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Day Trips 2010

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Sheer Mountains & Blue Water

Wilderness Experience at its Best

Isafjordur is a small and picturesque town in the rugged nature of the Westfjords of Iceland. The landscape surrounding the town offers great opportunities for all sorts of outdoor pursuits and everything is close by.

The mountains are within reach and the sea is just beneath your feet! We at Borea want you to experience our "back yard" and join us for an unforgettable adventure.

"It's like Mother Nature has pushed the impenetrable wall of stark black and gray mountains just far enough back to give humans her blessing to build a town here".

Atlantica Magazine.

How to get there

There are 2-3 flights per day from Reykjavik (only 40 minutes) and the airport is only 5 minutes from the town center. The drive from Reykjavik is an unforgettable journey and would add an extra element to your stay in Iceland. It should take you around 5-6 hours on paved roads all the way.

The Westfjords are a nature wonderland and you should use the opportunity to spend some time there exploring. Our top picks for breathtaking scenery is definitely Hornstrandir Nature Reserve (easily accessible by regular boat trips from Isafjordur), Ketildalur Valleys in Arnarfjordur, Raudasandur Beach and the huge Latrabjarg Bird Cliffs - the most Westerly point of Europe.

The Guides

We only work with local guides with extensive experience in outdoor travel. They have great passion and respect for nature and are fun to be around with. Safety is of great importance to all our guides and they are the guarantee for a memorable adventure. They are truly adventurers at heart and love to show you the best Iceland has to offer.

"You guys have a really special thing going here and your love and respect for the mountains and nature is inspiring. Thanks especially for your hard work, great guiding and flexibility".

Brian, USA.



Into the Mountains

Mountain walking with panoramic views

ID: BA001

Trip difficulty:



2 out of 5 - Easy

Season:

1/6-30/9

Departures*:

Thursdays and Saturdays at 9:30 AM from the Tourist Information Center. Pickup from Isafjordur airport in connection with the morning flight.

Duration:

6 hours.

Price:

9.900 ISK per person.

Included:

Transfer, guide and entrance to the swimming pool.

Minimum:

4 persons.

* Departure can be arranged on a different time or day if we have guides available. Please ask!



Hiking

The mountains and valleys around Isafjordur offers the enthusiastic walker some great opportunities for daytrips in the unspoiled nature. The view over the picturesque town and the sheer mountains on each side is spectacular and takes on a different shape with every step of the way.

We'll start the walk at the cross country ski area in Seljalandsdalur and slowly progress up to the Thjofatindar peaks. Between the peaks is an easy mountain pass that offers excellent view over the Hnifsdalur valley and the fjords to the North. From there we descent a bit and cross the valley while maintaining altitude. The last part of the walk is down the Sydridalur valley close to the town of Bolungarvik. We end the trip in the local swimming pool that offers sauna and jacuzzis to sooth our sore muscles. If you want to skip the swimming pool, you can wander around town and check out the local atmosphere and the Einarshus coffee house. Drive back to Isafjordur at the end of the trip.

Equipment:

Day backpack, water bottle, swim suit and towel, sufficient clothes depending on the weather and hiking boots.

Please note that there might be some snow on the route in early June. Good footwear is the key to enjoy this trip.

Packed lunch can be provided for an additional 1.200 ISK.



Valley Hopping

Easy walk with a great view

ID: BA002

Trip difficulty:



2 out of 5 - Easy

Season:

15/5-30/9

Departures*:

Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 12:50 AM from the Tourist Information Center. Please be there on time as the bus leaves promptly at 13:00.

Duration:

4 hours.

Price:

5.900 ISK per person.

Included:

Transfer and guide.

Minimum:

2 persons.

* Departure can be arranged on a different time or day if we have guides available. Please ask!



Hiking

The trip begins with a short bus ride to the small village of Hnifsdalur. From there we begin our walk into the wide and green valley behind the village where we'll first follow an old road up the valley bottom with steep mountains on both sides, until we move up to Thjofatindar Peaks. Between the peaks is an easy climb up to a mountain pass that offers a spectacular view over Isafjordur.

After some refreshments, we descent a bit and make our way down to Seljalandsdalur Valley, passing small mountain lakes and patches of almost fluorescent green moss. From the cross country ski center, we walk the main road to Isafjordur.

Equipment:

Day backpack, water bottle, sufficient clothes depending on the weather and hiking boots.

Please note that there might be some snow on the route until early June. Good footwear is the key to enjoy this trip.

Packed lunch can be provided for an additional 1.200 ISK.



**OUR BEST
SELLER!**

Calm Water Kayaking

Paddling between the mountains around Isafjordur

ID: BA003

Trip difficulty:



2 out of 5 - Easy

Season:

All year.

Departures*:

Everyday at 9:30 AM from the Tourist Information Center. Pickup from Isafjordur airport in connection with the morning flight is available.

Duration:

2.5 hours.

Price:

7.500 ISK per person.

Included:

Transfer from airport, kayaking gear and guide.

Minimum:

2 persons.

* Departure can be arranged on a different time or day if we have guides available. Please ask!

Isafjordur has earned its reputation as the sea kayaking center of Iceland. The reason is the endless possibilities for kayaking in the fjords and bays that are close by but still so remote. This trip is perfect for those looking for an exciting introduction to the great sport of sea kayaking.

Paddling under the magnificent mountains towering over the town around Isafjordur, the traveler experiences the closeness of nature and the beauty of the landscape from an exciting angle and in a safe environment.

We begin with a short lesson in paddling and put the boats out behind the Maritime Museum and paddle a circle inside the fjord while keeping a sharp lookout for various bird species and seals.

Equipment:

Wear warm clothes that are okay to get a little wet.

Other things to do

Isafjordur has much to offer besides exciting day trips. Great selection of local handicrafts, colorful and beautifully restored old houses in the center, the best seafood you can find made from the catch of the day, Maritime Museum among other things not to be missed. Make the best of your stay in Isafjordur.



Kayaking



Kayaking Paradise

Seals, islands and geothermal pool in Reykjanes

ID: BA004

Trip difficulty:



3 out of 5 - Moderate

Season:

15/5-30/9

Departures*:

Mondays at 9:00 AM from the Tourist Information Center. Pickup at Isafjordur airport in connection with the morning flight is available.

Duration:

8 hours.

Price:

13.900 ISK per person.

Included:

Transfer, guide, sea kayaking gear and entrance to the swimming pool.

Minimum:

4 persons.

* Departure can be arranged on a different time or day if we have guides available. Please ask!



Kayaking

Reykjanes peninsula in Isafjardardjup bay is a favorite spot among many Icelandic sea kayakers. The reason is obvious once you see the area. The waters around Reykjanes are often calm and many seals can be spotted on the East side of the peninsula. The old outdoor geothermal swimming pool (the biggest in the whole Westfjords) is a great training pool before hitting the chilly waters of the bay with Drangajokull glacier in the background.

After driving from Isafjordur (1.5 hours) we get ready to hit the pool for a short training session where we cover paddling techniques, self rescue, partner rescue and Inuit roll. After a late lunch, we head out to sea for a relaxed paddle along the coast to look at the seals and birds that call this place their home. If the water is calm, we might even try to paddle to Borgarey island. We'll spend 3-4 hours kayaking around Reykjanes before driving back to Isafjordur.

Equipment:

It is recommended to wear wool or fleece bottoms and tops underneath the waterproof kayaking clothing. Bring spare trousers and a sweater for safety. Don't forget your swimwear and towel.

Packed lunch can be provided for an additional 1.200 ISK.



Two Fjords Tranquility

Whales, seals and birds in Isafjardardjup Bay

ID: BA005

Trip difficulty:



4 out of 5 - Challenging

Season:

15/5-30/9

Departures*:

Saturdays at 9:00 AM from the Tourist Information Center. Pickup from Isafjordur airport in connection with the morning flight is available.

Duration:

8 hours.

Price:

12.900 ISK per person.

Included:

Transfer, guide and all kayaking equipment.

Minimum:

2 persons.

* Departure can be arranged on a different time or day if we have guides available. Please ask!



Kayaking

The bay of Isafjardardjup offers excellent kayaking for both beginners and experienced kayakers. The serene beauty of the fjord system is well known by locals but unfamiliar to the outside world. The coast of Snaefjallastrond really gives you the feeling that you are close to the Arctic Circle with its snow covered hills and the fifth largest glacier in Iceland just around the corner. The Foflafotur (e. Horse Leg) a small peninsula between the sheltered fjords of Seydisfjordur and Hestfjordur, is a beautiful place to paddle around in a long day, enjoying the marine wildlife and the coastline from a unique angle.

The tour starts with a 40 min car drive from Isafjordur to the head of Seydisfjordur. After a short introduction and safety briefing, we will prepare the boats and begin the kayaking portion of the trip in the calm waters along the coast. At the end of the peninsula, we make a landing on the sandy beach to see the unusual rock formations caused by erosion as well as abandoned farm houses. We will keep a good lookout for seals and whales on the way as this is a place where they are often seen. If the weather is particularly good and the group is prepared, we can paddle the short distance from Foflafotur to Vigur Island to enjoy the great bird life and relaxed atmosphere. Paddling along the coast of Hestfjordur is our next mission and we make landfall by the main road. Drive back to Isafjordur.

Equipment:

It is recommended to wear wool or fleece bottoms and tops underneath the waterproof kayaking clothing. Bring spare trousers and a sweater for safety.

Packed lunch can be provided for an additional 1.200 ISK.



Peak Bagging

Climb the highest mountain in the Westfjords

ID: BA006

Trip difficulty:



3 out of 5 - Moderate

Season:

1/6-30/9

Departures*:

Fridays at 9:00 AM from the Tourist Information Center. Pickup from Isafjordur airport in connection with the morning flight is available.

Duration:

7 hours.

Price:

12.900 ISK per person.

Included:

Transfer and guide.

Minimum:

4 persons.

* Departure can be arranged on a different time or day if we have guides available. Please ask!



Hiking

The Westfjords are characterized by many mountains but none of them particularly high. Most of them are flat on the top, a sign of glacier erosion from the last Ice age. But real peaks can be found and most of them are concentrated on the peninsula between the big fjords of Dyrarfjordur and Arnarfjordur. This area is called the Westfjord's Alps because of the resemblance to its European big brother. The highest peak is Mt. Kaldbakur 998 meters (it reaches 1000 meters if you stand on top of the cairn!).

We drive from Isafjordur to our starting point in Kirkjubolsdalur valley (1 hour) and walk into the valley and slowly make our way up the hillside, following a ridge that leads to the top. The last part of the route is a bit steeper but the ground is firm and good to walk on. From the top we get a panoramic view of most of the Westfjords. On a clear day we can even see Snaefellsjokull glacier to the South. We follow the same way down and then drive back to Isafjordur.

Equipment:

Day backpack, water bottle, sufficient clothes depending on the weather and hiking boots.

Packed lunch can be provided for an additional 1.200 ISK.



Via Ferrata

First time in Iceland!

ID: BA007

Trip difficulty:



4 out of 5 - Challenging

Season:

1/6-31/10

Departures*:

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays at 12:50 AM from the Tourist Information Center. Please be there on time as the bus leaves promptly at 13:00.

Duration:

5 hours.

Price:

9.900 ISK per person.

Included:

Transfer, climbing harness, slings, helmet, guide.

Minimum:

2 persons.

Age limit:

14 years

* Departure can be arranged on a different time or day if we have guides available. Please ask!



Hiking

Via Ferrata is Italian for "Iron Road" and is a mountain route equipped with fixed cables, ladders and bridges. The first *Via Ferratas* were built in the Dolomite mountain region of Italy during the First World War, to aid the movement of mountain infantry. Using these man made structures has become very popular among both locals and visitors in the Alps. Now there is an opportunity to try an Icelandic version above the town of Isafjordur.

We drive to the village of Hnifsdalur, hike an easy hillside to a narrow mountain ridge and make our way to the top of Eyrarfjall mountain to the North of Isafjordur. We follow the edge of the mountain top in a height of 700 meters above sea-level. As we make our way into the Skutulsfjordur fjord we always have a spectacular view to Isafjardardjup to the East and the town of Isafjordur and the surrounding mountains to the West. Steel cables, steps and bridges are set up in critical locations and there we use climbing harnesses and belaying slings for safety. We follow the mountain until we arrive above the ski area of Seljalandsdalur where we head back down.

Equipment:

Sturdy hiking boots, warm and waterproof clothing in case of rain.

Packed lunch can be provided for an additional 1.200 ISK.

Get a Combo!

Book two trips and get a 25% discount

If you plan to stick around in Isafjordur for few days, you get the opportunity to experience more of what we have to offer. If you book two trips you get a 25% discount.*

**The discount is valid for the cheaper option in the combo of your choice.*

Booking

Piece of cake!

Just drop us an email or give us a call.

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Name	Kind	Departure	Time	Length
Into the Mountains	Hiking	S M T W T F S	9:30	6.0 hrs.
Valley Hopping	Hiking	S M T W T F S	12:50	4.0 hrs.
Calm Water Kayaking	Kayaking	S M T W T F S	9:30	2.5 hrs.
Kayaking Paradise	Kayaking	S M T W T F S	9:00	8.0 hrs.
Two Fjords Tranquility	Kayaking	S M T W T F S	9:00	8.0 hrs.
Peak Bagging	Hiking	S M T W T F S	9:00	7.0 hrs.
Via Ferrata	Hiking	S M T W T F S	12:50	5.0 hrs.

About Us

Borea Adventures is based in Isafjordur, the capital of the West Fjords of Iceland. The company is run by climbers, skiers and sea kayakers that love what they do.

Our priority is to guarantee our guests enjoyable wilderness experiences in perfect harmony with the environment that supports us.

The main thing our trips have in common whether short or long, is the lust for adventure in the natural world we respect and are inspired by everyday. We want you to experience the same and do amazing things that you maybe never thought you were capable of.

Borea offers more than just day trips. We also own and operate the sturdy 60ft sailing yacht Aurora for all sorts of longer adventure trips in the high latitudes.

In the months of April and May, we offer special 6 days backcountry skiing trips to Glacier Fjords where we spend the days making fresh tracks in the mountains far away from civilization and spend the nights in different anchorages in the sheltered fjords of the area.

In the summer, we offer expeditions to the volcanic island of Jan Mayen for climbing or skiing Mt. Beerenberg (2277m.), wildlife and hiking trips in Hornstrandir Nature Reserve and sea kayaking trips in Glacier Fjords and Isafjardardjup Bay.

Finally we set sail for East Greenland in August for different trips and customized expeditions. Please check our website for further information.

Anything is possible!



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