

Iceland road map: Route 1 in 10 days

The 9 nights of the loop (numbers = night), the calculated route day by day. 1,615 km, 24 h 34 of pure driving.



Day	Route	Distance	Driving
1	Keflavík airport → Golden Circle → Hella	246 km	3 h 50
2	South coast: Seljalandsfoss, Skógafoss → Vík	98 km	1 h 33
3	Vík → Fjaðrárgljúfur → Skaftafell	146 km	2 h 07
4	Skaftafell → Jökulsárlón → Höfn	127 km	2 h 16
5	East Fjords on Route 1 → Egilsstaðir	263 km	3 h 57
6	Egilsstaðir → Dettifoss → Mývatn (Reykjahlíð)	213 km	3 h 04
7	Mývatn: day on the spot	—	on the spot
8	Mývatn → Goðafoss → Akureyri	85 km	1 h 20
9	Akureyri → Borgarnes (via Blönduós)	315 km	4 h 33
10	Borgarnes → Keflavík airport	120 km	1 h 54

- 90 km/h max on paved roads, 80 km/h on gravel, 50 km/h in towns.
- F-roads (highlands): 4x4 only, excluded from 2WD rental contracts. None on this loop.
- Single-lane bridges (“Einbreið brú”): first to arrive goes first.
- Every morning: road conditions on [umferdin.is](#), alerts on [safetravel.is](#), wind on [vedur.is](#). Emergency: 112.
- In the East Fjords, GPS apps often suggest Route 939 (Öxi pass): a steep gravel track, closed in winter.

Distances and times calculated on 2026-10-12 with OSRM on OpenStreetMap data (© OpenStreetMap contributors, ODbL), Route 1 forced through the East Fjords and via Blönduós; pure driving times, add 15% in summer. Coastline: Natural Earth.