

JEEP DAY TOURS WITH LOCAL GUIDES

LANDMANNALAUGAR - FJALLABAK

Season: From 25th of June

Days of week: Every day up on request

Departure:

8:00am from hotels in South Iceland

Duration: 11 to 12 hours

What to bring: Clothes and shoes according to weather.
Swimming suit if you are going for the swim.

Fjallabak Nature Reserve was established in 1979. The Nature reserve is 47.000 hectares and is over 500 meters above sea level.

The land is mountainous, sculptured by volcanoes and geothermal activity, covered by lavas, sands, rivers and lakes. The Fjallabak region takes its



This route may vary according to your stay.

name from the numerous wild and rugged mountains with deeply incised valleys, which are found there. The topography of the Torfajökull, central volcano found within the Fjallabak Nature Reserve, is a direct result of the region being the largest rhyolite area in Iceland and the largest geothermal area (after Grimsvoth in Vatnajökull).

We begin driving east to the rock ledge Gaukshofdi. There, we have a good view towards the active volcano Mt. Hekla and also over the valley Thjorsardalur which once became deserted following one of Hekla's eruptions. From there we drive to the waterfall Hjalp. Our next destination is the small valley Gjáin with its small waterfalls, ponds, and volcanic structures. From there, we drive up to the highland towards Ljótípollur (Ugly pool), a crater formed in a 15th century eruption. As we will be ready at this point for bathing in a hot natural pool or wanting to go hiking, which ever you feel like doing, we now drive to Landmannalaugar. Once we feel energized enough to move on, we drive to Eldgjá, or "The Fire Fissure", which is 40 km long and stretches from the glacier Myrdalsjökull to the low mountain Gjatindur and beyond it further northeast. It is a unique natural phenomenon, which was created during a tremendous eruption around the year 900. In places it is 600 m wide and very deep. From there we drive to Vik in Myrdal and then the South Coast back to where we began. This is a long day tour where you can expect to see colorful and unusual landscapes. The road to Landmannalaugar and Fjallabak is only open during the summer months.

The highlights of the tour:

- Hjalparfoss waterfall
- Gjáin canyon
- Hekla volcano sights
- Ljótípollur or Hnausapollur eruption craters.
- Frostastaðavatn highland lake
- Landmannalaugar
- Swim in a natural geothermal hot pool
- Eldgjá canyon

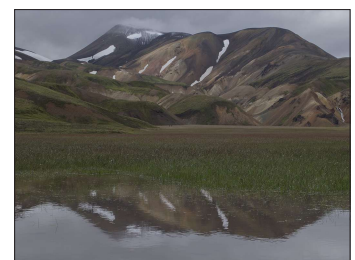
We do not offer this tour from Reykjavik due to long driving.



River crossing at Landmannalaugar.



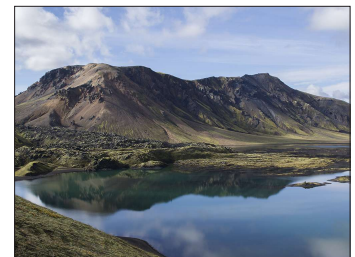
Hjalparfoss waterfall.



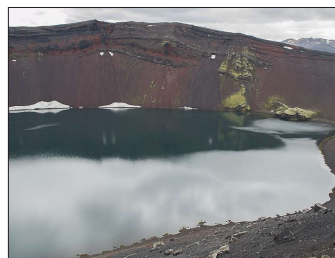
Colorful mountains at Landmannalaugar.



Gjáin canyon.



Frostastaðavatn highland lake.



Ljótípollur eruption crater.



Landmannalaugar geothermal hot swimming pool.



The vehicles are comfortable and well equipped where the driver is also the guide (driver guide). We recommend group sizes of 2 - 5 persons per tour.