

DAYS 1-2

Hike in Iceland's Vatnajökull National Park, shaped over millennia by volcanic eruptions, glacial runoff and rushing rivers • By Zodiac boat, explore Fjallsárlón, a frigid lagoon with an iceberg sculpture garden in its silty waters • Trek to Svartifoss (Black Falls), a stunning cascade pouring from hexagonal lava columns • Adventure across a remote black-sand marshland on a vintage sheep cart to explore the seabird sanctuary in the secluded Cape of Ingólfshöfði.

Accommodations: Fosshótel Glacier Lagoon (2 nights)

DAYS 3-4

Strap on crampons and trek over a dramatic glacier in Skaftafell National Park, admired for its ice formations, water cauldrons and pinnacles • Voyage by ferry to the Westman Islands, landing on the largest and only populated island, Heimaey • Hike along the red copper rim of a volcano's crater • Follow a trail down to the coast and into town for a glimpse of local island life • Discover colonies of birds such as fulmars, kittiwakes and, from April to August, the iconic Atlantic puffin.

Accommodations: Hotel Rangá (2 nights)

DAYS 5-6

Hop aboard a Super Jeep for a drive across rocky lava beds, glacial outflows and rivers near Katla Volcano • Discover Thórsmörk, where lime-hued hillsides, snowy mountains and wildflowers create an alpine oasis at the end of the Laugavegur Trail • Hike from bizarre rock formations and canyons to beautiful viewpoints found above a vibrant green wonderland • Set off on a hike across a stunning steaming valley leading to a gradual climb through the Hengill geothermal area.

Accommodations: ION Adventure Hotel (1 night)