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An off-road adventure in the land of glaciers and geysers

Without any background knowledge, trying to pronounce Icelandic place names such as Hofsjökull, Hvalsvellur and Landmannalaugar can certainly be quite a challenge. But being able to say them is actually of secondary importance – what really counts is experiencing these places for yourself: unique natural locations that attract visitors from all over the world to the polar region.

The primary appeal of this North Atlantic island is its hugely contrasting landscapes of icy glaciers, rocky highland expanses, lush green lowlands and deep fjords. Nowhere on earth can boast such a high density of volcanoes and hot springs as Iceland, giving visitors the chance to witness true spectacles of nature in close proximity that are otherwise to be found many miles apart. Iceland, the land of the midnight sun, has around 315,000 inhabitants and approximately 75,000 Icelandic horses, and even an official for elves-related matters. Its capital Reykjavik is the most northerly city in the world.

Take a Touareg through the island's impressive expanses, along the banks of winding rivers, and experience the fascination of hot springs, volcanoes and waterfalls along the way.

“Komdu sæl” – in other words, welcome to the Volkswagen driving experience in Iceland!



Minimum no. of participants: 10
Maximum no. of participants: 12
Travel dates: 02.07.–05.07., 06.07.–09.07.

Package price: €1,890 per person in a double room, excluding flights
€580* return flight Frankfurt–Reykjavik (Economy Class)
€450* single supplement

An intensive short trip that combines demanding off-road tracks, impressive nature and Nordic hospitality. It would be appreciated if participants could pitch in on the off-road tracks. The itinerary may be delayed or altered due to weather conditions.



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Itinerary

Day 1

You will fly from Germany to Reykjavik in the morning or, if you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, we will meet you at the airport in Keflavik. With an outdoor temperature of 10 °C, it's chilly or icy cold here even in summer: Iceland is a land of emotions – the perceived temperature determines how cold it really is. But you can create your own microclimate in the Touaregs provided, making the two-hour scenic drive to the hotel near Hvals-völlur on the banks of the Ranga a perfect introduction to Iceland. A welcome dinner will be served at the hotel.

Day 2

The sumptuous breakfast buffet goes to show that Icelanders don't like to leave the house on an empty stomach. After an interesting and entertaining talk about off-road driving, you will set off in your Touareg for the mountains around the Mýrdals glacier. In a unique landscape shaped by volcanoes and powerful rivers of ice, the off-road experts will show you the best way to tackle difficult tracks and cross rivers. You will have the once-in-a-lifetime chance to go for a soothing dip in the geothermal water of the hot springs of Landmannalaugar. A generous packed lunch will keep you going throughout the day. The route back to the hotel takes you over little-used tracks

which will pose an interesting challenge or two. Traditional Icelandic dishes back at the hotel are the perfect end to the day.

Day 3

You will check out of the hotel after breakfast. The first highlight of the day will be a visit to Iceland's Geysir, from which the word "geyser" is derived, which shoots boiling water up into the air like an impressive fountain at regular intervals. Following this, we will visit the mighty Gullfoss waterfall. Then it's time for the next off-road challenge: following the mountainous Kjölur track, we will come to a demanding secondary track which takes us to the Langjökull glacier. The last few kilometres up to the glacial lake in particular call for good driving skills and a perfect off-road vehicle such as the Touareg. On reaching the Langjökull glacier, we will stop for lunch to enjoy the wonderful view of the glacier and the surroundings, and to steel ourselves for the challenges just around the corner. The next task is driving through the river on our way to the barren land around the Skjaldbreiður volcano, and this is considered to be one of the most demanding river crossings on the island. The onward journey across lava plates and through deep sand is sure to keep you on your toes

too. This will take us to the historic location of Thingvellir, which is where the first legislative assemblies of the Vikings took place in approximately 930. It is also where Iceland was proclaimed an independent republic in 1944. Thingvellir is a national park which is located where the tectonic plates of America and Europe join. Late in the afternoon after exploring Thingvellir, we will drive back to Reykjavik on proper roads, to the hotel in the city centre. After such an eventful off-road adventure, you will be able to relax over a delicious evening meal in cosy surroundings and on a postprandial stroll through the city.

Day 4

After breakfast, it'll be time to say goodbye to Iceland and the Touaregs. You will fly back to Germany and one thing is for sure: you will take with you a desire to come back to the cold one day.

Package includes:

- Return flight Frankfurt–Reykjavik (Economy Class), if required
- Three overnight stays in hotels along the way as described in the itinerary, including breakfast
- Two lunches as described in the itinerary, including non-alcoholic drinks
- Three evening meals as described in the itinerary, including dinner drinks
- Fees for the activities described in the itinerary
- Training in off-road driving
- Professional off-road instructors throughout the tour
- A Touareg for every two participants, including everything necessary for the trip

All additional costs for alcoholic drinks, the minibar or pay TV are to be settled by the guest at each hotel. Please contact us about prices for individual requests (e.g. Business Class supplement).

* Guaranteed price only up to 12 weeks before the trip.