

# Activity tour – Katla Geopark

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## Day 1 – Arrival and activity

Once you land at Keflavik-airport, representative from (Car rental) will welcome you to Iceland. The representative will go over regulation and what you need to be aware of driving in Iceland before you start your adventure. You will start by driving to Krysuvik geothermal area. At Krysuvik, dramatic red, green and yellow coloured hills frame an expanse of steaming volcanic vents and boiling hot spring. After Krysuvik you drive to Hótel Hvolsvöllur via Sudurstandarvegur (#427). You will have your lunch at Hótel Hvolsvöllur. After lunch you visit The Icelandic Saga Centre, which is close to Hotel Hvolsvollur. At the Saga Centre you will have an incredible chance to enter the world of mythology, ocean voyages, and the discovery of new lands. From The Icelandic Saga Centre you will drive to ATV-travel which is located at Lambalækur. At Lambalækur you go on a IceSafari, they specialize in ATV travelling in the southern highlands of Iceland. After IceSafari you will check in at Skálakot for dinnar and overnight stay.

## Day 2 – Glaciers from a different view

After breakfast you will go on a Glacier Horse riding tour at Skálakot. You'll ride slowly to around 1000 meter above sea level. After the horse riding tour and lunch at Skálakot you'll drive to Sólheimajökull glacier. At Sólheimajökull glacier you will have a glacier walk with Arcanum. After lesson in ice walking you will head onto the glacier to experience this unique environment with some amazing terrain with crevasse, sink holes and ice ridges. Once you will finish ice walking you have time see Skógafoss waterfall, Dyrhólaey and Reynisfjara beach. After exploring these beautiful locations you will check in at Hotel Katla.

## Day 3 – Lava and black sand

After breakfast you will drive towards Hunkubakkar. On the way to Hunkubakkar is it ideal to stop on Laki-lava for photo, also Laki crater and Fjarðarargljúfur near Kirkjubæjarklaustur. After sight seeing you will have lunch at Hotel Laki. At Hotel Laki. At Hotel Laki you will have a tour called Black Gold tour which takes you to the black sand beach and to the moon. Black sand as far as you can see. You will drive over water, see old shipwreck, and great possibility to see seals. Once you come back from the tour you will check in at Hotel Laki / Geirland.

## Day 4 – Glimpse of South Iceland before departure

Early breakfast and then you will drive towards Keflavík-airport with a few stops on the way back. First stop on your way back is to stop at Seljalandsfoss waterfall. Unique waterfall that is 60 meter high with foot path behind it at the bottom of the cliff, but with thin cascade. After Seljalandsfoss waterfall you will drive to Blue Lagoon. You will have your lunch at Lava restaurant and after lunch you will dip into the pool. Good place to recharge your energy and relax before going back home. Once you have recharged you will drive to Keflavik-airport after unique experience in South Iceland.

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The tour based for individual on rental car that flies from America

## Day 1.

### 8:30 Departure from Keflavík-airport

*Drive from Keflavík-airport to Krysuvik Geothermal area.*

### 9:00 Selvík

*At Krysuvík, dramatic red, green, and yellow coloured hills frame an expanse of steaming volcanic vents and boiling hot springs. A well-maintained boardwalk winds through the bubbling and hissing field and information signage explains the geology of the geothermal area.*

**CAUTION:** *The boiling and steaming geothermal vents are dangerous. Do not walk on them or attempt to touch them. Always stay on the designated path. If you are heading into the lava ro mountainous regions, inform someone of your travels and be sure to tell them when you expect to return. There is no bus service to Krýsuvík so a car is required. Also note that some of the road is unpaved.*



### 9:30 – 11:30 Drive from Krýsuvík to Hótel Hvolsvöllur

*Drive to Hotel Hvolsvöllur via Suðurstrandaveg #427 along the coast*

**Distance:** 177 km

| Vegheiti (vegnúmer)     | Lengd            |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Suðurstrandavegur (427) | 56,87 km         |
| Þorlákshafnarvegur (38) | 3,54 km          |
| Eyrarbakkevegur (34)    | 23,66 km         |
| Hringvegur (1)          | 48,95 km         |
| <b>Vegleið alls</b>     | <b>133,02 km</b> |

### **11:30 Lunch**

*Lunch at Hótel Hvolsvöllur*

**Web-side:** <http://www.hotelhvolsvollur.is/?lang=en>

### **12:45 The Icelandic Saga Centre**

*The Saga Centre offers visitors a unique opportunity to explore the vast and fascinating world of the Sagas. As our guest you will have an incredible chance to enter the world of mythology, ocean voyages, and the discovery of new lands. Take some time and meet the characters of the famous Saga of Brennu-Njáll or as it is called in English, the Story of Burned Njal. And like several other Sagas, it has a nickname in its native Iceland, "Njala".*

**Web-side:** <http://www.njala.is/en/>

### **14:00 – 14:20 Drive to Óbyggðarferðir/ATV Travel (Lambalæk Fljótshlíð)**

*Drive from The Icelandic Saga Centre to Lambalæk (Road 261). Lambalækur is about 15 kilometer from the town Hvolsvöllur.*

### **14:30 – 17:30 IceSafari**

*We at IceSafari specialize in ATV travelling in the southern highlands of Iceland. Our most popular trips offer a mixture of both landscape and history, as well as comfortable travelling and adventure. It is our aim to let our customers discover the hidden treasures of this magnificent area and therefore usually travel off the beaten track with experienced guides.*

**Website:** [www.atvtravel.is](http://www.atvtravel.is) [www.obyggdiferdir.is](http://www.obyggdiferdir.is)



### **17:30 – 18:30 Driving from IceSafari to Skálakot**

*Driving back to Hvolsvöllur (Road 261) and onto road 1. Drive east towards Skálakot. It's about 40 kilometers from Hvolsvöllur.*

### **18:30 Check-in at Skálakot**

### **19:00 Dinner at Skálakot farm**

*For the price 15,000 ISK/person you get full board, accommodation, access to sauna and Jacuzzi and the possibility to choose from a bunch of free activities. For example: Feeding the animals, horses, sheep, rabbits, chickens, cows, dogs and cats. Help us gathering the horses from the fields. Visiting the sheep house. Have you seen a lamb being born? Lamb season April/May. Help milking the cows at the neighbour's farm. Have you tried to drink milk that comes directly from the cow? Collecting eggs from the chicken house.*

*Look at the black board in the stable. Every night we write down the next coming day activities, depending on season and weather conditions.*

*At Skálakot there's a possibility to see the Northern Lights.*

**Website:** [www.skalakot.com](http://www.skalakot.com)

## Day 2.

### 8:00 Breakfast

*Breakfast at Skálakot farm.*



### 9:00 Glacier Horse riding tour at Skálakot

*On horseback, we ride slowly upwards to around 1000 meters above sea level. On the way you will see Hestafoss and Vestmanna island.*

### 12:30 Lunch at Skálakot

### 13:30 – 13:50 Drive from Skálakot to Sólheima-glacier

### 14:00 Glacier Walk

*Glacier walk is a great glacier adventure where you can try for yourself how it feels to walk on ice. We walk on Sólheimajökull glacier (a part of the Mýrdalsjökull glacier) on the south coast of Iceland. Only about 10 minutes walk from the parking area to the glacier. After a lesson in ice walking we will head onto the glacier to experience this unique environment with some amazing terrain with crevasse, sink holes and ice ridges. The glacier walk do not require no special skills the tour can be enjoyed by people of all levels in good health.*

**Website:** <http://www.arcanum.is/en>



### 16:15 – 16:30 Drive to Skógafoss

### 16:30 – 18:30 Skógafoss, Dyrhólaey and Reynisfjara

*Check out the beautiful waterfall Skógafoss. After the Skógafoss drive east to Dyrhólaey. Where you can see the coastline and rich birdlife. Close to Dyrhólaey is Reynisfjara. It takes about 10 – 15 min drive from Dyrhólaey to Reynisfjara. Drive back to road 1 and drive toward Hotel Katla.*

### 19:00 Check-in at Hotel Katla

### 19:30 Dinner at Hótel Katla

*Hotel Katla - Hofdabrekka is situated 5 km east of Vík i Mýrdal, about 2 and 1/2 hours drive from Reykjavik. This countryside hotel offers spacious guest rooms in the beautiful surroundings of mountains, black sand beach and the Myrdalsjokull Glacier. Guests have free access to 4 outdoor geothermal hot tubs, great for relaxation.*

**Website:** [www.hofdabrekka.is/](http://www.hofdabrekka.is/)

## Day 3.

**8:00** Breakfast

**9:00** Drive towards Hunkubakkar

*On the way to Hunkubakkar is it ideal to stop by Laki crater lava and Fjaðrárgljúfur near Kirkjubæjarklaustur.*

**12:00** Lunch at Hunkubakkar

*Hunkubakkar offers accommodation in small, two-roomed chalets, most with cooking facilities. There are also three bedrooms with shared bathroom facilities in the main farmhouse. Breakfast is available every day and guests can order an evening meal. The restaurant has seating for up to 50 people. Hunkubakkar is on Road 206, six kilometres west of Kirkjubæjarklaustur.*

**13:30 - 17:00** Black Gold tour to the black sand beach and to the moon

*In this tour you will discover the freedom of driving in the endless black sand and close to the thundering waves of the North Atlantic Ocean. Lots of fun and beautiful landscape. It can't get any better than this!!!*

*Black sand as far as you can see. We will drive over water; see old shipwreck, great possibility to see seals that are trying to catch salmon fish in the mouth of the river Eldvatn.*

*We will also stop in the old haunted emergency shelter that has recently being renovated. There is a lighthouse standing next to the shelter that you can climb up for great view. We will have a little refreshment in the shelter and look at some of the old things that are still kept there.*

*On our way home we will drive through the magnificent moon landscape of pseudo craters (Landbrotshólar) on a tailor made tracks. This is really a great fun in a unique landscape not easily accessible in any other way*



[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=kCC4wkXvjYM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=kCC4wkXvjYM)

**Website:** [www.holasport.is](http://www.holasport.is)

**17:30** Check in at Geirland / Hotel Laki

**18:30** Dinnar at Geirland / Hótel Geirland

*Hótel Geirland is the perfect choice for nature lovers who like to walk, hike or simply enjoy the beautiful surroundings and northern lights. Our restaurant provides authentic Icelandic food straight from the farm. Mission of the hotel is to strive hard to provide*



*high standard personal service to make the stay memorable and enjoyable for the guests.*

*Activities: Free wireless internet for our guests. As well as Northern light trips and other exciting jeep tours. Hótel Geirland surroundings provide beautiful walking routes along with hiking routes with a level of difficulty for everybody.*

**Website:** <http://en.geirland.is/>



## **Day 4.**

**7:30** Breakfast

**8:30** Departure from Geirland

*Drive back towards Keflavík-airport*

**10:30** Seljalandsfoss

*Stop by Seljalands-waterfall. A unique waterfall in the river Seljalandsá, about 30 km west from Skógar. It is 60 meters high with a foot path behind it at the bottom of the cliff, but with a thin cascade. It is the only known waterfall of its kind, where it is possible to walk behind it. The waterfall is very picturesque and therefore its photo can be found in many books and calendars.*



**11:00** Drive to Blue Lagoon

**13:00** Lunch at Blue Lagoon

*Lunch at The Blue lagoon and also enter the lagoon*

**Website:** [www.bluelagoon.com](http://www.bluelagoon.com)



**15:00** Drive to Keflavik-airport

**15:30** Check-in at Keflavik-airport

**17:00** Departure back home to USA