iceland as you are. By day, you'll be splashing about in geothermal pools, exploring the seriously cool capital of the North or filling your SD card with far too many landscape photos of the Golden Circle. By night, it's all about beer tasting, an interesting selection of traditional eats (trust us, don't ask), a mission to see the elusive Northern Lights and WILD nightlife. If you really want to do Iceland, this trip is it.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Explorer



Nights



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This is a principal
package.

Hi, and thanks for choosing to holiday with Topdeck

You can rest assured that we'll pull out all the stops to make your trip unforgettable.

Now it's time to get excited about your holiday...

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – including where to meet and what to bring. We recommend that you read these notes thoroughly so you know what to expect on your trip of a lifetime. Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can bring it with you when you travel.

Please bear in mind that some points should be taken as a guide only – after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary from one person to the next, so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much!

PLEASE NOTE: We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Walking tour of Reykjavík
- + Icelandic beer tasting experience
- + Visit the famous Blue Lagoon
- + Northern Lights tour
- + Golden Circle expedition (including Thingvellir National Park)

MORE INCLUSIONS

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YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Reykjavik
Iceland

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Reykjavik
Iceland

TRIP CURRENCIES

- + Iceland - ISK

YOUR ITINERARY



AWESOME
TRIP
LEADER

DAY 1 | REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND

Mind-blowing scenery. Buzzing nightlife. Bucket-list topping activities. Plus all the weird, whacky and wonderful in between – welcome to Iceland. With these out-of-this-world landscapes, you might as well have landed on the moon. Dump your stuff at the hotel and say g'day to your trip mates. We may be a mixed bunch but we're in this together – like it was meant to be. Our expert Trip Leader will take us on a wander, ticking off the likes of Ingólfur Square, Hallgrímskirkja, Harpa Concert Hall, the Cathedral and the Sun Voyager Statue. Then? We'll really kick things off with an included dinner and tasting (of the Icelandic beer variety). This is gonna be good.



MEALS:

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Reykjavík
+ Icelandic beer tasting
experience

DAY 2 | REYKJAVÍK INCLUDING THE BLUE LAGOON

Bucket-lister alert – we're heading to the legendary Blue Lagoon today. Think: milky-blue geothermal pools that look like something George Lucas made up. Grab your towel and thongs (for your feet), do your Viking call and make a run for the steamy thermal pools. Bliss. You'll have plenty of time to soak, swim, lather your complimentary mud mask and indulge in a bevvie from the swim-up bar – before we return to the city for an afternoon of free time. Need some suggestions? Check out the Saga Museum, National Museum of Iceland or Phallogical Museum (for something a bit...different). Immerse yourself in the magic of Iceland's unique landscapes at Perlan. Head to Álfaskólin and get your diploma in magical creatures (no bullsh*t). Or head out on a foodie tour that's more than a little unusual. Fermented shark, anyone? Then: don your thermals and practice those panos – we're on a mission to see the illusive Northern Lights. Visibility can't be guaranteed (obvs), but if you do catch them – you'll be winning at life. Cue: all the goosebumps.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit the famous Blue
Lagoon
+ Northern Lights tour

DAY 3 | REYKJAVÍK INCLUDING THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

Another day, another mind-blowing included activity – we're off to explore the Golden Circle. 300 kilometres of phenomenal Icelandic landscapes. Natural wonders don't get any better than this. Trust us. We'll check out the roaring Gullfoss Falls. 'Holy sh*t' our way around the Great Geysir. And soak up all the amazingness at UNESCO World Heritage-listed Thingvellir National Park. SD cards full and tummies rumbling – it's time to hunt down Bæjarins Beztu Pylsur for the world's best hotdog (as voted by Bill Clinton). Or go authentic with some street food – traditional sheep soup and fish stew are a must. Then? Download 'appyhour', locate Lebowski Bar and hit the d-floor with your trip mates. It's our last night together, so make it a good one.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Golden Circle expedition
(including Thingvellir National
Park)

DAY 4 | REYKJAVÍK

And just like that, it's over. Head down to breakfast and swap those socials – you're gonna need them for that meet-up on mainland Europe. Where to next?



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

MEALS

Your included meals are detailed in the 'Included Essentials' section of this document.

Breakfasts (usually continental breakfasts) are included every day, except on the first morning of your trip. A typical continental breakfast may consist of cereals with milk or yogurt, bread, croissants, cold meats, and cheese – with fruit juice, tea or coffee to drink. It is rare to get a hot breakfast, though on some occasions some hot food may be available.

Included meals will be provided in a mixture of local restaurants and places in which we stay. In most cases, table water is provided with meals. If you wish to purchase additional drinks, you can do so at your own expense.

If you have any dietary requirements, we'll make every effort to cater to your needs – as long as you advise your travel agent or Customer Service Consultant when you book. You can also make a note of dietary requirements in the Topdeck app when you check-in.

PLEASE NOTE: Although we'll do everything in our power to cater to your needs, we cannot guarantee this will be possible in every restaurant we visit. We also cannot cater to tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu.

TIPPING

NO TIP NECESSARY

Your Topdeck Trip Leaders and Drivers never expect tips, and they won't ask for any either. We also know how much tipping can cost you. So go ahead – spoil yourself with the money you save traveling with us (just don't forget Mum's souvenir).

TOPDECK TRAVEL APP

Our app is available to download before you travel. With a range of cool features including a currency converter, budget planner, check-in tool and group chat, it'll help you plan your trip like a pro. Think of it as your very own Topdeck Trip Leader in the palm of your hand.

TRIP GROUP CHAT

Connect with your fellow Topdeckers before you depart and begin your magical friendship in the flash of a winking face emoji.

ITINERARY VIEWER

Get the lowdown on where you'll be going and what activities you'll be doing on each day of your trip with this handy little tool.

CHECK-IN

Plug in all your vital deets and we'll keep them safe for when you really need them. Making your life easier, one swipe at a time.

BUDGET TRACKER

Keep an eye on your holiday spending, leaving you with more FUN-ds to play with. Think: elaborate Spanish feasts (not questionable supermarket sandwiches).

MAPS

Navigate your way to meeting points and lesser-known local gems using pins dropped by your Trip Leader, seek out your own bucket list sites and take to the streets like a pro.

Once the trip is over, you'll need the app to give us feedback about your trip experience. We love to hear what you thought about your trip, as it helps to give us an idea of the things we're doing well and the things we could be doing better.

PLEASE NOTE: The Topdeck Travel App should only be downloaded once you have booked your trip. You will not be able to log in unless you have a Topdeck booking reference number.

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PASSENGER SAFETY

NIGHTS OUT

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

RESPECTING FELLOW PASSENGERS

Here at Topdeck, we're all about inclusivity. We want to make sure that everyone has a great time on our trips, and that everyone feels like they're part of one happy Topdeck family.

What we're not about is excluding people or making them feel like they don't belong – that's just not what families do. That's why we always encourage Topdeckers to be kind and courteous to their fellow passengers. The golden rules? Always remember to respect each other's space, be mindful of causing excessive noise in shared accommodation and treat others how you'd wish to be treated yourself. Easy!

DRUG USE

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Passengers should not bring any illegal substances onto the Topdeck coach or into any of the accommodation we stay in on our trips. This includes marijuana, even if it is legal in some of the states your trip passes through. If you are found in possession of drugs, you will be removed from the trip. All instances of drug possession will be reported to Topdeck Head Office, who may consider alerting the relevant authorities.

REMEMBER – if you are found in possession of drugs, not only could you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if drugs are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you wouldn't want that to happen to any of our Drivers – they're awesome.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Culture shock, homesickness, random periods of feeling down – these things happen and are totally normal. You can rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Topdeck crew will do their utmost to cheer you up again.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- + Call home. Sometimes it's nice to hear a familiar voice and have a good old-fashioned catch up with your loved ones
- + Eat well. Never underestimate the power of a good, wholesome meal. Nobody feels at their best when they're hungry!
- + Drink responsibly. Not only will you swerve the dreaded hangover, but by keeping an eye on what you drink, you could also avoid getting into any potentially uncomfortable situations
- + Talk to your Trip Leader. Don't forget, they're probably far from home, too – so they're sure to know of some tried-and-tested ways to beat the blues
- + Integrate with your fellow Topdeckers. This one is key! The more fun you're having on your trip, the less likely you are to feel homesick (trust us).

HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE TRAVELLER

Responsible travel isn't difficult to achieve. With a little conscious thought and preparation, you can have an awesome holiday AND have a positive impact on the places you visit. Sweet!

Here are five things you can do to ensure you're travelling responsibly:

- + Conserve water. You know the drill – reuse your hotel towels, take short showers and remember to turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth
- + Reduce your waste. Ditch the plastic bag, refuse unnecessary packaging, dispose of your waste responsibly and recycle as much as possible
- + Go local. Hunt down locally owned and operated restaurants and bars, shop in local markets and book tours and activities run by local guides
- + Consider the wildlife. Avoid any attractions that involve closely engaging with wild animals
- + Respect local people and culture. Obeying local laws is a given – but also remember to dress and behave in a manner appropriate to the community. Be polite and keep an open mind!

OTHER INFORMATION

INSURANCE

Before your trip departs, it's compulsory for all passengers to take out comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellation, medical expenses (including repatriation), loss or damage to baggage and personal belongings, money and personal liability.

World Nomads provides comprehensive travel insurance for people from over 140 countries. For more information, visit www.topdeck.travel/travel-insurance.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Please make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your trip. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your trip departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling.

PLEASE NOTE: Some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure, as requirements do change periodically.

WHAT TO BRING

Based on our experience, these items are key. Everyone's different though – so if you want to bring more or less, go for it! (As long as you don't exceed your 20kg allowance, that is.)

- + 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes
- + 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- + 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops
- + 2 pairs of jeans/trousers
- + 2 pairs of shorts/skirts
- + 4 shirts/T-shirts
- + 2 sweaters/jumpers
- + Smart casual evening wear
- + 1 rainproof jacket
- + 1 warm jacket
- + Underwear and socks
- + Swimwear
- + Towel
- + Toiletries
- + Hat and sunscreen

- + Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin etc)
- + Insect repellent
- + Conversion plug
- + Reusable water bottle
- + Snow gear



THAT'S IT!